

## **Chestermere High School Meeting Minutes**

### **May 13, 2025**

In Attendance: Chris, Shali, Amanda Jo, Amanda D-S, Linnea, Allison, Debbie, Selena, Gillian, Kyle, Noelle, Emily, and Amiah.

Amanda Jo called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Amanda Jo approved the prior meeting minutes and Amanda D-S seconded that. Debbie approved the agenda and Linnea seconded that.

Chris read the Admin report:

#### Principal's Report - May 13, 2025

- Thank you to Amanda Jo and Amanda. Over the years, your work as School Council Chairs has substantially contributed positively to our learning community. You have both volunteered untold hours, provided valuable and thoughtful feedback and joined us on a journey of excellence in learning. Your kids have been a delight to have at school. Amanda Jo has helped our Band, Plays/Musicals, and Fashions, to name just a few. You have both attended our Band concerts and performances. I will miss signing Amanda's kid's rodeo forms. Thank you so much for everything.
- Thank you to the School Council for catering lunch for the staff on March 31, 2025. It was delicious and appreciated by the staff.
- Teacher Reflection on Amanda Jo: Thanks to Amanda Jo Couture (Ryder and Annabelle's mother and of the Parent Council). This thanks is very old from **Q3 in 2024**, but here nonetheless! In my recent attempts to fill my classroom and extra-curriculars with parent volunteers, Amanda Jo was my very first CHHS option course parent volunteer! She was instrumental in Fashions 10 as a parent volunteer (received her education in Olds and she works in the fashions industry) providing enrichment to students who wanted to go above and beyond. Among so many benefits, the highlight was inspiring a student to come in to work on a new Fashions project after the course was finished; this student came in during reassessment week to sew a shirt, and one that I would BUY and WEAR! In addition, I was able to provide additional module credits and easily take on more students in my first semester of Fashions because I had detail, advice and assistance! Thanks Amanda Jo Couture!
- Jessica Ajoku's poster, Unseen, came in **First Place** in the High School category of the Mental Health Out Loud contest.

- PBIS Tiered Fidelity – 93% highest ever achieved in RVS.
- Badminton – Ms. Everson, Mr. Massig, and Mr. Elenko for coaching, supervising, hosting, and winning RVS divisionals. They have won numerous divisional championships over the last dozen years.
- Timetable  
The current matrix achieves 98% satisfaction with requests. 100% satisfaction with core requests. The next step will be creating staff schedules. There still may be changes, e.g., collapsing courses to meet budgetary expectations. Staff based Off-Campus Coordinator (RAP/WE/GC) - 0.5 FTE, Exposure to the workforce.
- Ms. Fulthorpe, for the wonderful article in the Anchor celebrating and advertising the Musical: <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/news/post/chestermere-high-school-students-explore-their-passions-through-fine-arts-academy>
- New CHHS Crest – all staff voted and contributed feedback on the new crest.
- **Portables** - Fencing is up. Excavation started today. Most of the work will take place during the summer and, hopefully, wrap up in September
- **Graduation**
  - Grad Check #1-May 20th
  - Grad Check #2-May 23th
  - Grad Check #3-May 29th
  - Ticket Release (Grad Check 3 & Open Pot)-June 5th
- Provincial Walk- Thursday, May 1st at 3:00 pm. Badminton will be accompanied by our band. Skills competitors are headed to Provincials next week and have also been invited to join the walk.
- Reassessment is June 17th- June 24th
- June 12th- FAN Awards-6:30 pm
- Basketball Coaches - Mr. Bec, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Atkinson, Ms. Vo. Great season for all teams.

- Ms. Ploughman - CHS Band, who performed O Canada at the Calgary Hitmen Game & Calgary Wranglers game. They have been invited to perform the anthem at next year's Teddy Bear Toss.
- Ms. Anderson – one of her students, Pavneet Gill, earned 100% on her Chemistry 30 diploma.
- Mr. Elenko & Ms. Boutilier - Took students to the Science and Leadership Conference.

### **Skills**

Congratulations to Marcaid, who earned 1st place in Junior Braiding, which qualifies her to compete at the Provincial Skills Cosmetology competition in May.

Congratulations also to our Cabinet Making competitors: Mya placed 5th, Willow placed 6th, and Megan placed 7th, and Welding competitors: AJ (tba), Lane (tba), and Ty, who placed 5th. Congratulations to all our Skills Competitors this year.

- **Grease: The Musical**

The Fine Arts Academy has been practicing their Hand Jive choreography as they continue scene preparation for *Grease The Musical*! All classes of the academy are working extremely hard to present their biggest production yet! If you want to be involved, please contact Ms. Fulthorpe, Mrs. Ploughman, or Mr. Beseau. Mark your calendars! May 27th, May 28th, May 29th, May 31st. Ticket information will be available soon!

