

# Ecole H.J. Cody School

## Parent Council

October 26, 2021

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Randy Butler

**Attendees:** Randy Butler (Chair), Chantal Landry (Vice-Chair), Mike Garrow (Principal), Alexandra Lambert (Vice-Principal), Amelia Balon (Student Rep), Jackie Swainson (Trustee), Kerri Orriss, Carol Smyth, Laura Lander, Kamryn Burton

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Kerri, seconded by Carol. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** No minutes provided. Mentioned that we need to have them for every meeting. New council will work on that.

**Student Report:** Grad class is fundraising, looking into bottle drive, Taco in a Bag (Mon &/or Fri) hoping for parent run... Laura offered to help. Grad clothing contest, Grad putting on Thursday night movies @ 7:30pm... Amelia left following report.

**Role of Parent Council:** Randy reviewed the role parent council has in the communication and function of the school. See school website for full information. New council this year so Randy felt important to review.

**Old Business:** --Election- still looking to fill secretary, no one tonight- tabled

--Presentation Topics – nothing put forth for tonight

--“About Tab” Academic Excellence – administration reviewed, opted to change the wording to reflect each students individual academic excellence.

**New Business:** -Increased COVID Protocols – Nothing has really changed except for designated lunchrooms. Emails to be sent to all parents when Alberta Health Services informs the principal that there was a student at school during their infectious period.

Hand/desk washing in classrooms has been heightened

Masking is being reinforced as students begin to slip a little

More encouragement in mornings to get to classes to avoid loitering in halls.

--Parent/Teacher Interviews - Staff are enjoying online and phone call format. Successful evening overall. Grade 9 and core course teacher especially busy.

Parents would like to have the opportunity to see all 4 teachers instead of maximum 3.

Parents like the early check in during semester.

October -P/T Interviews, November 10- Progress reports, December 9-P/T Interviews. This format gives students and parents monthly check-ins.

--ASCA Report- Chantal just brought up to information on the role they play in school councils and how we can access info to communicate effectively. See their website or Facebook page to learn more.

**Administration Report:** Ms. Lambert shared how nice it is to have various activities up and running in and around school again, great energy by staff and students, even though not back fully yet and with protocols in place.

Grade 9 Leadership – Escape Room Oct 28-29 (in school only)

Connect- Halloween Door Decorating, Judging Oct 29

Complimentaries switching for Grades 9 & 10 – Nov 4

Report Cards only on Powerschool - Nov 10

Academic Awards- Nov 10

Education Liaison Association of Alberta (ELAA) to share post secondary information with focus on 11 & 12 but any student welcome. Will be shared in Careers and Cody Newsletter. Also see Mr. Payne for more info – Nov 23

Two Family Wellness workers to help with mental health at school. Need has risen for more supports so Admin and Wellness workers are reaching out to partner with some community supports.

**Trustee Report:** New trustee Jackie Swainson elected October 18. Welcome. Board will be meeting Oct 27 to begin new terms (5new/4returning). Discussions on ever changing COVID protocols, new curriculum, diploma exams (Novembers optional, at this point January still mandatory. Discussion on new high school in Sylvan Lake as building ages and capacity increases.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Carol at 8:18pm

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on November 30 @ 7:00pm