

School Council, November 28, 2017

Welcome, Intro and Opening Prayer: Paul Verhoef, Chair

Highlight a student's experience: Open House, 4 students gave two group tours.

Q&A with Madi, Jane, Keziah, and Elias.

- Peer advisory is a good way to get to other people from other grades and have a familiar face.
- Do wish we had more clubs outside of sports and music.
- How do find ways to integrate and welcome new people.
- Drama is a cool and unique way to watch kids get to know each other.
- There is a Student Council - which is run by students, as well a Blue Team (a Palliser initiative) where they attend a leadership conference they assist with.
- A PA group, which is led by students. Currently planning Olympic games which will happen across the school, will be fun and competitive.

Parent comment: how are/could Gr 7's have a mentor to assist with the transitions as Gr 7 is with a lot of changes, assist with fitting in. Could we connect to a Highschool student?

Dayle Vienneau, Vice Principal

- School goals will be presented to Palliser and the to Parents at the next school meeting.

Ryan Brennan, Palliser

- Been through a season of significant change. There will continue to be some change in regards to direction. Dave Driscoll has visited both CCS schools. Dec 7th meeting with Principals, Executive Directors, Palliser Executive - about 50 people, hosted at our school, promises to be a good meeting.
- How can we (parents of CCS) can support and pray for as Palliser works through their transitions. Ryan said to ask for strengthen relationships, repair any hurt that may have happened. More autonomy. Continue to move in the direction of support of the Society, we felt like the partnership was really working.

Ken DeWyn, Society

- Society meeting was recent, so lots of stories have been told. Talk about how our students are impacted, where the changes are happening.
- Re-enrolment, moving online, has great response. So great to see so many families jumped in with their responses. We're looking at a three year-trajectory for gaining back our enrolment.
- Rebranding process is going well. Exciting to see both campuses get involved too, the survey has closed and the data is being consolidated.

Questions:

- How is community-building happening between classes if there's no PA? Their MS School Council is looking at ways to create more opportunities for kids to connect.
- Another great way is to participate and make friends is to join the choir, band as well as our great drama production.

-How do we as a school deal with hard scenarios? Character-shaping and building. How do we as a school/society decide how and where to support. Since we all have something to bring, you are unique - art or sport or academics, can we celebrate who and what everyone is at our school. We were made for a purpose, so let's celebrate that! Isn't that also the idea and goal of the Gr9 Passion and Senior projects? There are great stories of perseverance, recognizing they did have a passion!

-Partners In Learning - our hope is that this is where Parents find their way to share their experiences and students can hear first-hand about different careers, passions and journeys. Could it be possible that adults be willing to mentor students, create some long term relationships. May assist students who then want to mentor younger students.

Close in prayer

