

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

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

**Churchill Boardroom**

Attendance: Shauna Hatch, Jana Roth, Hollie Tarasewich, Trish Mehrer, Larinda Chase, Cheryl Gilmore, Carey Rowntree, Morgan Day, Jesy Malik, Justin Malik, Nancy Mitchell (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Laura Scarpelli, Rob Mitchell, Keith Fowler, Neil Langevin, Tara Cunningham

1. **Call to Order** - the Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone. A few extra minutes had been given to those who wanted to look through the displays from various agencies in the community that provide support to students requiring assistance transitioning into the adult world after high school. The event was being hosted at Churchill.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Hollie/Trish to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.
3. **Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Motion by Trish/Jana that the Minutes from the March 15, 2017, meeting that were circulated, be adopted. Carried.
4. **Business Arising from Minutes** –
  - a. **Response to DSC Regarding Resolutions** – Our responses to the three questions that we were asked to answer:
    1. *Is it important for District School Council to provide the opportunity for parent representatives to explore wider educational issues?*

Looking at wider educational issues is sometimes a good idea. However, it would just be for discussion purposes and then to seek input from our councils. The purpose of DSC is for collaboration between councils within our district. DSC is an avenue for sharing of ideas but only pertaining to things that affect our district. It was created in order to have cohesive communication and the functioning has

changed substantially.

*2. Should District School Council provide the opportunity for parent representatives to work together on writing potential resolutions that can be examined at a provincial level through Alberta School Council Association processes?*

No. DSC should not be submitting resolutions. Councils are mandated by the Province and each school council is a member of ASCA. Individual councils can submit a resolution to ASCA if they desire. This way the resolution is coming from the entire school council and not just one or two people. The point was noted that 6 school councils are represented on the current committee, however, it was felt that this is not adequate district representation, nor had these people been voted as representatives of their council for this purpose. The committee develop, decide and submit the resolutions and then reps voted on the resolutions at a DSC meeting which can differ from how their council ends up voting on the resolution. Voting is not to be the personal opinion of the rep, but they are representing the corporate voice of their council.

*3. If yes, what process or format should District School Council use to gather ideas, write resolutions, and seek feedback?*

It is important for parents to have a say but through their own councils. We feel the process that is currently happening is backwards. Resolutions must really have a provincial impact and not be so based on isolated situations.

b. Staff Appreciation – tentatively set for May 19, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. It was noted to invite Cheryl Gilmore and Keith Fowler.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – no changes to our account. The balance remains at \$498.40.

## 6. **Committee Reports**

a. Students' Council – there will be a talent show assembly May 18, 2017. Auditions for this event will take place. Elections will be held late in May for

next year's council.

b. District School Council – report on website. A presentation by Marian Biggins on Supporting Math Understanding from the Parent Perspective took place prior to the meeting. Bill 1 was discussed and the Board drafted a letter to be sent out to all parents in the district. Churchill got approval for their exchange trip to Germany over the Easter break next year.

c. Grad – another parent meeting just took place prior to this meeting. Tickets for the evening gala will go on sale in late May.

## 7. Administrative Reports

Neil Langevin – report will be included in Carey's.

Tara Orser – sent in her report. The IB exams will take place in early May. We have 20 grade 10 and 11 K & E students going out on work experience from May 1<sup>st</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Morgan Day – our choirs were successful at Kiwanis. The Spring band and choir concert will take place May 15, 2017 at Southminster Church at 7:00 p.m. One Act Festival will take place April 27<sup>th</sup> at the U of L. Churchill's play: What's Going On Back There will go up at 7:00 p.m. There are 21 students and 3 tech students participating. Next year, Churchill has an exciting opportunity to work in conjunction with John Poulsen from the U of L with our fall production. Our production will take place in a small theatre at the U of L. We will also have access to the U of L techs and the use of the theatre will be free. The Sterndale Bennett, our usual venue, will be under renovation next year at the time of our fall production.

Carey Rowntree – highlighted Alberta's growing diversity of a classroom, which is on page 2 of the Learning Team circular. Churchill's Excellence of our Students and Staff was shared with the district. PowerSchool report cards will be going out and registration has taken place online for students. After Easter, packages for registration will go home for parent signatures. The District has just completed round one of hirings. Approx. 111 teacher positions were affected with 1200 applicants. Gen Ahart will be staying with us in the art dept. Two teachers will be attached to the SAIC Room – Angela Tavernini and Sarah Burton will be returning to Churchill. Chris Morden will be in our English dept and teaching Spanish. Our Science dept will be welcoming Geoff Waugh. The Educational Assistants hirings were completed today, however, names cannot be released yet.

Budgeting is currently being worked on. No grants changed. The growth in our district has helped increase funding to our district. We will have \$100/student less next year, but our staffing is younger and the staffing costs are down slightly. The CEU has changed from 60 to 45. The letter that was drafted by the Board regarding school fees has been sent to our school population.

8. **Other Business**

a. – no new business at this time.

9. **Next Meeting** – our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

10. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.