

CHS November 2020 Council Minutes- ZOOM Meeting

Nov 2, 2020

1.) Call to Order- 7:01

In Attendance: Fiona Gilbert, Anne Kromm, Jen Mensah, Tanya Dixon, Wendy McClelland, Tracy Lyons, Teriann Novakowski, Marla Bosch, Jodi Thurmeier, Marcy Hallden, Tara Turner, Dawn-Marie Cinnamon, Wendy Comtois, Cassi James, Trisha Swan, Erin Munro Clark, Marlet Gutierrez, Cheryl Fraser, Susan Price, Nevada Spinghetti

2.) Approval of Agenda- Cheryl Fraser, Wendy Comtois

3.) Approval of Oct 2020 Minutes: Wendy Comtois, Tara Turner

4.) Covid Update- Anne Kromm

CHS has their quarantine & notification procedures fine tuned, with lessons learned from other schools, so they are ready when the time comes. An inventive CHS student is proposing an idea to the division tomorrow on the dispensing of hand sanitizer. Lockers continue to be a concern for parents and students as we move into colder weather. Anne is working with Bow Valley High on safe procedures that could work for Cochrane's high school population. This is being discussed across the Division but with all the variables considered, one procedure will not work in all school settings.

5.) Parent Teacher Conferences- Anne Kromm

Conferences will be held on Nov 10 4:30-8:30 via Zoom or phone call. Conference manager will be sent out this Wednesday to book times. Please remember you can always contact teacher to arrange another time if this doesn't work.

6.) Donation of Gift Cards- Marla Bosch

Donation of Fast Food Gift Cards- there is a need for fast food gift cards in \$10 denominations for Student's in need of a lunch. If you are interesting in donating, please have your student drop off at the office in an envelope addressed to Brianne Link, who will distribute the cards discreetly and anonymously.

7.) Reports

a.) Administration- Anne Kromm

A survey was sent to students to get input on how to use our allocation of Safe Return to School Funds from Federal Government. Overall, the responses focused on increase in staffing to support students, increase in classroom supplies to reduce touch surfaces, increase in social and emotional supports and supporting learners in the classroom. The proposed allocation of funding will be finalized by Admin and sent to the division for approval.

Staff are being trained on how to conduct literacy assessments, with the goal of having all Grade 9's assessed this year. CHS will also reach out to the feeder schools with this assessment framework with the hope that incoming students will be assessed.

Yearbook Photos- given the limited extra curricular activity this year, please submit any photos you may have to Mr. Greendale for consideration for the yearbook.

b.) School Update- Cassi James

Upcoming events at CHS:

Spirit Week Nov 9-13

Cochrane Trivia Challenge

Nov 10- Live stream of Remembrance Day Ceremony

Nov 23 PD Day

Helping Hampers Bingo Cards will be different this year to limit touch. Leadership is still working out the details. Anne will look into how Online students can participate. Stay tuned!

c.) Grade 9 Classroom Review- Jen Mensah

With the new 2020/21 Grade 9 full-year class cohort, Admin is completing a review of the learning needs in the classroom and the individual students to make the environment inclusive for all. The objective is to support all levels of learning in the classroom without having to remove students from the class for additional supports.

d.) Trustee- Fiona Gilbert

In December, or early January families will be required to opt for online or in class for Second semester. Fiona reviewed the Division's allocation of the \$9.3M Federal funding. As at September 30, RVS enrolment was down 1.3%, whereas historically RVS has grown at 3-5% annually. Under the provincial funding framework, next year's funding is to be based on this year's enrolment, however many divisions have asked the Education Minister to disregard this current school year's population for funding as it is an anomaly. If you have concerns, the Government is currently open for feedback for Budget 2021.

RVS has requested 21 Modulars. As a result of boundary changes, Manachaban and Bow Valley High are on the list in Cochrane to receive modulars next year to manage their growth.

8.) Grad 2021- Tracy Lyons

Grad Photo dates have been set for in December, (Dec 7-11 and Dec 13,14 as needed). All Grade 12 students need to have photos taken so they are in the year book and in the Composite Picture for the gallery wall. There is only a charge if you plan to order pictures. Parents & Students will receive a link this week to book a time. If student misses or requires retakes, they will have to go to Life Touch studio in Calgary.

A Grad Survey will be sent out to all Grade 12 families but the plan is for Students to wear Cap & Gowns and walk the Stage for Grad 2021 at Spray Lakes/Curling Rink. If indoor gatherings are restricted, the Grad alone will go to Spray Lakes to Walk the

Stage, and the event will be live streamed. Grads will also prepare their own introduction, which was started for Grad 2020 and offers a personal touch.

For the same price (\$21) that we have rented Cap & Gowns in prior years, each student can buy their own. Given the logistics/reducing touch surfaces, it was decided to buy. They can be passed down to siblings, given to a friend etc. for future use and also be available for the student arrange their own portrait cap & gown session once gowns are received in May.

For Students interested in being on the Grad Committee, they have to submit their application, and be a student in good standing. Max of 6 students allowed on committee.

Spray Lakes (curling rink) will be preparing Graduation Price Packages for the Grad Committee which will include the rental fee for chairs, stage, etc. There will be no food or drink available this year due to Covid restrictions.

9.) Meeting Adjourned: 8:11

Next Meeting Monday Dec 7 at 7:00pm