



CONNECT
CHARTER SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, 2025.06.06

Attendees

There were approximately 12 attendees in person and 7 attendees online.

Agenda

Included within the [Slides Presentation](#).

Notes

- For coverage of all discussed business, please refer to the [Slides Presentation](#).

Principal's Report:

- Shannon Bennett Update
 - Next year the school is working on looking at how teaching has changed over the last 5 years; navigating new ways to learn; and looking at being more engaging.
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- Liesel Coetzee Update on Learning Commons Book Selection Process
 - Provided overview on how book selection is made; based on the AB government making changes.
 - Need to ensure the collection represents students in grades 4 to 9.
 - Books are divided into sections and Young Adult level books are located by the main desk to be supervised - parents can sign a form to allow younger students to read from the Young Adult section (grade 7 and under).
 - Selection Criteria shared. Some examples include student requests; reader levels available; diversity of appeal, represent different point of views; inclusivity; etc. Able to purchase appropriate books that are requested.
 - Selection Aids shared - use United Library Services to look up information on the books; determine the age level of the book.
 - Process on Challenged Materials shared.
 - Parent Resource library - parents can log in to an online provider to read resources. This includes information provided during Thrive nights. This would be using parents' own email and should be available in September.

School Council:

- Approval of minutes:
 - delayed until September, as minutes were not distributed
- Past Events
 - Education week: successful, each teacher received a gift and a food truck (May 16)
- Upcoming Happenings & Events
 - Year end BBQ: June 24; a little different this year, as most of the food portion is outsourced and price went up due to this. Food needs to be pre purchased and some small items available for sale.
 - Connect Clothing: vendor working with was selected due to reduced prices and connection with the school. Some road blocks with setting up the site, but optimistic it will be available shortly.
 - Will continue the parent Thrive nights in 2025/2026 school year with the movie or activity night for students

- Treasurer's Report
 - 2 pots of money - one in the operating account and second account managed by the school (still directed by council). FunLunch fundraising money resides with the school.
 - Playground replacement: putting a portion of fundraising towards the playground.
 - PE team gets \$1000 each semester for DPA equipment.
 - This year the school started providing beverages for FunLunches, which allows for more money to be earned. Also, use students to distribute the drinks and food to provide leadership opportunities.
 - Healthy Hunger allows for each lunch to have multiple vendors and Connect is considered a vendor for beverages
- School Council and Volunteer Committees
 - Chair and Vice Chair position available (with mentorship)
 - Volunteer Opportunities in 2025/2026: Fundraisers, fun lunches, book fair, Connect Family Camp day, teachers appreciation, communications, etc..
 - Shannon acknowledged that we may need to limit events next year (excluding BBQs) to allow for the transition of executives.

Questions:

- Is there a library budget and how to prioritize: There is a budget. Prioritize large purchases at the beginning of year and manage budget throughout the year. Book Fair fundraises for the school every year and donations are accepted.
- Are there ebooks available: Yes, ebooks and audiobooks are available; however encourage use of physical books to allow a break from screen time.

Action Items

1. No action items from the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27.