

# HJ Cody High School **Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

May 25th 2021

Attendance- Sarah Abram, Barb Scott, Laura Duske, Kerri Zemlak, Mike Garrow, Alex Lambert, Angela Darbel, Jessica Lerat, Laura Lauder, Jennifer McCulloch, Deb Burton, Kerry Oriss, Linda Wagers.

Approval of Agenda- Jennifer McCulloch seconded the agenda as presented by Sarah Abram.

**Secretary/Treasurer- Currently the position is vacant.**

## **New Business**

1. Finals update- discussion with Associate Superintendent Jason Drent – Sarah Abram gave an update on the PAC's letter to central office to follow suit with Red Deer Public and Catholic boards to not have final assessments that will affect final grades for our high school students. Jason phoned Sarah to say the superintendents discussed this topic at their weekly meeting and have decided to allow school to decide what is best for them as our school division is so big. He agreed that not having finals but allowing students more time to learn essential outcomes would be a good thing. Our staff is currently in the process of decided what to do about final exams for our school and information will be out next week regarding finals.

2. Staffing update- Mike Garrow shared his screen to show the new 8 teachers that have been hired and a small background on each one. Admin is excited with their choices and had over 300 candidates to choose from.

3. What is happening to support our students that chose to stay home after school came back in late May? Teachers are supposed to be posting on google classroom what is happening in their class for the day and what assignments are due. It was mentioned again that it would be helpful for teachers to live google meet their teaching as they teach to make sure kids at home get the same information. It was also discussed about weekly/daily google classroom postings for all students with an overview of the day and assignments due to help all students stay organized and a written copy for them to refer to for due dates and assignments. Postings were requested by 8:15am.

## **Admin Report - Mike Garrow and Alex Lambert**

Presentation of the budget. Mike Garrow shared his screen to present the budget for this year. Most of the budget goes to teaching salaries and the rest for operations to run the school. It

was pointed out that anything needed or required to be fixed that is in the school is the schools responsibility. Anyone who has questions regarding the budget can call or email Mike.

**Student/Grad Representatives** - Grad update – no student rep present but Mike and Alex said the school is still busy preparing different scenarios for grad depending on what AHS guidelines are and there will be emails to grad families to keep them updated.

**School Trustee Report** – Joe-Anne Knispel-Matejka (email is [jknispelmatejka@cesd73.ca](mailto:jknispelmatejka@cesd73.ca))-

*Joe Anne spoke about asking the division for money for tech devices so teachers can run google meets more effectively for students who have to be at home or chose to stay home due to the complex year with covid. AGM for the board will be held in June. Elections for trustees are this fall so if you want to run, contact central office for info on how to do that.*

A thank you was given from Sarah Abram to all people who took the time to attend meetings and voice their opinions, questions and concerns.

**Next Meeting Date- Sept 2021 Annual General Meeting. Date TBA**

**Meeting Adjourned -7:54pm**