

ÉSCH/CHHS School Council Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2025

School Cafeteria

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Karen at 6:30 pm

- a. Land Acknowledgement
- b. Welcome and introductions

- Two administrators joined us tonight to talk about Responsibility Centred Discipline

2. Review of Agenda

We decided to move Shonna and Ashley's presentation to the beginning of the meeting to be respectful of their time. **Modified agenda was approved Erin and seconded by Jodie. All in favour.** *The presentation notes will still appear at the end of these minutes.*

3. Approval of minutes from January 20, 2025

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

4. Reports and Information Items

a. Principal's Report (Mr. Kukurudza)

- **Open House:** The high school open house is on the evening of March 4th and will provide an opportunity for grade nine families and new students to learn about high school. Secretaries will be available to assist with registration issues.
- **High School Registration:** The high school counselor will visit grade 10 and 11 classes to assist students with their schedules for the next year. Teachers provide course recommendations, but families have the final say. If a student struggles, they can switch to a different course level within the first month. The counselor will ensure students and families are on the same page regarding selections.
- **Junior High Registration:** There is an increase in out-of-boundary students wanting to join the junior high program, with 30 students currently interested compared to the usual 3. The diverse programming, including the Hockey Academy, has contributed to the increased interest in the junior high program.
- **Timetable Process:** The timetable process will start soon, with a focus on improving efficiencies and ensuring better staffing and programming next year.
- **Alberta Accountability Pillar Surveys:** Parents of grade 7 and 10 students will receive an email with a random-access code to participate in the survey. The deadline for submission is March 21st. The survey will cover programming, bullying, culture, and building. The data collected will be used for planning.
- **In-House School Survey:** In addition to the Alberta Accountability Pillar survey, the school will conduct an in-house survey specific to their building and programming. This survey will also be used for planning purposes.

- **Practicum Students:** There will be 35 to 40 practicum students from various colleges and universities in the building until the end of the school year, providing additional support for students and teachers.
- **International Students:** Mike reminded us about the need for host families for international students in the fall, as they are expecting 50 Brazilian students.
- **PowerSchool Data Breach:** Tonielle asked about the PowerSchool data breach, having received a notification saying personal data, including student names, birthdays, and addresses could be affected. Mike acknowledged the breach but had limited information, suggesting that affected families could receive more details directly from the Division

b. Trustee's Report (Mr. Grisonich)

- Pat reported that since the ASCA conference will be virtual this year, the Division has decided to host an event at the school board office on April 26th so that parents can participate together and have the opportunity to discuss the on-line content. The MHPSD plans to cover the costs and encourage parent participation.

c. Wellness Champion Report (Jodie)

- Jodie provided an update on ongoing activities, including games, crafts, family violence prevention month, and upcoming events like the movie of the month.

d. Financial Report (Mike/Karen)

- The financial report was shared, showing a balance of \$4118.66. At the last meeting, \$500 was allocated to the March 15 Cabane à Sucre event. A discussion was held about how to spend the \$500 ASCE grant. It was decided that \$100 could be used to register the school for the ASCA conference, and the remaining \$400 be used to purchase a set of SparkPath Challenge Cards, Trades Cards, and Career Myth Cards. Troy moves, Erin seconds. All in favour. These tools will enhance communication with parents around discussions with their children about career possibilities and how these decisions affect choices in high school.

e. Alberta School Councils Association Conference (Karen)

- As discussed above, this conference is ASCE grant-eligible. The \$100 payment allows ALL CHHS parents to register to attend this online conference for FREE.
- More information about the Virtual Spring Symposium is available here: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference>
- This year's theme is Resilience. Featured guest speakers include the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis - Minister of Education, [Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe](#), and Youth Resilience Coach [Jo Phillips](#).

5. Special Presentation – Responsibility Centered Discipline

Ms. Barth was introduced to this systematic approach to school discipline at an education conference featuring educator and author Larry Thompson. She and Ms. Durbeniuk are working

to bring this concept to Crescent Heights with the goal of having all adults in the building using common language, clear protocols, and consistent responses for problematic behaviours. The first step was for CHHS to define some foundational skills that staff wants all students to develop. These are Responsibility, Perseverance, and Communication. A summary handout can be found here: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1byBayA9xVbfxJ2MQINHNBpZrZs01bNaNDRRTxPrZrc/edit#slide=id.g331b1ffafff_0_9

Thanks so much to Shonna and Ashley for sharing this refreshing approach for getting students to take responsibility for their behaviour and to support them in making positive changes.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next meeting: In-person (cafeteria) and On-line (Zoom) Monday, March 31 at 6:30.