



Cold Lake Junior High School

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Principal Chan Cusson

Assistant Principals Twila Moore and Colleen Yoshida



School Council Minutes

September 17, 2024

Present:

- Dawn Webber
- Raquel Abbott
- Amanda Howatt
- Jen Gibbons
- Mara Needham
- Angela Hoi
- Tyanna Carr-Janes
- Colleen Yoshida, Assistant Principal
- Nicole Coben, Assistant Principal
- Chan Cusson, Principal
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School Council meeting Start time: 6:02

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. School Council Bylaws - Handout

3. Nominations

- a. Chair: Mara nominated Ashley Reid for Chair. Ashley responded to the text with a "no"
- b. Nominations and elections tabled to next meeting

4. School Council Vs PAC roles

Council - advisory role

PAC - raising money

Question about the need for criminal record check - only if you are working directly with students.

5. School Report

- a. Staffing
- b. Enrollment over projection right now at 469.
- c. Teaching and Learning:
 - i. IXL - feedback last year was for teachers to use it as a supplemental program for individual support for students. (Not universal this year)
 - ii. Report Cards - Online access unless requested.
- d. Positive Behaviour Support

- i. Attendance - Tracking closely
- ii. Cellphones - we're tracking cell phone use. 1st warning, then to the office, then escalating consequences. Only 1-2 reminders a day. Most kids are really good about it.
- iii. Concern from one member about reputation of the school; several member said their children have been successful here and that school council members need to be ambassadors for CLJH

e. Request from staff and students about grade 7/8s leaving campus

- i. Unanimous no

f. School Education Plan

- i. Mental Wellness and Learning Pathways
 - 1. Ms Shankowski - Learning Pathways Advisor - looking at motivating students by connecting areas of study to careers
 - a. Tyanna talked about possibility of job shadowing, volunteer opportunities, could "interview"
 - 2. Mrs Fournier - Wellness EA - space for social emotional learning programming, sensory breaks for targetted groups. Regular check-ins and support.
 - 3. Mrs Bernicki - Counsellor
- ii. First Nations Community supports - We have support workers from CLFN, Fishing Lake, Friendship Centre. All have been given grant \$ and are working with staff to support our students.

g. Around the school

- i. Clubs at lunch - activities and things to do
 - 1. Science club (Gardening club)
 - 2. Lego club (current events club)
 - 3. Dungeons and Dragons
 - 4. Drama Club
 - 5. Book Club
 - 6. Gym - Intramurals
 - 7. Culture Club

h. Math Programming

- i. Divided grade 9 math students into ability levels and added extra minutes of instruction to the week. Positive feedback from parents and students.

- i. **Alberta School Council Engagement Grant \$500** - Need to decide if they want to use it by Oct 15. (Could be used to pay for professional development for exec members.) Tabled to next meeting

j. Adjournment: 7:20

Parent Advisory Council Minutes

September 17, 2024

PAC meeting Start: 7:21

Present:

- Chan Cusson, Principal
- Raquel Abbott - raquellcross@hotmail.com
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- Jen Gibbons - jengibbons4@outlook.com
- Mara Needham - needhammara@gmail.com
- Angela Hoi - angela.d.hoy@gmail.com
- Tyanna Carr-Janes - tjandtc@telus.net
- Colleen Yoshida, Assistant Principal
- Nicole Coben, Assistant Principal
- Dawn Webber - epicurebydawn@gmail.com
- Absent: Jessica Smith - jessica.smith200703@gmail.com

PAC Agenda Items:

1. Amanda asked about working concessions. No, Nelson Heights has it this year.
2. Chan has a pile of financial materials - need a treasurer.
3. Fundraising idea - Sweet Infusion Honey - honey fusion business. Keep 30% of profits. Can set up on school website.
4. What is the goal for the money?
 - a. Coaches are asking for subsidy of sports fees
 - b. Discussion about spending to decrease the cost of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities (for all kids involved)
 - c. Discussion about supporting students who are unable to pay.
5. Idea: Invite Jolie-anne to bring the poutine truck on Mondays?
6. Electronic motion coming for funding volleyball fees for student in need
7. We will do the honey fundraiser. Chan will initiate the contact for this.

Adjournment: 7:48