### **Culture Week**

Here is an overview of the events:

- **Monday, April 14 - Cultural Exhibit** - To kick off Culture Week, the students organized a cultural exhibit in the Drama Room. The exhibit included artifacts and displays about different cultural groups within CHHS and was open for classes to visit during Block 2 and for staff and students to visit at their leisure during lunch.
- **Tuesday, April 15 – Game Day** - On Tuesday, the students organized a lunch hour of games. At each game station, there was an information card about what the game is, where it originates, how to play, and any other fun facts that have been shared with us by the staff and student body.
- **Wednesday, April 16 – World Map Scavenger Hunt** - On Wednesday, a world map scavenger hunt was set up around the school. Students and staff were encouraged to seek out the flags hidden around the school and take photos with each flag they found.

- **Thursday, April 17 – Cultural Dress & Food Trucks** - To end off the week, we brought together our two most popular days – Cultural Dress Day and Food Truck Day. On Thursday, staff and students were encouraged to wear their cultural clothing to school. A photo booth was set up at lunch with Leadership students around to take photos. We also had an extended lunch to accommodate the food trucks.
- **Band**  
The CHS Concert Band collaborated with students from Horseshoe Crossing to compete at the Cantando Music Festival on Monday, April 14th, and 15th in Edmonton.
- **RVS Board Showcase: Fine Arts Academy**  
The Chestermere High School Fine Arts Academy recently presented to the Rocky View Schools Board of Trustees. The program provides the ability for students to pursue their passions in drama, music, and technical theatre by collaboratively producing the annual spring musical, highlighted by this year's upcoming performance of *Grease!* scheduled from May 26 to June 1. This interdisciplinary program not only hones their artistic skills but also fosters collaboration, leadership, and problem-solving abilities, preparing them for future endeavours.
- **Provincial Walk**  
There was a celebration for our Badminton players and Skills competitors who competed at provincials. The Band marched our competitors around the building as every staff member and student cheered them on.
- **Spirit Week**  
Leading into the pep rally, there will be a Spirit Week.
  - Monday, May 12: Twin Day – find a buddy and twin for the day!
  - Tuesday, May 13: Tropical Tourist Day – hopeful the weather holds for this one!
  - Wednesday, May 14: Anything BUT a Backpack Day – get creative and bring your things to school in anything BUT a backpack!
  - Thursday, May 15: Grade Colours Day – for the Pep Rally, students and staff have been assigned a specific CHS colour to wear based on their grade or if they are staff. Please remember that all outfits and alternate backpacks must be school-appropriate and safe for all students.
- **Lakers Spirit Showdown**  
The Lakers Spirit Showdown is coming back to CHHS! The week of May 12 – 15, we will be having a spirit week that ends with a whole school pep rally on Utey Field! To vote for your spirit days and sign up to compete in the Grade Olympics, check out the Spirit Showdown posters around the school or the forms on your Class of 202x Google Classroom.

- **Midnight Madness**

To keep the school spirit going, on May 15th, from 6:00 P.M. to midnight, we will be hosting the first-ever CHHS Midnight Madness. Students can sign up in teams of 8 – 10 for a night of competition, snacks, and fun, with all proceeds going toward extracurricular development. Team registration can be done using the Google Form in your Class of 202x Google Classroom or by scanning one of the Midnight Madness QR codes around the school.

**CHS Athletics**

- Badminton - Congratulations to the badminton team on a successful provincial tournament. Isabella won a Consolation Gold Medal. Jacky and Jesse won the Consolation Bronze Medal.
- Congratulations to Roman, who earned the Rocky View Basketball Senior Boys MVP Award, and Alyssa, who won the Rocky View Basketball Senior Girls Rookie of the Year Award.
- Boys Soccer -
- Track and Field - RVS Divisionals were today.
- Rugby - Regular season games continue. Our Boys squad is 7-2.
- Ultimate Frisbee - A tournament this Saturday in High River.
- Football Spring Camp starts up on Friday, June 6th, 2025. They will play in a jamboree in Cochrane on Friday, June 20th, 2025.
- Spring photos for athletics - Rugby, Badminton, Ultimate Frisbee, Track and Field, will be on Monday, May 12th, 2025.

Linnea asked about the portables. Two are currently being added onto the school and should be completed by September.

Shali gave the trustee report.

Old Business:

- Pizza Friday's ended as there was no support or parent volunteers.

New Business:

- Amanda read the financials and the end of the year balance is \$2,235.23.

Amanda Jo adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm. Amanda Jo and Amanda D-S are no longer a part of the school council as their children are all leaving the school.

**Chestermere High School AGM**

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Shali called the meeting to order at 7:16pm. Agenda was accepted. Shali asked for new nominations for positions for School Council.

Debbie put her name forward as the new Chair. All were in favor. Debbie is the new Chair for School Council.

Selena put her name forward as the new Vice-Chair. All were in favor. Selena is the new Vice-Chair for School Council.

No secretary currently. Will be asked for again in the fall at the first School Council meeting.

Shali adjourned the meeting at 7:22pm