

WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Churchill Boardroom

Attendance: Laura Scarpelli, Rob Mitchell, Larinda Chase, Trish Mehrer, Morgan Day, Tracy Wong, Neil Langevin, Carey Rowntree, Nancy Mitchell (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Jesy Malik

1. **Call to Order** - the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone.
2. **Minutes from Previous Meeting** – MOTION by Rob/Trish that the January 17, 2018, Minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.
3. **Business Arising from Minutes** – nothing
4. **Treasurer's Report** – the account balance remains at \$112.92.
5. **Committee Reports**

a. **Students' Council** – March 1st is a recognition assembly. Thursday March 8th is survivor night. March is blood donation month and the challenge between high schools takes place. We have 9 students attending the Horizons Leadership Conference next Wednesday at Chinook.

b. **District School Council** – Town Hall took place February 6th and results are on the website. Policies that are under review this year are also available on the website or from a member of that committee.

c. **Grad** – hoodies have arrived. Grads have decided on a Hollywood theme. Baby pictures need to be brought in for the slide show. LA Chefs will be catering and providing decorating support. There will not be a gift from the parent committee this year and if there is sufficient funds left over they would like to purchase a tree for the school.

6. **Administrative Reports**

Neil Langevin – surveys compare types of students we have compared to the rest of the country. Our results show that our students are academically engaged and that they like school. However, survey shows that they do not feel connected to peers and are feeling anxiety. Attendance data is actually higher than most other schools in the country. Thirty percent of our students are missing 25 percent of school and 60 percent of students come all the time. Will be communicating with parents as to what is chronic absenteeism and what it looks like. Anything more than 10 to 15 percent is considered chronic.

Morgan Day – Art students went over to the University to Arts Alive. “Canstruction” is taking place tomorrow. Students construct stadiums out of canned goods. Food gets donated to the Food Bank after the event. Curling team off to Provincials tomorrow. We applied for two grants from Poverty Intervention Fund. We will be hosting a Family Day at the school on Friday, May 25th. The day will begin with breakfast and we are seeking parents to help with breakfast preparation and clean up. There will be two sessions during the morning and the day will wrap up with the 5 km Color Run at lunch and then a unified bocce tournament. The idea of the day is to celebrate Churchill family. An art project will be created where all students will participate and contribute. One idea is a tree where all students would make a leaf. Nancy, Trish and Rob have agreed to volunteer for this event.

Tracy Wong – Pink Shirt Day took place today. There is a staff kindness group which is working to build empathy in students. Statistics show that the more adverse experiences a student has, they are more than four times at risk for disengaging in many things. We held a Toast and Toast where our students came in and enjoyed toast and wrote notes of kindness and those notes were put on a large piece of toast. Security cameras are not going to cost as much as expected so we are able to get a 15 x 8.5 ft screen for the score clock. We will also be getting an updated sound system. Blackfoot class is being offered this semester. John Calf Chief will be sharing with staff at our meeting Friday.

Carey Rowntree – the school recognition highlights were passed around. Staffing for next year is already being looked at. First step is to project student population. About 835 students are projected for next year. We will be increasing net staff by about 2. Round 1 postings will be going out next week. There are two retirements – the Construction Technology and a Social Studies position. An English position and a Drama/English split will be advertised. Our Hall of Fame inductions take place every other year and this is an induction year. We have narrowed down candidates to three potential inductees. This assembly will take place May 11th.

7. **Other Business** – none
8. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.
9. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.