

ÉSCH/CHHS School Council Minutes

Monday, March 31, 2025

School Cafeteria

In attendance: Mike Kukurudza, Ashley Durbeniuk, Pat Grisonich, Karen Saffran, Troy Hale, Jodie Colbe, Erin Vossler,

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Karen at 6:33 pm

- a. Land Acknowledgement
- b. Welcome and introductions

- Joined tonight by Vice Principal Ashley Durbeniuk for a discussion about “Communication of Student Learning”

2. Review of Agenda

The discussion with Ashley was moved to the beginning of the meeting. **Modified agenda was approved by Troy and seconded by Erin. All in favour.** *The presentation notes will still appear at the end of these minutes.*

3. Approval of minutes from February 24, 2025

Erin moved to approve minutes as written. Jodie seconded. All in favour.

4. Reports and Information Items

a. Principal’s Report (Mr. Kukurudza)

- **Staffing:** A number of teachers are taking leaves of absence. These leaves will be covered internally and by substitutes who were previously CHHS staff members.
- **Quarter 4:** Starts April 7. Particularly affects those students with quarterly options.
- **Fire Drill:** A routine fire drill will take place on April 8.
- **Standardized Testing:** The Provincial Government is transitioning to a digital platform for student assessment. PATs (Provincial Achievement Tests) will be written online by grade 9s this year. Grade 12 Diploma Exams will be hand-written this year using the traditional booklets, but next year will be online.
- **OurSchool Survey:** This is the school’s main tool for getting information and feedback from stakeholders for future planning. It is really helpful if all parents fill this out.
- **Inappropriate Language:** A parent expressed concern about the disrespectful and inappropriate language their child is hearing at school. While it is hard to monitor when students are talking among themselves, the school strives to create a positive and respectful environment where all students feel safe. Mike stressed that racial, homophobic, and other hurtful and harmful words are not tolerated - hate speech is a suspension offence. This is a topic that parents can discuss with their children at home to help the school address this issue.

b. Trustee’s Report (Mr. Grisonich)

- The trustees had a presentation on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- A value-scoping exercise is underway to set priorities for modernizing existing schools and building new ones in the MHPSD.
- The Division will be hosting parents who want to participate in the ASCA online Spring Symposium (April 26).
- The Drama trip to New York was approved after a presentation to the Board.
- A mental health symposium is being planned by PSBAA (Public School Board Association of Alberta).
- MHPSD trustees and administrators are headed on a retreat in May to discuss priorities and set goals for the Division.

c. Wellness Champion Report (Jodie)

- Jodie provided an update on ongoing activities, including games, crafts, and upcoming events.

d. Financial Report (Mike/Karen)

- Funds were spent to register CHHS for the Alberta School Councils Association Conference and to purchase SparkPath Career Challenge and Myth cards, which have arrived and have been given to the school.

e. Alberta School Councils Association Conference (Karen)

- All parents can attend for free: [Alberta School Councils Association - Event Registration](#).
- Parents can participate online at home or join others at the Board Office on April 26.
- More information about the Virtual Spring Symposium is available here: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference>

5. Special Discussion – Gathering feedback and parent perspective on school communication and reporting

Ashley led a wide-ranging discussion about the current reporting system at CHHS and asked for feedback with the goal of making reporting more understandable, relevant, and actionable. Topics included the need for consistency and standardization in reporting between subjects and between teachers, the importance of clear criteria and expectation setting, the value of open communication and collaboration with parents, the role of face-to-face interviews, and the balance between effectively communicating student progress while not contributing to information overload.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Next meeting: In-person (cafeteria) and On-line (Zoom) Monday, May 12 at 6:30.