

Chris Akkerman School Council Agenda 2024/2025

May 29 2024

Call to Order: 6:06pm

Approval of Minutes: Anjul approves the minutes, Jehan seconds

In Attendance: Leanne Bettesworth, Melissa Lebine, Jehan Salem, Anjul Virk, Bruce Murray, Samira, Maninder Gill, Jacqueline Guy-Santos, Shilpa Kawali, Samira, Ritu, Srini Nair, Mahelet Abera, Mohammed Mohammed, Nav Deep K. Dhaliwal, Sarika Mann, Ishwor Raj Thapa, Shiro Chandra

Presentation from Simply Counselling Services (by Samira Zabian):

Samira.zabian@recoveryalberta

- Registered Provisional Psychologist
- The school is hoping to have Samira do a presentation in the next school year, where parents can attend and learn skills to help themselves and their children with various problems that they may encounter as they grow.
- Samira works at South Help Campus as part of the youth and addiction program. Her aim in the presentation is to showcase her skills regarding emotional regulation, as well as age-appropriate tools for parents and caregivers. We are hoping to foster discussion regarding such topics as screen time, bedtime routines, online safety, as well as time for open dialogue for Q and A. This will be done in person, hopefully running about one hour. There will only be parents attending, no children.
- There was a discussion after she left about paying for her services as soon as possible. This will be done in the fall of next year.

Chair Report:

- Anjul touched on AGM positions. All parents are part of school council, but some members have an executive role. If parents are interested, we urge them to voice that, and volunteer for these roles. Jehan is leaving as her child will be going to Sir Wilfred, and therefore we will need a new secretary. This is an important role that needs to be filled, and is more urgent. Also, if parents would like to change their roles for next year, we hope that they will voice their opinions. Some parents that attended last meeting showed interest in positions for next year, but they will not be attending till the 2025/26 year. Leanne reminded that volunteers of school council get front row seats to all school events.

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Leadership Report (presented by Dr. Bettesworth)

Staffing Updates:

- CBE is in the middle of staffing for the upcoming year

Some anticipated changes:

- Ms. Kowa taking a leave next year
- Ms. Sener retired from teacher- she will support with small contracts and subbing in future

The following teachers are on temporary contracts and while we love them, we can't guarantee they will be returning next year: Ms. Phillip, Ms. Peterson, Ms. Anderson, Ms. Haikel

- Ms. Hyatt will be changing schools
- Ms. Boak will be on maternity leave next year
- We are hiring a new learning leader. Hiring and staff moves are likely to increase over the coming weeks.

Transportation

- Registration for bussing is open. Last day is June 22 to register.
- All families need to register for the bus every single year, if they want for it for the next year.
- If you want an increased chance of a bus stop in your area, then you need to register for the bus **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Residencies:

- Leanne would like our input for residencies for the upcoming school year. In the past, some of the residencies included in-line skating, lacrosse, football, curling, drumming and artistic endeavors. Other opportunities include golf, cricket, soccer and dance. We anticipate that we will be asking all families to contribute to the cost of the residency.
- Parents discussed some sort of dance like Bengal dancing. Some thought dance and theatre were good options. Some residencies are more expensive than others. Parents need to decide on a residency, which also can depend on how often the children get a chance to participate per that specific week. Sometimes its 30 minutes, a couple times a week. Drama and theatre are more expensive options.
- If we book now, we can get what we want. However, if we wait till the fall we will get our second or third choices. Melissa asked when they would be doing these residencies, ie. at what point in the year. Leanne said it would be perfect to have them spread out throughout the year.
- Leanne mentioned she had done robotics years ago, but the cost was 30 grand. Swimming is not a viable option, as there are only two male staff members which would mean they would be at the pool for many hours, many days in a row. Male staff would be needed for the male students and the change rooms. Melissa suggested puppetry, and hoop dancing. Jehan mentioned a residency to do with animals. Shiro mentioned Alberta Birds of Prey. Leanne will have to look

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into this, as she said CBE may have kiboshed anything with animals in the past. There may be a lot of rules in regards to animals at the school.

- Bollywood, puppetry and hoop dancing were the ideas that Leanne and Parent Council will pursue for booking opportunities.

School Calendar for 25-26:

The calendar for the upcoming year was illustrated through a presentation on Google Meet. There are dates that are formally set, based on national holidays, such as Orange Shirt Day. There are many things on the calendar for next year, as well as days off (per holidays etc.). Leanne is aiming to have firm dates for the Parent Council meetings next year. Leanne would like this cemented before the end of the meeting, or at least the end of this school year. Anjul will look at the calendar and get back to Leanne regarding set dates., He will also be in touch with Snanna to coordinate set dates for fun lunch.

Community Report: Presented by Anjul (on behalf of Celia Long):

- Community Cleanup in July
- Stampede Breakfast in July
- Check website for updates as many programs will be breaking for the fall
- Melissa mentioned that the Community Centre will get three very large crusher trucks, and separate bins for metal and electronics, donation etc. All these services will be free. And this is available for all people. There may be a ten-minute wait in order to get through, as it can get busy. She uses it every year, and finds it very valuable.

Treasurer's Report, by Sarika Mann:

- Community Account: 7,950. Casino Account: 38,009. Made 3 cheques for various field trips: \$274.32, 274.32 and 1,097.28
- Leanne paid for 3 computer carts, and is hoping that Parent Council will pay for one more. We have a ration of 3:1 for students/tech. We currently have approx. 220 devices. The school is currently working to replace all of the dated carts that cannot house the new technology. If we are able to replace the last cart, all the carts will be universal.

Motions:

- Melissa motions \$2,096.95 for a new computer cart. Ritu seconds.
- Melissa motioned using up to \$1000 of the grant money for a psychologist visit to the school. Jacqueline Guy Santos seconds.

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Old Business:

- Regarding the Used Uniform Sale, Anjul took a look at the details given by Tara, and may change things up a bit. Leanne reminded US that only Thursday nights we are allowed to use, unless we rent it ourselves. On Wednesdays, Leanne and Murray will be unable to attend. If we wanted to set up during the day, we could, but not the whole gym. Leanne doesn't look after the rental piece and doesn't know how much will cost. Anjul's initial thought was Wednesday we could get it ready in the evening, and run the sale Thursday morning to the evening. If we can't do that, we are figuring out how to do this logistically. We need time to organize all the pieces to sell. The idea is to sell old uniform clothes, where half proceeds go to school fundraising and half go to parents. Or we could outright donate to the school. Parents can drop off or send the items with their children. If we are able to put things in the Learning Commons that Wednesday, then we can set up Thursday morning. Thursday, June 19 would be the sale date. Payment has to be cash denominations, rounded to the dollar. No cash will be on hand. No bags purses or strollers. All sales final. Sale runs until items run out. The time will be from 12:00pm to 6:30pm roughly.

New Business:

- AGM Positions: Maninder Gill will be taking over the role of Secretary for next year, as Jehan will be moving on. Shiro Chandro volunteered to be Casino Coordinator. Shiro also volunteered to help the Fundraising Coordinator. Some roles can only be filled for 1 more year. Anjul can only be chair for one more year at Chris Akkerman. The roles are filled for next year!

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38pm