

**WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

**Churchill Library**

Attendance: Neil Langevin, Trish Mehrer, Lynn Knight, Sarah Olfert, Binod Pageni, Isabelle Mugford, Keith Fowler, Tara Orser, Morgan Day, Laura Scarpelli, Sam Scarpelli, Carey Rowntree, Jesy Malik, Andrea Eisen, Rob Mitchell, Nancy Mitchell (Recording Secretary)

1. **Call to Order** - the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.
  
2. **Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MOTION by Jesy Malik/Andrea Eisen that the Minutes from October 19, 2016, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.
  
3. **Business Arising from Minutes** –
  - a. **District Resolutions** – concern was raised about the resolutions that are being drafted out of District School Council. Under the structure of DSC, no formal action can be taken unless all school councils agree. Clarification has been sought from our superintendent and will be shared with the council once received. In the meantime, it was decided that members will look at the proposed resolutions on their own time and forward their response to our DSC Rep. Based on follow-up information, our DSC rep will be able to address our concerns at the next meeting of DSC. MOTION by Rob Mitchell/Trish Mehrer to have members review the resolutions and forward their response to our DSC Rep by December 1, 2016, in order for him to report at the next DSC meeting. CARRIED.
  
  - b. **Council Email Account & Contact Info** – after our discussion regarding the onerous task of inputting parents’ emails for contact purposes, and the potential for error, it was decided that we would attempt an electronic form that parents would opt-in to. Carey and Neil have developed a form that will be emailed to all parents. Parents will submit their information if they agree to be contacted by

council and those emails will be correlated into a group that will serve as our contact list should the need arise. Carey will review the draft form with Laura, Nancy and Jesy before sending it out.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – the treasurer has not received the bank statement as yet. She expects that the monthly \$1 fee will be deducted, leaving a balance of \$206.17. Signatories have not yet been changed as the bank has requested that we consider online banking and e-statements. Concern was raised about online banking. After discussion it was agreed that our treasurer go back to the bank to negotiate some sort of deal for fees.

## 5. **Committee Reports**

a. **Students' Council** – working with Blood Services in preparation for the blood drive in February. The group is still hoping to hold a formal dance in December. They are looking at the possibility of selling tickets in advance to determine if the event is viable.

b. **District School Council** – a mental health presentation was given by Cayley King prior to the meeting, which is posted on the DSC section of the website. Our superintendent is seeking input for Town Hall discussion ideas. Deadline for submission is November 18, 2016. A member of DSC, who is a Math professor at the university, has offered tutorial sessions for parents and students. These will be held at the district office.

c. **Grad** – clothing order is being completed. The first parent meeting was held this evening. Grad is June 30, 2017, and the gala will take place at the College in the evening. There is still discussion as to what time convocation will take place due to late scheduled diploma exams. Next parent meeting is February 15, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

## 6. **Administrative Reports**

**Morgan Day** – there will be a community collaboration event on November 23, 2016, at Chinook High School, Parenting Teens in 2016/Stress & Anxiety. There will be other events throughout the year on various topics. The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales goes up November 16 – 19, 2016, at the Sterndale Theatre. Christmas concert is December 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at

Southminster. Band/Choir trip to Banff will take place during February break.

Tara Orser – Remembrance assembly was on November 9<sup>th</sup> and the choir and band did an excellent job. Thanks to Morgan for her first time organizing this event and the awards evening. K & E students will be on job placements from December 5<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many of our students who went on placements were actually kept on and hired for employment by these businesses.

Neil Langevin – the first report card went out under PowerSchool and was very successful. The process is easier which gave way to teachers being able to add more effective comments. Our goal was to have 65 percent of our population using PowerSchool by year end, which has already been achieved. This percentage rate is good, based on the fact that many of our families do not have access to the internet. SafeArrival is working well. Neil will look into the possibility of adding a half day absence option and also increasing the time to excuse absences back to 48 hours.

Carey Rowntree – There is a Youth Career Fair at Chinook High School on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be over 50 employers in attendance and is an opportunity to explore career options. At the next professional learning day, November 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be using the “Most Likely to Succeed” material. It is a program which aims to help schools re-imagine their purpose and create learning experiences that prepare kids for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We were unable to watch the video clip due to technical difficulties, but all members are encouraged to go to their website (<http://www.mltsfilm.org>) to view the material.

We reviewed the draft 3-year plan in detail. A meeting is scheduled next week with executive to review our draft. This is an ongoing document. Members were invited to share their input prior to next week’s meeting.

## 7. **Other Business** –

May 11,2016, Minutes – these minutes were not available for approval at our start-up meeting in September. The minutes were adopted under general consent.

Foods Dept. – Trena Parkyn, our Foods teacher, sent us a thank you note expressing appreciation for the support that our parent group has given to her program. She also attended our meeting to thank us and provided treats prepared by her students, which were enjoyed and appreciated by all.

8. **Next Meeting** – our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

9. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.