

**WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

**Churchill Boardroom**

Attendance: Hollie Tarasewich, Trish Mehrer, Rob Mitchell, Keith Fowler, Cheryl Gilmore, Neil Langevin, Carey Rowntree, Tara Cunningham, Morgan Day, Laura Scarpelli, Jesy Malik, Justin Malik, Shauna Hatch, Nancy Mitchell (Recording Secretary)

1. **Call to Order** - the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Hollie/Trish to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.
3. **Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Minutes from the February 15, 2017, meeting were accepted under general consent.
4. **Business Arising from Minutes** –
  - a. **District Resolutions** – voting took place on the Resolutions being presented at the Annual General Meeting of Alberta School Councils Association. The results are as follows:

Special Resolution 17-01 Carried  
A17-01 Motion to Affirm – Carried  
A17-02 Motion to Rescind – 1 opposed. Carried  
P17-01 Support for Mental Health – Carried  
P17-02 Accountability Survey Pillars – Carried  
P17-03 Coding/Computational Thinking Skills – Carried  
P17-04 Support for Truth/Reconciliation Commission – Carried  
P17-05 Addressing All Learning Needs – Carried

P17-06 Funding for Inclusive Education – Carried

P17-07 District Budget Consultations – 1 Favor/1 Opposed. Motion failed.

P17-08 Cost Neutral Carbon Levy – Carried

P17-09 – Publicizing Behavior Guidelines – 2 Favor/2 Opposed. Motion failed.

b. IB Letter to Board – Cheryl spoke to the receipt of this letter. The Board has asked that this item be referred to the principals’ meeting for them to discuss further. The District will be looking at how they can better promote all programs within the district and make sure they are accessible and equitable for all students.

5. Treasurer’s Report – there have been no changes. Our balance remains at \$498.40.

## 6. Committee Reports

a. Students’ Council – the month of March is the blood drive challenge. We are in second place with the third place school close behind us. We like to promote “new donors”. Please encourage others to donate for Churchill.

b. District School Council – a technology software presentation took place prior to the regular meeting. The resources from this presentation are on the website. Town Hall results were discussed and those results are on the website, as well as a link in the DSC minutes. ASCA resolutions are being reviewed by councils at this time. A letter was read from LCI School Council concerning DSC forwarding resolutions to ASCA and the process surrounding this. A copy of the letter is attached to the DSC minutes. Councils are asked to review the letter and answer 3 questions for discussion at the May meeting. Due to the length of our meeting tonight, we will look at these questions in April. Joy Morris conducted math tutoring sessions for parents of middle school students throughout February and March and a Public Education Video was produced highlighting this. The link for the video is in the DSC minutes. The Innovation Scholarship Breakfast held in February had 200 people in attendance and was very successful. This scholarship is available for grades 9 through 12 and the deadline to apply is March 31, 2017.

c. Grad – committee is meeting more regularly as the time is getting closer. Students invited Leonardo DiCaprio to speak at Convocation, however there has been no response. Therefore Garry Malmo will be the guest speaker. Grad will take place June 30<sup>th</sup> at the College. Convocation is at 10:00 a.m. and the evening gala begins at 7:00 p.m.

## 7. Administrative Reports

Neil Langevin – gave a brief overview of the Tell them from Me Survey. The survey shows that students at Churchill are engaged academically and institutionally. Something that is still concerning is the social engagement as students are generally not happy with their peers. Anxiety and depression are higher in our region. There is some improvement but the trend is pretty much the same. Parent survey will go out after Easter. P/T interviews are March 23, 2017. Report cards will be issued before Easter. Registration will happen in April. Timetabling will happen in May and schedules should be out the first part of June. Interesting results when we asked students' opinion as to what start time they preferred. Overwhelmingly the choice was 8:00 a.m.

Tara Orser – IB applications for students are getting ready. Meetings will take place with potential candidates. K & E students will be going out on work experience in April and May.

Morgan Day – next week Lethbridge 51 is sponsoring a GSA Conference on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have 10 students attending. There will be a parent evening at Chinook at 6:30 p.m. One Act Play Festival is April 26 and April 27. Kiwanis Festival will be held from March 27 – April 7, 2017. Moonlight Run is March 18<sup>th</sup> and our band and choirs are volunteering at this.

Carey Rowntree – we are working on scheduling and it is quite involved. With Tara leaving Churchill, the position of vice-principal was open and has been awarded to Tracy Wong. Staffing numbers will not be changing but 4 positions will be posted because there are 3 temporary contracts and one retirement. Provincial budget will be brought down tomorrow so our district will be assessing the impact.

## 8. Other Business

a. Staff Appreciation – tentatively set for May 19, 2017. A request for

assistance will go out to council's email distribution list and a banner can go on the school website. Nancy will coordinate this event.

b. ASCA Representative – Motion by Jesy Malik/Hollie Tarasewich that Jana Roth attend the ASCA conference in Edmonton on behalf of Churchill. Carried.

c. Minister's Youth Council – invitation for this opportunity is on the school website and the district website. Application deadline is May 5, 2017.

d. April Meeting – our regular meeting date falls during the Easter break. Discussion took place whether we would change our date or cancel the April meeting. It was decided we would meet April 12, 2017, so we have time to discuss the DSC letter and questions.

9. Next Meeting – our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:22 p.m.