

## **CHS October 2020 Council Minutes- ZOOM Meeting**

Oct 5, 2020

### 1.) Call to Order- 7:01

In Attendance: Fiona Gilbert, Jen Mensah, Tanya Dixon, Wendy McClelland, Tracy Lyons, Anne Kromm, Teriann Novakowski, Marla Bosch, Kerri Lappin, Jodi Thurmeier, Marcy Hallden, Mary Parra ([chileven@hotmail.com](mailto:chileven@hotmail.com)), Tara Turner, Jason Helfrich, Dawn-Marie Cinnamon

### 2.) Approval of Agenda- Tara Turner, Mary Parra

### 3.) Approval of Sept 2020 Minutes: Tara Turner, Mary Parra

### 4.) Covid Updates- Anne Kromm

Social Distancing- Students have been diligent at adhering to Covid guidelines within the walls of CHS- wearing masks and sanitizing, but a reminder to maintain safe social distances when outside with masks off.

Choir and Music- playing and singing has commenced at CHS. The groups are following the public health guidelines of wearing masks and shields. It was acknowledged that our students are very fortunate at CHS to be participating in school sports, music and choir already. Many schools & divisions haven't been as responsive in implementing procedures and protocols once AHS gave approval. Our school division and staff are very passionate and dedicated to giving students these experiences.

ROAMS program- will proceed as planned for second semester. A change to meet required guidelines will be that students will need to stay 1 person per tent on trips. Jander Talen may be looking at fundraising options to finance the additional tents required.

Lunch Bubbles- Staff have been working on creating Safe Eating Lunch Bubbles. Grade 10-12 students were allowed to choose a cohort for lunch, and will be assigned classrooms to eat in. This will allow for students to socialize with their friends as the weather turns cold. Lunch bubbles will be released within the next week. Gr9 students will stay in their classroom cohorts.

Lockers: As per AHS, use of school lockers is prohibited. With cold weather, students will have to hang jackets on their chair or carry in backpack. Make sure only necessary gear is in those backpacks.

### 5.) Reports:

#### a.) Administration- Anne Kromm

A staff bookclub on inclusion, equity & diversity has started up to allow staff to meet professional learning requirements while staying on site and in current cohort.

Tri-school meetings have started up again with Principals meeting once per month.

Please be advised that the RCMP School Liaisons have warned Admin of a recent influx of hard drugs into Cochrane area.

Terry Fox run was held virtually this year. Thanks to all who participated and donated.

Orange shirt day, in support and spirit of reconciliation, was held on Wednesday Sept 30.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

More information to follow, but parents are reminded to contact a teacher anytime via email or phone for any concerns. If an in-person meeting is required, it must be approved by Anne Kromm.

b.) Staffing- Tracy Lyons

Cassie James joins Midori as a Learning Support Teacher. CHS welcomes two new Teacher's Assistants Michelle Mosey and Erin Gregory, and a Gr 9 French Immersion Math/Sci teacher Erin Turko.

Student Picture Day has been scheduled for Oct 26 (Gr 11 in am, Gr 9 in pm) and Tuesday Oct 27 (Gr 10 am, Gr12 pm). With social distancing, and space at a premium, the logistics for photo day needed to be sorted out. The Theatre will be used this year rather than the Learning Commons.

c.) Grad 2021- Tracy Lyons

Grad Photo dates have been set for 7 days in December (Dec 7-11, 13, 14). 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 will receive a link and will book a time. If student misses or requires retakes, they will have to go to Life Touch studio in Calgary.

Tracy, Marla and representatives from Bow Valley High School and St. Tim's met with Spray Lakes Family Sports Center today. The objective is for all local high schools to work with SLFCS to host the graduations of Cochrane students going forward. The overall cost for graduation will be significantly reduced by using SLFCS. The curling rink has adequate capacity and we will keep it local with all food, flowers, photography being provided by local businesses.

Tracy and Lauraine Laudel are working on the Grad Handbook for 2021, meanwhile watch for any time sensitive information in the Grad Communique.

d) Trustee- Fiona Gilbert

A reminder that the parent Q&A is still live on RVS website.

Online classes are full. Later this year, families will be asked to respond with their intention of in-class or online for semester 2.

The Board held their Organizational Meeting and Fiona will be continuing as the Board Chair. The Board Advocacy group has identified RVS priorities for discussions with government partners. The priorities are: space for students, funding for students, and support for students.

The board has recently made revisions to the Inclement Weather Policy. Some ambiguous wording has been refined and clarified for parents.

Overall RVS will receive \$9.3M from Federal Government for Safe Return to School Funding to help alleviate the additional expenses related to covid. The Board will be discussing how to allocate these funds at the meeting on Thursday.

Oct 15- Alberta School Councils Association Meeting on Zoom

6. Diploma Exams - Marla Bosch

Given the response to Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) survey in the spring, it was determined that the majority of parents supported a return to Diploma exams for this school year under Scenario 1 and 2. There is mounting concern over the stress to both students and teachers for having to write this year. If you would like your voice heard, it is recommended you raise your concerns with the ASCA.

School Council Scheduled Meetings:

Dec 7

Jan 11

Feb 1

Mar 1

April 12

May 3 (AGM)

June 7

9.) Meeting Adjourned: 7:48

**Next Meeting Monday Nov 2 at 7:00pm**