

## Chestermere High School Council Meeting Minutes January 16, 2024

Those in Attendance: Amanda D-S, Kyle D-S, Alison M, Karla G, Amanda Jo C, Heather B, Shelley, Chris

Amanda Jo called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Amanda Jo approved the meeting minutes from the last meeting. Amanda seconded it.

Amanda approved the current agenda. Amanda Jo seconded it.

Chris had two teachers present their current PBIS initiative. Chris then gave the admin report:

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### PBIS Presentation

- Ms. Taylor and Mr. Ledieu to present on our PBIS initiative. Matrix development. Celebration of student accomplishments.

### Winter Formal

- The grade 12 Winter Formal Dance happened on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. The staff and students had a great time.

### Fine Arts

- On Saturday, December 2nd, Chestermere High School's Jazz Band performed at Chestermere Agricultural Committee's "That Winter Thing" Festival.
- Congratulations to the CHS Music Department who put on a spectacular performance at their annual Winter Concert. The Wilson Gym was packed to capacity to listen to the amazing band and choir performances led by Ms. Ploughman and Ms. Jones. \$900 was raised to support the band trip to Nova Scotia at the end of April.
- The Performing Arts Academy is excited to celebrate our spring musical of Shrek. Audition information will be coming out in January. Students are encouraged to speak to Ms. Fulthorpe if they have interest in joining the musical in any capacity - Pit Band, acting, and/or something behind the scenes.

### My Life With the Walter Boys (TV Series)

- For those who were in our school community a couple of years ago, you might remember that a Netflix show was filmed on our campus. For those that are interested, My Life with the Walter Boys is now streaming on Netflix and you can see our school and campus prominently displayed in many scenes. They filmed scenes on the football field, track, basketball courts, art room, classrooms, and front entrance of the school. Many of our students at the time can also be seen as extras.

### Athletics

- Congratulations to the following CHHS Football Players for earning RVS League Awards. The following Lakers earned All-Star Awards: #12 Lincoln Seely, #55 Tej Madan, #31 Adam Eam, #3 Noah Saraceni, and #21 Ryan Holladay. Joshua Willis

earned the Coaches Hustle Award. #60 Ali Al-Ashaki was honoured for RVS Outstanding Defensive Lineman and #15 Gage Nagassar received the RVS Outstanding Receiver Award. Congratulations to all our players and coaches on a great football season.

- Congratulations to Gage Nagassar and Tej Madan on being selected to the South Team for the Football Alberta Senior Bowl. Also, congratulations to three members of our CHS football coaching staff. Mr. Ledieu was the Head Coach, Mr. Bec was the Linebackers Coach, and Mr. Franssen was the Offensive Line Coach for the south provincial football team. The South Team beat the North Alberta Senior Team 32-2.
- The first badminton meeting is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup> in the Wilson Gym at lunch. Any students looking to try out for the team must be there to sign up and learn about the tryouts and season expectations.

## Leadership

- Leadership hosted an Extracurricular Fair in the South Gym. Booths around the gym advertised sports, clubs, and extracurricular opportunities available at Chestermere High School. QR codes were available at each booth for students to sign-up to receive more information about that extracurricular at a later date.
- Spirit Week – Our leadership students created theme days for School Spirit Week before the break.
  - Monday, Dec. 18 - Barbie vs. Ken Day
  - Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Jersey Day
  - Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Western Wednesday
  - Thursday, Dec. 21 - Ugly/Favourite Sweater Day
  - Friday, Dec. 22 - PJ Day, with a Photo Booth in the drama room at lunch!
- Students sold candy cane Candy Grams on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at lunch in the North and South socials.
- Leadership Initiatives in Semester 2
  - Charity Dinner & Auction for Chestermere Women's Shelter in March/April.
  - Culture Week in March/April.
  - Pep Rally in early May – student surveys show interest.

## CTS

- Congratulations to the following students who competed in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Rocky View Schools Cosmetology Competition. This competition was created by the Cosmetology teachers in RVS and was a great experience for

the students. Our students represented the school well with the following achievements:

- McKenna Thiessen- 1<sup>st</sup> place Braiding
- Marcaid Langrell- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Braiding
- Kendra Waldrum- 2<sup>nd</sup> place FX Makeup

#### Timetable for 24-25

- Class change requests for the second semester are now being processed. Class changes can only be made by completing the Google form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/57P9VgCpM8ZZYzxy5>
- Course Request Forms and Complemetary Courses were shared with School Council for feedback.
- Courses being added through consultation:
  - Girl's Hockey/Ringette Class Next Year  
With the success of the hockey program this year, Mr. Elenko is gauging parent/student interest in a Girl's Hockey/Ringette class next year. If any girls are interested please talk to your parents/guardians and complete the linked survey. <https://forms.gle/6EtG2bTZXJmXRxFs5>
  - Astronomy
  - Business 30
  - Graphic Design 20

Shelley gave the trustee report:

January 15th, 2024

-Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the 2023/2024 School year. I look forward to working with your Council for the rest of the year.

-The school decision was made at the December 14th Board Meeting – the new school will welcome Grades 9-11 in 2024/2025 and then Grades 9-12 in 2025. Sarah Thompson will remain K – 5. Langdon and Indus Schools will become K – 8 Schools. The decision was made after careful consideration from what the Board and Administration heard during extensive public engagement with community members, both in person and online. The Board thanks residents of Langdon and area for participating in the public engagement and looks forward to celebrating the opening of the new school with the community next school year.

