

School Council Minutes - Secondary Campus

April 18, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm - Secondary Campus LINC

Attendees: Jadan B., Layne K., Gacynth A., Erin B., Krista H., Stephanie N.

- Call to Order and approval of agenda 6:34pm
- Welcome Gacynth
 - Opening Prayer - Layne
 - Land Acknowledgment - Gacynth
- Approval of February 29, 2024 minutes
 - Stephanie N. motioned, Erin B. seconded
- Administration Updates:
 - 60th Anniversary Music Concert
 - Alumni and community member musicians are wanted!
 - Talk to Rachel Wuetherick if interested. Email in Tuesday parent email.
 - Secondary Student Council Updates
 - Senior High Dance
 - 80's Neon Disco Grades 9-12
 - Talent Show
 - May 3 -Please attend! Day time event at church.
 - Italy Exchange Opportunity
 - Palliser initiative to make connections with a school in Milan. Need 10-11 students to do this exchange. Only cost for CCS students is the cost of a flight to Milan. Deadline is not determined to show interest but sooner rather than later.
 - Secondary School Goals
 - 24/25 School Year Goals are being set and parent feedback will be invited.
 - Accountability Pillars now renamed Alberta Education Results Report and Education Plan. School reports on previous years on achievement of goals set in previous years as well as set new goals for the upcoming year.
 - CCS plan found on CCS website. Very few parents are taking the survey. We need more parents to do the survey.
 - At the end of May the new report will be published.
 - Goals reviewed for the Education plan.

- Ideas needed to consider how to move towards Goals 1 - environment and 2 - a culture of thinking when it comes to faith.
 - Wellbeing is being affected by cell phones.
- Cell Phone Policy Feedback Report
 - What did the data say?
 - 170 responses received so far - more than typical.
 - Results reviewed for parents..
 - Concerned or very concerned = 70%
 - Close to 70% believe it negatively impacts schoolwork and/or behavior..
 - Most parents supported some restrictions of phones at school.
 - Most parents believe that phone addiction is a concern.
 - Results reviewed for students.
 - More students feel a cell phone helps their school performance.
 - 74% feel the cell phone is never a distraction in class.
 - Majority of students feel cell phone addiction is a problem.
 - 73% are not interested in learning how cell phone use impacts them.
 - Recommendations on how to roll something out.
 - Acknowledge the concerns and fears.
 - Would be a huge adjustment.
 - Budget Feedback
 - What do you think we need?
 - Palliser redistributes differently than a centralized funding model.
 - What do parents think the school should be investing in?
 - Discussed different possibilities - upgrading student areas, more seating in the basement, upgrading basement area. Ideas welcome.
 - Waiting for final approval on our calendar. Not able to add any extra days off in November.
 - New Business:
 - Joining the Council Executive for 2024/25 School year
 - More members needed
 - Operating Procedures

- Motion to approve Operating Procedures tabled until September 2024
- Parent Engagement Night - Gacynth has been in touch with a psychologist from U of C about a presentation night on a topic of interest to parents.
- Committee Reports
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Planning year end coffee cart and potluck for teachers.
 - Will do online gift cards for the end of year for teachers like was done at Christmas.
 - Grade 12 Grad
 - Will use the CCS gym. Helps the budget for other items by using our own gym. Next meeting is April 19, 2024.
 - CCS Love our Community
 - Celebrating Cultural Diversity Parent Team - Layne would love to hear feedback on this. Looking for new members.
 - A parent is now chairing our round table meetings.
 - We reviewed and added to the student Faith Formation work:
 - Advantages of speaking up against racism and bullying.
 - Disadvantages of speaking up against racism and bullying.
 - Advantages of NOT speaking up against racism and bullying.
 - Disadvantages of NOT speaking up against racism and bullying.
 - Cultural Diversity Desert & Dialogues are successful - some pics [here](#)
 - The plan is to offer these twice each year.
 - Maybe we could find a way to do these in homes, to bring people who live in the same neighborhood together?
 - There will be a larger celebration in the Fall. If you would like to help email ccsscouncil@gmail.com
 - Moving Forward with the 13 Recommendations
 - The team has not heard any feedback so far. It may be too soon since they were only released Mar 26, 2024.
 - People are asked to:

- Read the [CCS Celebrating Racial Diversity Commitment](#) & [13 Recommendations](#) and to prayerfully ask Jesus to help our school to live them out.
- Encourage the Celebrating Cultural Diversity Team through our Board, by sharing what you appreciate about the recommendations and to respectfully ask questions or make suggestions you have to board@calgarychristianschool.com
- Consider joining or nominating someone else to join the Celebrating Cultural Diversity Committee by emailing ccscouncil@gmail.com
- We will recruit Alumni to join this team (who will enter the [vetting process](#))
- Rob O Retirement Celebrations
 - Scheduled for June 21 - there will be cake, decorations, treats. Will be held in gym or outside (weather permitting)
 - Sandy is working with Kelly Bouwman to create a video
 - Sandy is reaching out to Janelle Reistma to recruit some art students to create an oversized card for students to sign.
 - More details to come.
- Prayer Team

Monday Night's prayer event was very good. We had twelve parents who prayed through the Lord's Prayer using the acronym:

 - Praise
 - Repent (on your own quietly)
 - Ask
 - Yield (to God's will)
 - So far, there are 3 parents and 3 CSCE staff. The prayer team started meeting in January 2024. They meet Wednesdays at 8:40 am on one of our Campuses
 - Great feedback from a parent about the prayer night.
- End of Year Teacher Gift
- Future Agenda Suggestions
- Adjournment 7:56pm