

WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Churchill Boardroom

Attendance: Laura Scarpelli, Trish Mehrer, Jesy Malik, Hollie Tarasewich, Maureen Wills, Tracy Wong, Morgan Day, Carey Rowntree, Duane Pike

Regrets: Larinda Chase, Rob Mitchell, Neil Langevin, Nancy Mitchell

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 Trish/Hollie that the March 21, 2018, Minutes be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

3. **Business Arising from Minutes** – nothing at this time.

4. **Treasurer's Report** – The cheque for \$250 from the District has been deposited which brings the account balance to \$362.92.

5. **Committee Reports**

a. **Students' Council** – we have 5 students running for student council president. There are 5 executive positions and 3 of these have been filled by acclamation. Voting will take place with the 5 students running for president and vice-president will be filled by the runner-up. Voting takes place May 23, 2018. They are also meeting with the students' council from the other high schools and are planning a city-wide outdoor movie event. The date for this event will be June 8th and will be held at LCI. The movie will be Back to the Future. They are expecting about 400 students.

b. **District School Council** – no report available.

c. **Grad** – plans are progressing very smoothly. Tickets for the food will go on sale from May 23rd to June 9th, on Cash Online. They are \$20 each. The grad luncheon is on June 5th and students are given a pizza lunch and look at an overview of the day. Trena Parkyn will be our guest speaker at Convocation.

6. **Administrative Reports**

Neil Langevin – no report available. Carey reported that he has been working on the schedule for next year.

Morgan Day – May 25th is our Family Day celebration. Trish, Rob and Nancy will be helping at this event. We will be setting up by the east parking lot. Rob has secured a griddle for the pancakes. We will also be serving fruit with the pancakes. School-wide project will be

making the tree. The process will be recorded and will be shown at Color Day. Students will take part in two sessions of their choice. The day will conclude with the school Color Run that is optional for students and the final event will be a unified bocce tournament. Tunes in June will take place June 7th on the front lawn. Students' Council will be holding a barbecue in conjunction with this. Other north side schools are invited to attend. World exams are taking place this week.

Tracy Wong – the transition to high school for the grade 9s can be quite difficult. We are always looking at ways to reduce the stress with this process. We have met with Wilson in the planning of this. In March, we held grade 9 round tables with our students and that feedback has helped us in making plans to ease the transition. We made a few solid plans with helping our incoming grade 8 students. We will be meeting with them twice and some students will visit even more. All grade 8s will be coming to Churchill June 21st. They will meet their advisor prior to start-up in the fall. Orange and Blue day will now take place on the first day of school rather than in August as not all students are able to attend during the summer.

There was a health champion meeting this week. The district has been approached by AHS and the city police to hold an evening called “Cannabis, Let’s Talk” in preparation for the legalization of marijuana. Invitations were sent to this event to random families.

Carey Rowntree – a few more staffing updates. Katie Nelson has been hired for Aimee’s maternity leave. Katie will be teaching Social and English. We also have a math maternity leave for Kimberly Burton. This will be filled by Jihee Kwag. Lindsey Baird will be teaching English and Yvette Loewen will be working in the District ELL program housed in our building. We had previously posted our shop position and we did have a successful candidate, however, due to personal reasons and the need to stay closer to Edmonton, he was no longer able to fill the position. When we posted the position again we had 14 applicants and in the end we had a District placement of Toby Boulet. Toby taught shop full-time prior to his years teaching Physical Education.

Advanced Education will be hosting meetings to look at the draft of the new curriculum for K-4. This will take place in Lethbridge June 5th, with two sessions that can accommodate 100 people.

The preliminary budget for the 2018-19 school year was handed out. Allocations did not change significantly. Carey explained why co-curricular had a substantial increase. Learning Team newspaper was also handed out. Interesting article on whether or not technology has ruined a generation. Find ways to get your kids active and engaged.

7. **Other Business** – Alberta Education is conducting a survey regarding transportation. Even if your students don’t use transportation, you should take the survey. Changes may affect all parents.
8. **Next Meeting** – it was undecided whether or not there would be a dinner meeting in June.
9. **Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.