

## **CHS SEPT 2019 MINUTES**

**September 9, 2019**

**Call to Order: 7:02**

**In attendance:** Dawn-Marie Cinnamon, Tara Turner, Jodi Thurmeier, Fiona Gilbert, Annalies Price, Marla Bosch, Teriann Novakowski, Catherine Burdett, Dawn Collings, Coralie Banash, Anne Kromm, Jen Mensah, Nevada Springhetti, Cheryl Faser, Tanya Dixon, Wendy Comtois, Kim Wunder, Cody Wunder, Tracy Lyons, Carrie Cline, Cheryl Lenson, Lisa Reece, Laurey Godard, Joanne Saltvold, Tara Courte

**Approval of Agenda:** Catherine, Nevada

**Approval of June Minutes:** Catherine, Nevada

### **Reports:**

**a. Student Senate-** Volleyball Tryouts have begun. Senior girls played in Edmonton tournament and placed 8th. Football has won both games. Cross country running starting. Female Soccer tryouts starting.

**PA-** auditions and cast lists just out today

**Band & Choir-** just starting up

**Debate-** first debate scheduled for November

**GSA-** first meeting Wednesday Sept 11

**Leadership-** hosted pancake brunch on Friday Sept 6, thanks to parent volunteers. Will be running food drive on Saturday at Spray Lakes

**Psych Club-** having first meeting

**Sustainable-** solar panel project is complete and looking at new projects

**Ultimate Frisbee-** has started optional practices on Fridays to try the sport

**Blood Drive-** first drive on Wednesday. Clinic will be held Sept 20 at the RanchoHouse

**Knitting Club-** new club held Tuesdays at Flex

**Garden Club-** is new and looking for members

**Club Fair** is Sept 18th at Lunch- Community is part of the 3 C's at CHS and there is a club for everyone at CHS

**Terry Fox Run-** Senate will be organizing. Sept 26 is the Run

**Camp Kiwanis** for Leadership next week

**STEM-** doing a fundraiser for clothing/household donations with Value Village

### **b. Administration**

Anne and Jen both provided some details on their experience and expressed they are excited to be at CHS which they consider to be a top high school in the province. CHS is a well-balanced high school with focus on fine arts, academics and athletics. With our 3 admin having academic experience in different core areas, they are able to provide support to all staff.

There are challenges with the uncertainty of funding. We are faced with large class sizes, and not able to hire additional staff. Currently 891 population, approximately 90 more students than projected. There are logistical challenges with accommodating larger class sizes but have ordered additional desks and chairs. New Staff are young and excited to be at CHS. Students and staff have accepted the challenges of full classrooms and are making best of it.

Class changes are being accepted on case by case basis. Priority is making sure students have core courses.

New Timetable Change Procedure introduced by Lauraine Laudel was well received. Having access to class availability & schedule in late August, prior to making class changes was very helpful for students.

All Teacher prep time is happening in the workroom because there isn't classroom space available. All available spaces are currently being used for classrooms.

### **c. Staff- Lisa Reece**

Ella Reece, Zoe Cinnamon and Cody Wunder are Student Senate Reps.

Cobra Culture Camp was held on the First Day for Grade 9 students in the theatre. Met teachers, admin, counsellors and leadership students.

**Mandatory Grad Meeting-** Tracy Lyons

Sept 26 6:30. 10 post- secondary institutions set-up, Jostens, and Life Touch

**d. Trustee Report (Fiona)**

Division is waiting on provincial funding announcements. Enrolment, up over 900+ kids in division so all schools across division are feeling the crunch. Can't commit to hiring until we get budget, not sure if October or November. The MacKinnon Report recently released on provincial spending indicates the Province needs to reign in spending. The recommended fiscal restraints may be reflected in upcoming budget. The School Act became the Education Act on Sept 1, there has been some revisions. The Division is looking at the new regulations and how that impacts the schools. The announcement that Transportation could charge bussing fees as of September 1 is being assessed by the board. It is not clear if bussing fees can be implemented without losing existing funding that the NDP allocated for transportation.

The division has a new name, Rocky View School Division. No. 41 has been dropped from the name.

There are 8 boards in the Province that had 'Public' removed from their legal name. It is unclear why the UCP made this change but is raising some concerns among groups and boards about future funding models.

**e. Pumpkin Festival- Laurey**

October 25 free Community Event. Volunteers needed and Interpipeline will be Sponsor again this year.

Food trucks have been invited

Brian woodcarver is coming again

NDV will do s'mores

Butterfield Acres is also interested in pumpkins after event

Town of Cochrane Event permit has been secured

2 Bands will be performing

Leadership volunteers are invaluable to the events success

**f. Graduation Weekend Changes Committee for 2020/21**

A group of parents are interested in exploring options for future Graduation celebrations. The intent is to simplify the day and make the event more inclusive, not cost prohibitive to families. A committee of interested parents will brainstorm ideas and present to Grade 11 parents. Interested parents include: Dawn Marie, Candice, Jodi, Teriann, Cheryl, Marla, Tanya, Joanne, Tara, Nevada. They will meet Sept 30 6:30 at the School.

Next Meeting: October 7 at 7pm

Adjourned: 8:00