

CHS January 2020 Council Minutes

January 13, 2020

1.) Call to Order- 7:01

In Attendance: Jodi Thurmeier, Fiona Gilbert, Marla Bosch, Teriann Novakowski, Dawn Collings, Jen Mensah, Tanya Dixon, Wendy Comtois, Kim Wunder, Lisa Gordon-Reece, Tracy Lyons

2.) Approval of November Minutes- Kim Wunder, Dawn Collings

3) Leadership- no students available to report due to Diploma exams.

4.) Reports

a) Student Senate- not available due to diploma exams

b.) Administration

Still trying to find a qualified French Immersion Humanities teacher. The position will be posted again.

Also posting for a new guidance counsellor, waiting to get details from Division for budget available.

Hiring for new learning assistant.

Cameras installed outside bathrooms has significantly reduced vaping and vandalism issues.

New for 2020/2021, moving towards Grade 9 Cohort classes. Classes will be full year, with 2 core teachers per class- an LA/Social teacher and a Math/Science teacher. No exam break for Grade 9's next year. This change is intended to help with Grade 9 transitions. Planning is underway for teacher pairings.

First FI Assembly was held at CHS- French Immersion assembly with a Guest Speaker from Seven Peaks.

Mechatronics Option will be offered in term 3 and 4 for Grade 9 Students, taught by Mr Cooper. Mechatronics is a multidisciplinary subject involving coding, design and manufacture of products.

Measures were taken to eliminate a Social Media platform called Cochrane Confessions that was causing issues within the community.

The CHS Chatroom Concept has been such a success at the school that the Champions will be sharing the model with the Division to help other schools develop a similar concept.

How to address the Numeracy focus in High School? We need to build Thinking Classrooms, where students are engaged in math, not just memorizing formulas and the application. A team of teachers will be attending some workshops to find tools and methods to put these plans into action.

Outcome based assessment will be used at CHS for 2020/2021 for Grade 9 assessments. The intent is for the Report card/Powerschool to provide qualitative feedback: areas of strength, areas that need improvement, based on the content for that course/unit. A grade percent will still be reported, but qualitative feedback should provide useful information about Student's learning and progress throughout the course.

CHS is now a DELF school, offering a B2 level of certification. DELF is an official diploma awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the competency of international students outside of France. With the certification, Student's can work for Government, airlines, etc. The Division will cover a portion of the examination fee for students.

For Grad this year, Students in French Immersion will wear a distinct stole to distinguish them at the Graduation Ceremony.

c.) Staff- Lisa's updates

Since gym is available during exams, Basketball practices will continue as usual.

March 11- Matilda Musical

Friday Feb 7-Pep Rally. Need some judges.

Wed Feb 12- Cochrane Classic CHS Grade 12 hockey vs. Bow Valley

March 20- Rock-a-Thon- Rocking chair Challenge for 12 hours. Each team has a rocking chair and must have a team member rocking chair continually from 11am-11pm. Teams have to raise money for ACH. Team is responsible for providing a Rocking chair.

d.) Trustee Report- Fiona

The current year \$10M shortfall was addressed by using \$6.0M reserve, reducing school funding, and added new transportation fee. Provincial government will be introducing a new funding framework for next school year. The Division will be looking to engage the Community about divisional funding priorities and ancillary programs or fees. For example, looking at programs offered within the division where there might be an opportunity to introduce or increase a school fee to offset expected provincial funding shortfalls.

At end of 2019, the Division completed Final approval of the 4 Year Plan.

2020/21 and 2021/22 School year calendars have been approved and are on the Board website.

Special discussions for K-8 accommodation in Cochrane will be held Thursday at 7pm at Rancheview. There is currently no space at Ranchview, but there are some schools within Cochrane that have capacity so need to discuss how to best use spaces.

5.) Change of Meeting time- Agreed to move Monthly Council meeting time 6:00pm .

Next Meeting Feb 3 at 6:00pm

6.) 2021 Graduation Changes Committee- we have met with Spray Lakes. They will look at options to invest in some equipment required to host our annual Graduation Celebration, and charge us a facility fee with use of equipment, rather than us renting. We are requesting that Admin discuss CHS changes with other High Schools in the area. It would be to our benefit to see Spray Lakes facility used in this capacity by other schools.

7.) Meeting Adjourned: 8:00