- Current Grade 10 students of CHS who live in the new school's attendance boundary would need to apply as an out of area student to attend CHS for the 2024/2025 school year and RVS transportation would not be guaranteed.

-The Board has directed the Superintendent to investigate opportunities to bus Chestermere students to and from Langdon area schools starting in September of 2024 and report findings to the Board Planning Committee by the end of March 2024. French Immersion may be part of this discussion along with balancing spaces in Chestermere area schools.

- The AD HOC naming committee is hard at work choosing a new name for the School. The committee is comprised of community members, local staff, a student, and the Trustee. Two names will be put forward by the committee to the Board and one will be chosen at the beginning of February.

-Exemplary Practice – Cochrane Christian Academy students are being encouraged to discover a love of reading through a program called CCA Reads. More than 75% of the students are participating. Students track how often they read outside school hours. For every 25 hours they read, they win a prize. A coveted prize is the ability to have Pizza with the Principal once students accumulate 150 nights. This program aligns with Goal # 1 of our Education Plan.

Banded Peak Schools Winter Market – In December students hosted their 3rd Winter market which allows students to showcase their talents and creativity. Students either – played in the band, selling items they produced or participating in an outdoor performance. Young entrepreneurs (Grades 5-8) shared how they built a small business including how to produce, market and sell their products. This market achieves several of RVS' Education Plan outcomes (numeracy, communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills along with community engagement).

- Supplemental Growth Funding supports but does not solve Instructional Funding Shortage. Based on enrollment numbers. And the weighted moving average, there are approximately 720 students not included in the divisions base instructional grant. After applying the government's formula, the supplemental enrolment grant will generate an additional 1.2 million. However, even with this grant we receive 3.3 million, less than if every student was funded. Infographic available on the Rocky View Schools website.

-RVS has invited Danielle Smith to visit Chestermere High School to see students in Cosmetology and Culinary Arts career connection programs. The Premier indicated a willingness and desire to visit schools across the province. Future Ready students is one of our Goals.

-Division Education Plan Update - Goal #1 – In response to assessment results which indicate improvements in literacy and numeracy are needed, schools developed goals and measures to guide instructional focus and provide appropriate interventions for groups of students.

Goal # 2 – Building Future Ready Students - Administration and teachers at 33 schools formed a Career Connections Strategy group which meets to provide career education and planning for students Grades 6-12 with access to initiatives intended to build career skills development programming.

Goal # 3 – focuses on creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students through focusing on PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) lessons, expanding their use of “catching kids being good” and rewarding in various ways for positive behaviour.

- A response letter was sent to the community delegation which presented its concerns regarding human sexuality education in RVS schools. We thanked them for their perspective and shared that we reviewed the details and information received from Senior Administration regarding their presentation. Following the review and consideration of the information presented, the Board believes that current RVS policies, procedures and processes related to teaching sexual health education meet a high standard of care and diligence in providing a welcoming, caring and respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging.

The Board is confident that it is meeting its mandate to provide human sexuality education in an open and transparent way and is engaging with and including parents as their children's primary educators

- Policy 20 – Inclement Weather Reminder - Information can be found on the RVS website under About RVS – Policies & Procedures. Reminder that Parents always have the choice of determining whether to send their children to school on days when weather conditions are a factor. Student Age, distance, bussing are often factors for parents when making this decision.

-New Where's the Bus App coming soon – improved technology is being used for students riding the bus. Students are asked to use their RFID card to get on and off from the bus on a tablet system. Usage has been much improved. Soon data will help keep parents informed as to where exactly the bus is and when it will be arriving or dropping off students. The App is not available currently as it is being piloted first.

-Staff benefit from RVS; investment in Professional Learning and Leadership Development – part of our Strategic Plan to bolster our workforce. Programming includes: The Administrative Leadership Program (ALP 1, 2, 3 and 4) - 69 participants, the Education Centre Leadership Development and Support Program – 22 participants along with other leadership and professional development opportunities - 1620 staff have participated in 66 programs. The learning opportunities have a 94% rating from staff. Well done!

-Three Board Committees have updated their Terms of Reference – Advocacy, Audit and Student Transportation Board Committees.

Questions?

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New Business:

-Amanda Jo brought up the idea of a new perseverance award. This would be aimed more to a student who failed or did poorly in a main course and retook it and passed with a much better mark. They would be celebrated for pushing themselves to be better in that subject area. Chris will be looking into what we can do about some new awards and what money we can put towards them as a reward.

-Amanda Jo brought up fundraising for School Council and thought a vending machine would be a great way to bring in some money for School Council. Shelley and Chris are both looking into this to see what rules and regulations there are for the vending machines in the school. A suggestion was to sell products that wouldn't be competing with the current vending machines.

-Amanda Jo asked about funds for football canteen start up and Chris said he could help with that.

Old Business:

-We need the meeting minutes and agendas put on the school site ASAP from all meetings and for all upcoming meetings. Chris will get this situated.

-We will have a student representative at our next council meeting from the leadership group to let us know what they have planned for school events coming up.

There will be another meeting coming up in March. Chris is looking at dates and will let us know ASAP.

The next meeting after March will be April 16 at 6pm in the learning commons. Our final meeting and AGM will be on May 14 at 6pm in the learning commons.

Amanda Jo adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm