

HJ Cody
School Council AGM Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2024
7pm

Those in attendance: Alex Lambert, Cole Heppell, Laura Lauder, Student Rep., Christa Currier, Janine Waldo, Charlyn Stanley, Carol Foy, Trish Hammond, Abby Sarkozi, Keri , Jackie Swainson

1. Welcome and Housekeeping

- Meeting called to order by Laura at 7pm
- Went around the room and did introductions of everyone present

2. Additions and approval of agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda as is with the change of Jackies presentation to earlier in the agenda before other reports by Laura, second by Janine.

Vote: All in favor

Resolve: Agenda excepted with Jackie speaking earlier.

3. Additions and approval of previous minutes

- Was not able to approve the previous minutes as we did not have them here to approve.

4. School Trustee Report – Jackie Swainson

-The Board approved a plan to allocate \$1.1 Million in funding from the province

- \$600,000 towards pressure points in schools. This equates to 3.5 FTE (full time equivalent) teachers and 5 FTE educational assistants.

- up to \$140,000 to support Kindergarten to grade 3 teachers with release time so they can complete testing.

- \$350,000 to purchase additional Chromebooks for student use. With the discontinue of cell phones and smart devices in schools they want to make sure students still have access to learning tools.

- \$15,000 to increase the time of the safety coordinator to support the implementation of the Hour Zero emergency management program.

- \$3.1 Million dollars has been allocated by the government towards new schools. We have everything planned and ready for a collegiate school model. The proposed new grade 10-12 school is divisions top request to the province on the division's capital plan. We are looking to partner with the town as they have the land and zoning ready when the government give the money go head for us. The new collegiate model high school will also be in partnership with Red Deer Catholic, post-secondary institutions and careers.

- Superintendent Kurt Sacher has announced that he will retire at the end of 2024-25 school year. The Board is looking at starting the hiring process

- Jackie also mentioned that she is looking as stepping down in the future so if anyone is interested in being a Trustee to reach out.

5. Student Representative update :

- Clubs have started up again.
 - School Council looking at doing some Halloween activities
 - Turkey Run
 - Interact Club – doing the Terry Fox run next Wednesday.
 - Trivia club
 - Book Club
 - Creative writing club
 - Year book committee
 - Grad committee – larger committee this year of 19 representatives (226 grads this year)
 - Spirit Day – Neon Day
 - Sports – Football is going strong. Has a game this Friday at 4:30 – Neon Theme
 - Intramurals at lunch has started
 - Sr. Girls Basketball Championships are in March and HJC hosting. Looking for sponsors for it
 - Drama Performance this year is Alice and Wonderland
 - Band program is growing this year

6. Old Business:

- Year books have just arrived so they will be looking to had out in the next week

7. New Business

a. AGM Elections:

President-

Motion: To re-elect Laura Lauder as president nominated by Carol Foy, second by Christa Currier

Vote: All in Favor

Resolve: Laura Lauder elected as President

Vice President-

Motion: To nominate Christa Currier as the Vice President by Trish Hammond, second by Janine Waldo

Vote: All in favor

Resolve: Christa Currier elected as Vice President

Secretary-

Motion: To nominate Trish Hammond as the Secretary by Janine Waldo, second Abby Sarkozi

Vote: All in favor

Resolve: Trish Hammond elected as Secretary

b. Admin Report

- i) School Goals: Culture, Academics, Career/Post secondary transitioning**

 - Building positive community in the school and shift the view outside in the community.
 - Big Focus on academics – Lessons and design. Trying to really check and make sure kids know what they are learning and achieving their best.
 - Post secondary transitioning – bringing opportunities into the school for the students to see and experience.

- ii) New Staff**

 - 8 new staff have been added to the school. They are Reid Mills, Carson McKenzie, Jenna Lagoutte, Val Gill, Amber Mackintosh, Cole Heppell, Zach Baker and Lisa Daniel. There are 41 teachers' total.

- iii) Enrollment update**

 - Current enrollment is at 866 students.
 - 1.5 FTE increase due to the large enrollment

- iv) ELAA**

 - Coming tomorrow – 30 collages & post-secondary schools are coming from 9-11:30am to showcase to students about their schools and courses they offer.

- v) Study Hall and Peer Tutoring**

 - At lunch time during the second half of lunch they will have math & science teachers there to help anyone that needs it
 - Peer tutoring is happening here. Students that are looking at being a tutor need to fill out a recommendation form and get references in order to be accepted.

- vi) Academic Counselors & Career Practitioner**

 - As the school grows, they have decided to set aside time for Academic Councilors to come and work with the grade 10s this year.
 - Career practitioners – Students that have earned their HCS 3000 credits can now do work experience

- vii) Hour Zero**

 - This is the new emergency training program that CESD has implemented. It has standardized language across the board so first responders also use this language so in an emergency responses and protocols can be delivered more efficiently. There has been extensive training being learned throughout all CESD staff.

- viii) Terry Fox Run**

 - This will be held next Wednesday. Kids are collecting money and there will be a modified bell schedule for the day.

ix) Academic Awards

- These will be held Nov. 15th in our gym. The awards are for all areas not just academic. They are currently looking for sponsors for awards. Anyone interested in sponsoring is to reach out to Theresa Donaghy.

x) Facebook page

- They will continue to update the Facebook page as they believe it has had a good amount of school and community following it. It will continue to showcase the wonderful things that are happening in HJ Cody.

8. Next Meeting Dates: (Meetings will be at 7pm)

Wed. October 30th

Thurs. November 28th

No meeting in December

Thurs. January 23rd

Thurs. February 27th

Thurs. March 20th

No meeting in April

Thurs. May 1

Thurs. May 29th

Meeting adjourned by Laura at 8:34pm