

# MINUTES

## Charles Spencer High School Parent Council

10/18/2023 6:00 PM

In Attendance: Janis S, Crystal C, Jason W, Spencer P, Sharon B, Corry H, Jenelle F, Reagan D,

Regrets: Melanie, Donna, Joanne

### Meeting Minutes

Call to order: at 6:01 p.m.

Introductions:

Review and approval of past Minutes: Reagan motions to approve past minutes, Jenelle seconds. Carried

Approval of/additions to Agenda: Regan motions to approve the agenda with no additions. Jenelle seconds. Carried

Administrator's Report (Jason Wall)

Highlights:

#### **Supports for Grade 9s**

Grade 9 ELA/Health are taking part in a 4-week DBT (dialectical behavior therapy) skills work shop. Lead by Amber Cardinal a wellness coach from Connect Team Capacity Building. The work shop focuses on managing emotions and coping with stress.

#### **RCMP School Resource Officers – Constables Ool and Miller**

Presence in the school – eating lunch with students

Conversations with students, as needed (with parent approval)

Proposed workshop with all grade 9s addressing topics of bullying and discrimination

#### **Professional Learning for staff in November**

Half day workshop with all staff on Nov 10 by Typanga Evans – Community Educator NorthReach

#### **The Mental Wellness Society (possible program)**

Proposed 12-week lunch group for students with identified Social-emotional learning needs

#### **Focus of professional learning**

Inquiry question for the school year

Our goal is to forge shared commitments related to assessment practices in classes, between departments, including how items are entered into PowerSchool and communicated to students and parents.

#### **Honours posters, certificates and recognitions**

Grade 9 - 55

Grade 10 – 90

Grade 11 – 75

Grade 12 – 43

#### **Provincial Achievement (Grade 9) and Diploma Exam Data**

More info to be shared once the report has been fully looked at by admin

#### **Musical Theatre Production: Carrie the Musical**

A letter from Ms Daniella Ceron,

Choosing a musical is no easy task, as there are many things to consider. Audience and student demographics, difficulty, orchestration, and diversity are a few. In this year's selection, I choose to focus on two things: the talent that we have at the school, and our core value of risk-taking. I understand that choosing such a macabre production is a risk that won't be well received by every person, but what is important is that I am giving the students of Charles Spencer the opportunity to tell a different story: one that we haven't heard before. Of course, many are familiar with Stephen King's story of Carrie White, a misfit girl with telekinetic abilities who wreaks havoc on her senior prom, but this show puts the title in a whole new light.

I view Carrie: The Musical as both a "Cinderella Thriller" and a meditation on womanhood. It is unique to the other productions in that it does not have a resolution or satisfying ending; good does not ultimately triumph over evil. Despite the writers' decision to brand the show with an anti-victorious ending. This production lends our female talent the opportunity to bring forth what they are truly capable of in a dramatic setting in a way that is unmatched by other musicals.

### **Athletic Update**

Two female golfers won gold at Zone Championships:

- Samantha Speck won the Northwest zone senior golf championship and then ended up 12<sup>th</sup> out of 97 golfers at Provincials in Lloydminster
- Emma VanBerg won the Northwest zone junior high golf championship

We have a cross country runner, William Armstrong competing in cross country provincials in Trochu after winning Gold at zones last weekend.

Grade 9 Junior Varsity and Senior Volleyball teams continue with their season. We are one month away from senior 4A provincials in Calgary

### **Chair Report (Janis)**

Highlights:

No report

Trustee Report (Donna Koch) [donna.koch@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:donna.koch@gppsd.ab.ca)

Highlights:

### **DEREK TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TRIP- BAMFIELD MARINE STATION**

42 Junior High students from Derek Taylor Public School are excitedly fundraising for an educational field trip to the Bamfield Marine Station on Vancouver Island in March 2024. The application to visit the station was submitted early last year, however the Bamfield Marine Station receives more applications for student trips than can be scheduled. Fortunately, the Derek Taylor request is one of the school trips approved for the current year! The Bamfield program gives students hands on experience and an introduction to the marine sciences. Scheduled activities provide learning opportunities on the water, in labs, and on the beautiful beaches and coastline which surround Bamfield.

### **UPDATED LEARNING DISRUPTION FUNDING ALLOCATION PROCESS**

Alberta Education has changed the funding model for the allocation of resources to support academic interventions and is no longer using pre-assessments from the start of the school year. The process now uses student assessment data from the end of the school year to allocate funds.

### **ANNUAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT SUMMARY REPORT**

Enrollment for the 2023 - 2024 school year has again substantially exceeded the projections submitted to Alberta Education last January. The Division saw an increase of 4.88%, or 407 students from the 2022 - 2023 school year, with 8741 students attending the Division.

### **MINISTER'S VISIT - OCTOBER 23, 2023**

The Minister of Education will be in Grande Prairie on Monday, October 23. The Minister will be touring Grande Prairie Composite High School from 2:15 to 3:15 that day and will be meeting with local boards following the tour at the Peace Wapiti Public School Division. The meeting with our Board will be from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Students from the Board's Student Advisory Committee, including Daisy Nellis who is on the Minister's Youth Council, will help lead the Minister's tour.

### **DIVISION CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST**

This year the theme for the annual student Christmas Card contest is Happy Holidays and Division high school students will be asked to enter for a chance to have their artwork chosen as the cover of the annual Christmas card. Posters have been sent out to the Grande Prairie Composite, Charles Spencer High School and the Bridge Network, and information can be found on the Division website as well. Cash prizes will be given for 1st 2nd and 3rd.

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Highlights:

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Questions/Concerns

None

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 6:42pm