

October 16, 7pm in the LINC

Welcome from Paul, Chair from last year

Attendance

Nominate for Secretary and/or Chair of School Council

Josephine Tite - Chair of School

Leona Schaap - Secretary

Opening Prayer - Josephine Tite

Conversations arising from past minutes, follow up

-Music program, a continuing conversation

-Dress Code - updated and now posted on the website

Reports From Principals

Middle School: Mrs. Vienneau

Purposefully planned activities for the 3rd week

-Grade 7, SCREAM speakers for the half day, included learning about strengths - was a neat experience, what does it mean to have character, what are your values, along with bonding activities. What to be aware of as you use social media.

-Grade 8, Mobile Escape - how do you rely on each other's strengths. Then how do you create one, came up with their own.

-Grade 9, Circle Square Ranch - a positive fun experience. "What do we want Gr9 to look like?" then how do we make that happen. Eg. off-campus privileges

Still coming: Theatre Calgary, SAIT for Gr9 exploration day

High School: Mr. Fritschy for Mr. Barthel

-Sporting activities,

-Drama presentation, everyone got together and agreed on a venue and time! Early March -

-Student Council - with all the grades 7-12 working as one, although there are some separate activities. The older students are mentoring younger and developing leadership skills.

-Palliser leadership student program - an unique and powerful experience and opportunity for our HS students.

-Frontier Lodge - also done at the beginning of the school year so Grade 12 can get to know each other and set the tone for the year, team building and understanding what their role is here; a spiritual and physical retreat.

-Belize and West Coast trail are trips that will be coming up.

High School redesign: Gr9-12

Looks different, currently developing as are other schools are doing in the province. This process is ongoing. Intended to open opportunities for students and recognize they learn at different speeds. Not being introduced this year, but all grade 10 students are required to do online learning in preparation for future learning. Good to do this in a controlled environment with good support before it becomes crucial to their learning. Also teaches them how to manage their time to complete course work, credits needed and where they want to spend their additional free time, possibly collaborating with other students.

-High School redesign - 50 minute “unassigned” time for the first period of Monday - Thursday. Teachers are also available for help as it assigned time to work with students. The first two weeks weren’t accessing the teachers or using time wisely but it changed once assignments and tests became due. This also supports our music program allowing for time to participate in extracurricular.

Principal Update: Mr. Fritschy

-Reduction of Bells, now have 4.

-Cell phone/device usage - digital literacy is key to help our children learn how to use their devices appropriately. Can be positive for social media use and connecting. But it’s important to walk alongside our children for using technology. **important note: Whoever pays for the phone plan is the owner of the device, Parents are responsible for what happens on the phone, even if it’s a child using it.* The laws are constantly changing but is important to know.

-Assessment and Reporting to Parents - parents will have access out through power school in the next week “Parent Portal” which will give you (and students) access to their marks. This is a new pilot project for Palliser. Still working out details as to how long the portal will be open each month for access.

-Legalization of Cannabis, Palliser policy is not changing as students are not allowed to drink or smoke (cigarettes or cannabis) on the school grounds or at a school event.

-Conversation/Topic: Anxiety/Stress

-Is it a cultural thing?

-It’s something we’re experiencing, and we need tools to manage and deal with it. Can be overpowering in our society.

-We are a results oriented society, we continuously fail because we want to measure everything. Change this to be a learning-oriented society. “What did I learn from this” It’s not failing.

-It’s an opportunity to learn from Christ who has shown us and we can have a unique perspective on this as a Christian community.

-Faith or Fear? Both require belief in the unknown. Anxiety is fear that something bad might happen in the future. Hope is faith that the future will turn out ok.

-As parents we tend to expect lots from our children, sometimes we need to simplify.

-we need to meet our kids where they’re at and spending more time with them

-from Mr. Fritschy: Safe and Caring Goals at CCS, the focus will be on relationships. When kids feel safe and supported, valued and worthy, they will flourish. And as a result, learning will be meaningful. At each staff meeting - there is a picture of each student where staff write about each one as people so teachers can learn and get to know each one. Who they are (character), not what they do. And sparks good conversation with the staff. Q: How can parents support staff as they do this?

-this as parents to think of going forward: what does teacher well-being look like for us to do for them? Not necessarily take away tasks but is encouraging, supporting to help bring out the best in teachers as they have our children for a lot of the day. Josephine will connect with admin, but encourages those in attendance to ponder and make some progress. Next meeting we will discuss a plan of action on how to be intentional about teacher well-being.

Closing: Paul closed in prayer

Next meeting to be determined, but will be in November.