

ÉSCH/CHHS School Council

November 29, 2021

Minutes

Zoom Link Shared Via Email and on Facebook

In attendance: Shonna Barth, Justin Nicol, Heather McCaig, Karen Saffran, Tonielle Pavlovic, Alison Van Dyke, Sheri Cobbe, Courtney Scott, Natasha, Marissa, Rose, Lisa, Pat, Morgan, Scarlett

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 7:02 pm
2. Territorial Acknowledgement
3. Introductions
4. Review of Agenda
 - a) Michele Frey will present before the reports
 - b) Lisa moved to accept the agenda as altered
 - c) Sheri seconded. All in favour.
5. Approval of minutes from October 25, 2021
 - a) Minutes were not received by admin to be posted. October 25th minutes will be posted with these minutes and approval will be done at next meeting.
6. Michele Frey
 - a) Presentation on numeracy and supporting your student at home. Michele is an Optimal Learning Coach with the Division. Works with the teachers on new research and best practice. Michele leads the numeracy lead team of teachers. View presentation at:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12bjUiYXiQTTcN1GBMfdNF1ksGcjc25ScT8h9TjZ70O8/edit#slide=id.g10433a7c190_0_105
7. Reports
 - a) ASCA School Council Engagement (November 27) Karen represented CHHS
 - i. Participant polls – to help the ASCA board understand parent concerns. There were live polls held on: Covid 19 Risk Mitigation, Standardized Testing and Learning Disruptions, Vaccinations for 5-11, Mental Health (students, teachers, parents), Curriculum, and the ASCE grant
 - ii. Curriculum presentation – U of L Professor Amy von Heyking. Purpose was to give parents a better understanding of the components of a good curriculum and

to give them tools for making an informed assessment. See

<https://alberta-curriculum-analysis.ca/>

- iii. Curriculum Survey Link: <https://extranet.gov.ab.ca/opinio6//s?s=public2021EN>
- iv. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant - \$500 to every school council to support/enhance engagement. School division applies on behalf of councils. Must be spent before the end of year. ASCA resources are no longer free due to government cutbacks, so their programs are an appropriate use of the funds.
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/news/post/enhancing-parent-engagement-in-alberta-schools>
- v. Assurance Framework: A presentation on how councils can participate in assurance and accountability (there are a number of indicators that relate to school councils)
- vi. Proposed Advocacy Resolutions (deadline is January 15) – These resolutions are reviewed and adopted at the Spring convention and inform the work of the board for the coming year.

b) Principal's report

- i. Edsby up and running. Reports for Senior High can be seen in there. Please note that they can only be viewed on a computer not a mobile device.
- ii. Jr. High rewards Dec 10 afternoon. All parents will receive email if your child is receiving an award. Will also be posted on FB. Parents are invited but will need to show negative test or QR code for vaccination. Each student receiving an award will be allowed to bring 2 guests.
- iii. Sr High awards Dec 17th in the afternoon. Emails will be going out and will require an RSVP to better plan. Things may change depending on the evolving COVID-19 situation.
- iv. Basketball has begun nice to see the energy again in the students and parents.
- v. Jr High options have begun. Gaming is a new option.
- vi. Once a month Jr High and Senior High Voice takes place with Shonna Barth. This is where students can come and bring their ideas, concerns, etc. Very thoughtful, mature and engaged students.
- vii. Gr 8's very excited to have options again as last year it was altered and many students did not have the opportunity to take multiple options
- viii. Question – middle school is back to eating in their classrooms at lunch. Is that covid-19 related? Answer -- Not necessarily, there are a few factors. Admin is rotating the grades 7&8's usage of the cafeteria at lunch, every second day. There had been quite a mess left in classrooms when students were able to eat in any classroom, so unfortunately, they had to make the decision to keep them in their own classroom.
- ix. Question -- Can students join groups half way through the year, like student voice. Answer -- Yes, please all students are greatly encouraged.

- x. DELF went smoothly for the middle school French Immersion students who participated.
- c) Student Council update
 - i. Scarlett shared current activities. Student council doing a food drive till Dec 9th. There are prizes for winning class!
 - i. Meat Monday
 - ii. Toothbrush Tuesdays – all hygiene products encouraged
 - iii. Wellness Wednesday – healthy snacks
 - iv. Tortellini Thursday – pasta and sauce
 - v. Friday – bring whatever you can
 - ii. Dec 6-9 Squid game week – held in cafeteria
 - i. Monday – cookie game
 - ii. Tuesday – connect 4 game
 - iii. Wednesday – Red light/green light
 - iv. Thursday – Teacher bingo
 - iii. Currently planning Christmas week. Leadership class has donated blankets for babies to the Santa Claus Fund
- d) Wellness report – Alison Van Dyke
 - i. This month the Teacher Wellness Champion, Whitney Kambeitz, forwarded an email about Virtual Nutrition tours to all Health and Foundations teachers in the school. A local dietician puts this on, Jennifer Paterson, and it was quite informative when they did it last year. So far it has been well received and a lot of teachers have booked in for the tour with the dietician.
 - ii. Student Council and My Place have been putting on wellness activities around World Random Acts of Kindness Day such as bingos, and wearing two different shoes (for the theme, walk in someone else's shoes), as well as an Empathy Shoe colouring contest.
 - iii. The fitness center is open to any students wanting to work-out after school from 3-4pm every Monday-Thursday.
 - iv. Mr. Lawes has started a new E-Sports team, that will be taking place after school. Specialized gaming computers were purchased to begin this new program.
 - v. The Farm to School Canada \$10,000 Grant has re-opened. This grant happens every two years and is to implement a healthy meal service that allows students to choose from a variety of ingredients that are as locally and sustainably

sourced as possible. It also allows students to experience hands-on food literacy activities and engage with the food system in their school community. The grant application closes January 31, 2022. Alison, Tonielle and Pat will work with the school administration to determine how this grant can fit into the existing cafeteria services and will work on a submission by the grant deadline.

<http://www.farmtocafeteriacanada.ca/our-work/farm-to-school-canada/farm-to-school-grants/>

8. New Business

a) Jr & Sr. High awards – school is asking for donation of \$600 from council. This will go towards purchasing medals for students. Recognition would be given to the school council on presentation to the school council.

i. Sheri made motion to give \$600 to school for this purpose.

ii. Natasha seconded. All in favour, motion passed.

b) FAQ – Tonielle gave update. Changes have been made in regards to addition of Edsby. Document will be posted early in new year. School Remind app may still be used in emergency situations. Teacher remind app will slowly be phased into EDSBY

c) Justin Nicoll gave more info on EDSBY

- i. If you haven't received an invite go to sd76 page call the school and get the info needed to get set up
- ii. If your student doesn't have EDSBY then they need to go to their homeroom teacher
- iii. Once logged in click the question mark to the right of your login name at the upper right. There are videos and tutorials to help answer many questions.
- iv. EDSBY works very well on a computer but not as user friendly on mobile device. You can't see report cards for instance on a mobile device. You will be able to view all your students in SD76 on one site.
- v. Question - Where should we be reporting absences? Safe school arrival or EDSBY? Answer - Whenever possible put the absence in EDSBY
- vi. School and school district still getting familiar with everything. Suggested that communication come out for parents to understand the basics. Plan is that by next fall this will be your one stop shop for all communication.
- vii. There will be an upcoming Parent Night to better introduce EDSBY

9. Adjourned at 8:52 pm

Next meeting January 31, 6:30 pm Zoom

Please note the 6:30 pm time for school council as we will be having an info night on Post Secondary presented by MHC at 7 pm

