CBE Homeschool Council: Draft Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2025 10:00 am

Windsor Park / Online

In attendance:

At Windsor Park: Laurie Bell (Co-Chair), Egwono Oriji (Secretary), Susan Stasiuk, Kim Fahlman, Carmen Schmitz, Whitney H., Corrina Jackson, Carrie Rowlandson (Asst. Principal)

Remotely attending: Debbie, Emma, Giulia S., Ivonne B., Leigh S., Trisha R., Laurinda Penner., Susie R., Cassandra, Claudia

- 1. Call to Order 10:00 am
- 2. Review of/Changes to/Approval of Minutes of Thursday, March 20, 2025 meeting

Motion – Laurie Bell; seconded by Whitney H.; all in favour

- 3. Administration Update Carrie Rowlandson
 - 3.1 System Update
 - 3.1.1 Indigenous round dance event held April 10
 - 3.1.2 Lecture planned for May 20/21 by a member of CPS to educate parents on youth online safety.
 - 3.2 Registration Updates
 - 3.2.1 Good registration numbers already, for next year. 140 students M/T; 138 W/T
 - 3.2.2 Total numbers around 450 (includes 100% parent led)
 - 3.2.3 40 students already registered for band for next year.
 - 3.3 Report Cards/Facilitations
 - 3.3.1 June 25, report cards go live.
 - 3.3.2 June 27 is the last day in Windsor Park building, therefore parents requested to book early facilitation visits, and to get student home education reports ready ahead of facilitation visits.
 - 3.4 Entrepreneurial Fair
 - 3.4.1 Fair to hold May 23 (10 a.m 12.30 p.m).
 - 3.4.1.1 150 Students registered to participate.
 - 3.4.1.2 Weekly business training meetings to prepare students.
 - 3.4.1.3 Doors will open early for table set-up.

- 3.5 Badminton and Track/Field events
 - 3.5.1 Badminton Team competing against Crescent Heights school May 15
 - 3.5.2 Track and Field team start preparing for their meets this week.
 - 3.5.2.1 First meet 30th May.
 - 3.5.2.2 Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on the participants.
- 3.6 Last day of school events
 - 3.6.1 Last days of school: June 10 and June 12
 - 3.6.2 Last days will still have class activities in the morning. Afternoons will be for walking the stage.
- 4. Council Updates
 - 4.1 COSC (Council of School Councils) Update (Carmen Schmitz)
 - 4.1.1 CBE getting an additional \$55 Million in funding but that still is a shortfall.
 - 4.1.2 Alberta has lowest per student funding in Canada
 - 4.1.3 Parents and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to keep advocating for more education funding.
 - 4.2 Parent Engagement Grant (Laurie Bell)
 - 4.2.1 Discussion of pros and cons of several of the previously mentioned options.
 - 4.2.2 Most options struck out because of price, or relevance to majority of our community.
 - 4.2.3 Best option seems to be books for?????
 - 4.3 Fundraising Committee Update (Laurie Bell)
 - 4.3.1 Need to enlarge team membership.
 - 4.3.1.1 Recognition of the work done by Christa.
 - 4.3.1.2 So much more could be achieved with just a few extra hands.
 - 4.3.2 CHEPS AGM postponed to May 20th
 - 4.3.3 Fundraising has been very successful.
 - 4.3.3.1 Funds up to \$4500 as at now
 - 4.3.3.2 Staff should be aware of potential for funding school activities from Parent Council funds.
 - 4.4 Annual Report
 - 4.4.1 A report on council activities for the year should be submitted to CBE's Board of Trustees.

- 4.4.2 Report being put together by Lynette.
- 5. Committee Updates
 - 5.1 Grade 9 Grad (Kim F.)
 - 5.1.1 Date set for June 6
 - 5.1.2 Theme chosen Heroes and Villains
 - 5.1.3 Student survey showed a great interest in an in-school escape room experience.
 - 5.1.4 Arrangements being made for memorable school photos.
 - 5.2 Welcome Back Event
 - 5.2.1 Tentatively scheduled for Sept 5 (1st Friday in September)
 - 5.2.2 Theme would be exploring the new space, and feeling safe and welcome in it.
 - 5.2.3 Brainstorming about fun activities for the day, such as a "Handprint Art" project.
 - 5.2.4 Parent volunteers needed to man various activity booths.
 - 5.3 Library
 - 5.3.1 Recognition of the work of all the volunteers who packed up the library.
 - 5.3.2 Books will be in storage until their new space is ready.
- 6. ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting September 2025 date TBA

There being no further business, and **UPON A MOTION** made by Whitney H., seconded by Carmen S. the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.