

## CALGARY CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

March 1, 2019 12:00pm – 1:30pm

### 1. WELCOME & OPENING DEVOTION

- Introductions (Michelle)
- Devotion (Meg): Gorillas of Grace - "Teach me your ways" and prayer requests

### 2. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mike Thiesen (Elementary Principal)

- Bible Pilot update: The new resource (Bible Connect) has been piloted with all of kindergarten, grade one, grade three, grade four, 1 grade five class and 2 grade six classes. Feedback provided in January was mostly positive regarding the scope and sequence. The curriculum did take extra hours for teachers to be prepared to teach this curriculum with, hopefully, less frontloaded time being needed as the program continues each year. Mr. Thiesen to meet with the staff in May to decided whether to implement school-wide.

- Teacher Quality Standard from Alberta Education: Can be found at the following website for review:

<https://education.alberta.ca/media/3739620/standardsdoc-tqs- fa-web-2018-01-17.pdf>

Every teacher in Alberta is evaluated and provided with roles/responsibilities based on this standard with the new revision being implemented this this school year. One area of note is the addition of the 5<sup>th</sup> standard, Applying Foundational Knowledge about First Nations, Metis and Inuit.

- Proposed Calendar for 2019/2020 introduced with open discussion. Final decisions being made shortly.

### 3. EXECUTIVE/DEVELOPMENT OFFICE COMMUNICATION: Ken Dewyn (Executive Director)

Re-enrollment timeframes finished February 28, 2019. Practices and policies were implemented to increase retention with results being 94% along with new families enrolling. Kindergarten had a lower enrollment than anticipated with an Open House planned for March 19, 2019 to support reaching new families through both internal and external advocates to foster awareness of Christian education.

Spring fundraiser (Kicking it Old School) is April 26, 2019 with prices more accessible (30 dollars per ticket) and the venue being the school. Music room to be renovated along with resurfacing floors as a result of the fundraising.

### 4. SCHOOL COUNCIL ITEMS: Michelle (Chair)

- Teacher well-being and appreciation program launch: This program includes sending cards of thanks, affirmation and prayer to staff. A card box to be set-up in the library as this is a location that is used by all students. The council would love ongoing feedback on this program as we continue to work together in appreciating the school staff and encouraging the kiddos to participate.

On March 8, 2019, several parents are bringing in treats to the staff. There is a sign-up link that has been emailed to the school community. There will be a coffee cart coming for staff in April/May and fill the fridge in June.

- Hotdog Day Volunteer/Organizer Replacement: There is a need to fill this role for the next school year. Having some time for overlap would be helpful. Discussion included having a committee with one person to lead the group as well as having a parent of a Kindergarten/Grade One child in order to have a longer-term commitment. To support finding this person, it would be important to have a visual outline of the role and responsibilities while stressing the financial gain for the school.

- Other Business (parent questions and concerns)

Jill will be starting the CCS soccer program and getting the registration forms to families in the next couple weeks.

## 5. CLOSING

- Assignment of next meeting date: TBA