

CHS May 2021 Council Minutes- Zoom Meeting

May 3, 2021

1.) Call to Order- 6:44

In Attendance: Fiona Gilbert, Cassi James, Jen Mensah, Teriann Novakowski, Marla Bosch, Tanya Dixon, Dawn-Marie Cinnamon, Tracy Lyons, Wendy Comtois, Erin Munro-Clark, Susan Price, Carolyn McLeod, Brianne Link, Marcy Hallden, Tara Turner, Samia Byfield, Wendy MccLelland

2.) Approval of Agenda- Cassi James, Dawn-Marie Cinnamon

3.) Approval of Apr 2021 Minutes: Erin Munro-Clark, Wendy Comtois

4.) Reports-

Note: Given that RVS had just issued a notice to move to Scenario 3, Fiona's update was moved ahead in the agenda.

a.) Trustee- Fiona

With the rising caseload, and several RVS schools being affected in hotspots, it was decided to temporarily move all grade 7-12 RVS students to Scenario 3, online learning. This will start tomorrow Tuesday May 4 until at least Friday May 13, with May 17 as the earliest return to class date. Although Cochrane is not currently deemed a hotspot, RVS has made the decision in the best interest for all Grades 7-12 students and staff.

It was announced today that all teachers, support staff and bus drivers are now eligible to get vaccinations. With moving to Scenario 3, hopefully this will allow the staff the time and flexibility to get their vaccinations.

b.) Admin Update- Jen

Jen thanked council for the generous donations from parents and Council for the Staff Appreciation Lunch.

Grade 12 students will have the option to opt-out of June diploma exams. Students are automatically registered to write the diplomas. CHS will send out the survey to opt out for this semester.

Last day of classes for all students is Wednesday June 16th. After that, teachers will make targeted appointments with students who have outstanding work, or need additional help.

c.) Staff Update- Cassi

A reminder that this is Mental Health week. Students are always encouraged to reach out to school Counsellors if they need to talk, especially during these stressful times and with moving back to online classes.

Deadline to order yearbooks is May 31.

5.) Literacy Assessment New Courses- Reading 15 and 25

After the process of assessing all Grade 9's reading and comprehension this year, Staff have determined a targeted or purposeful approach would be effective for developing the necessary reading skills for students entering grade 9 and going forward. New Reading courses will be added to the Schedule for next year- Reading 15 and Reading 25. Any families with students identified as requiring additional supports will be contacted regarding the new Reading Courses. It hasn't be decided if courses will be a term (3 credits) or semester (5 credits).

6.) Grad 2021- Tracy

Cap & Gown ceremonies have now been scheduled for Monday May 31 and Tuesday June 1. This will allow for some flexibility in rescheduling if necessary, due to covid restrictions. The gowns should arrive by mid-May.

The Grad Committee has planned some surprises. Grade 12 students will receive some communications from the committee on Instagram.

The Virtual Grad will be on Friday June 18th. More details to follow.

7.) Meeting Adjourned: 7:30

Next Meeting : Monday June 7th , 6:30pm