

School Council Minutes - Secondary Campus

September 19, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
Secondary Campus - Music Room

1. Call to Order and approval of agenda Minutes approved 1836
2. Welcome by Gacynth, Opening Prayer by Erin and Land Acknowledgment by Gacynth
3. Approval of April 18, 2024 minutes
4. Administration Updates:
 - General Report
 - New Staff
 - Teachers
 - Support Staff
 - Assessment + Reporting
 - Lively group discussion on pros and cons of new assessment system for grades 7-9. The school and school council will continue the discussion.
 - Timetable Update
 - Bell Schedule update.
 - Palliser has requested to consider adding breaks to our day. Hard to fit in longer breaks the current schedule. The idea came from a student/teacher wellness perspective - 45 minute lunch and 2 - 15 minute breaks. Council discussed pros and cons of this change. The big con is adding time to each day or to Friday in order to meet the criteria of instructional hours. The deadline is next September. The division will expect him to engage the community in this decision. Student and teacher feedback shows this isn't a problem for our school. FAST is built in break. We don't feel teacher and student wellness is an issue for CCS based off of school surveys. Jadan wants to hear feedback on whether this would work for the community. No parent in attendance thought it was necessary.. Palliser likes school council feedback, and Jadan will relay this to Palliser.
 - Cell Phone Policy
 - Has gone well. Seeing fewer phones than expected. Teachers say it's gone better than they thought.
 - Has been successful, where do we go from here? Is this step far enough? Should we go further especially in grades 9-12. Further limit them? Bell to Bell? 9-12 can still have their cell phone at lunch.
 - Will collect student/parent feedback.

- ❑ Edsby [calendar] & weekly emails - the info is endless!
 - ❑ Intent of the Spring letter from Jadan is to bring everyone up to speed on what education looks like now.
 - ❑ Want to continue to keep telling stories of what happens here.
 - ❑ Weekly email, trying to encourage parents to use Edsby
 - ❑ Keep parents informed in a manageable way.
 - ❑ So much info on the website that it's hard to navigate.
 - ❑ Plea for parents to engage with the stories CCS tells.
- ❑ Grade 7 & 8 Core Support, Grade 9-12 FAST
 - ❑ Reminder of what these classes are for parents.
 - ❑ Help with executive functioning.
 - ❑ It's time to slow down and manage the load.
 - ❑ FAST is used for band b/c school is too small to use a block for this. Enables more kids to stay in the band.
 - ❑ Offering a HINT course for student support with careers. Parents loved it. Already full. Waiting list. Jadan may try to have it again in the Spring.
 - ❑ Parent - time for parents to come in and talk about their career. Have done this in the past.
- ❑ Extra-Curricular - ones listed are unique -
 - ❑ eSports - Rocket League team - went to Provincials last year and CCS scored 2nd place, opportunities for scholarships in the US. Need to find someone to lead this.
 - ❑ Europe 2025 - Spain/Portugal during Spring break. Grades 10-12
 - ❑ Italy Exchange - first exchange we are doing - cost is less - pay for flights - and host student
 - ❑ Backcountry Club - new this year. Tim Allison leading.
 - ❑ Trying to run the West Coast Trail again 4 trips instead of 2 because of the tragedy last year. The Government of Canada is changing the rules for who can lead. CCS is trying to figure out how to still do this with the changes.

5. New Business:

- ❑ What is the School Council?
 - ❑ Legislated under the school act and every school must have one. Parents must have a voice.
 - ❑ Gacynth explained what is required of the school.
 - ❑ The School Council communicates regularly with parents.
- ❑ Council Responsibilities
 - ❑ Gacynth reviewed.
- ❑ Operating Procedures
 - ❑ Motion to approve Operating Procedures
- ❑ Parent Engagement Survey
 - ❑ Encouraged all parents to complete.
- ❑ Committee Reports

- ❑ How can you get involved?
 - ❑ Gacynth reviewed all committees.
 - ❑ Reviewed how to get involved - contact the school council email and Gacynth will help you to engage that committee. CCSSCouncil@gmail.com
 - ❑ Staff Appreciation - Sandy is the chair; Grade 12 Grad - Lauren Monson is lead teacher - need parent help for this; CCS Loves our Community - Layne runs this and meets every Tuesday am in the office., Celebrating Cultural Diversity Parent Team - leads are Layne and Sandy Vander Ziel - overview on school website - November 14 there will be an event at the elementary school, Love our CCS Neighbours Committee - Layne runs this, this committee needs more parent help for supervision; Prayer Team; Drama Production Volunteer Committee - parents needed for various volunteer roles. Jen Laluk is committee chair.
6. Future Agenda Suggestions
- ❑ Invitation for parents to send items to school council email.
7. Adjournment
- ❑ By Sandy At 2020

Next Meeting: October 22, 2024

Attendees: G. Adam, C. Doell, N.Hong, J. Hong, C. Tsuu, M. Pagenkopf, J. Koo, J.Faber, A. Adema, G. Wolters, K. Houweling, S. Goolifaff, S. Cheung, C. Kim, J. Barthel, P. Valdivia, M. Velasco, S. Morara, E. Bueckert