

CHS May 2020 Council Minutes- ZOOM Meeting

Sept 14, 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, Julia Garvin, Mary Parra, Nevada Springhetti, Tara Turner, Trish Rognvaldson, Jason Helfrich, Susan Price,

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

3.) Approval of June 2020 Minutes: Tara Turner, Jodi Thurmeier

4.) Staffing Updates- Anne Kromm

There has been a lot of turnover with staffing. CHS welcomes new teaching staff: Tasha Georgopoulos, Walter Anderson, Mr. Manuel, Erica Fredstrom. Raji Samra is a new guidance counsellor for Grade 9 & 11, and there is also a new intern in the Guidance Department. Learning Support welcomes Shannon to the team.

5.) Covid Updates- Anne Kromm

Staff are happy to have students back in school. Overall students are respecting and following the health & safety protocols.

Lunch- Currently students who remain at School during lunch eat in their Period 3 classroom. By October, Admin hopes to allow lunch bubbles in classrooms where students can lunch with friends, at a safe distance

Timetables- On afternoon of Sept 1, CHS Admin was provided with the online teaching requirements needed to support the 10% of students who opted for online learning. This required a last minute overhaul of the complex timetable. Anne thanked families for patience and understanding while a handful of staff (with access to Powerschool timetables) reworked Gr10-12 student's timetable overnight for Sept 2 staggered entry, and Grade 9 was completed over the long weekend.

Spares- Snakepit is available for studying during spares. The long tables have been replaced with smaller tables to adhere to guidelines. Admin intends to find additional space for overflow of students. Note: Grade 10's are not suppose to have any spares. If your child has a spare in Grade 10, see Tracy Lyons.

French Immersion- The French Immersion has had a complete change in staffing due to circumstances. Mr. Manuel is replacing Ms. Eccles. Some French courses with a few registered students had to be canceled last minute to allow for teachers to support online learning. Additionally, a teacher has returned early from maternity leave to teach

three online courses. Overall the French Immersion program at CHS has grown this year.

With recent announcements from AHS previous restrictions to: wind instruments in band, singing in choir and game play in sports have been lifted. Although teachers are enthusiastic to get students back to near normal, it will take some time for the protocols and procedures to be put in place at the RVS and CHS level.

6.) Reports:

Administration- Tracy Lyons

For new Grade 9 students, this is first year of Full year core courses. There are 8 Cohort groups with teaching pairs: Hodgson/Cooper, Georgopoulos/Polson, Wennecamp/Anderson, Fredstrom/Mr. Manuel for the core courses.

Grad Meeting- date TBD. The meeting usually involves bringing third parties into the school (Jostens, post-secondary) which is not allowed at this time.

Trustee- Fiona Gilbert

RVS has approximately 3000 students online, which requires 120 teachers. There was a lot of work to do at all levels to shift resources for start of school year. Over the summer, the Board's goal was to be transparent and engage the community with letters, surveys and Q&A's.

In accordance with Alberta Health guidelines, there are communication procedures in place in the event of any positive case or an outbreak at the school. As principal, Anne Kromm will communicate directly with affected families.

Overall RVS will receive \$9.3M from Federal Government for Safe Return to School Funding to help alleviate the additional expenses related to covid.

Nov 12- Next Joint School Board Meeting

Oct 15- Alberta School Councils Association Meeting

7.) Canadian Parents For French- Trish Rognvaldson

Trish works for Canadian Parents for French (CPF). She thanked CHS for allocating the staff for online teaching, many communities did not have same option. CPF membership is now free for families and organizations, with great online resources (particularly for online learners.) Check out the 13-week online French tutoring programs, starting Sept 21 for ages 6-14yrs. Screened Volunteers from across Canada will be providing the tutoring. In November, there will be an online forum.

8.) Wendy Comtois will act as Grade 11 Representative

9.) Meeting Adjourned: 7:58

Next Meeting Monday Oct 5 at 7:00pm