

Jan. 22, 2025 | Location – In person

In Attendance

Travis R. (Principal), Jackie C. (Vice-Principal), Tyler D., Reidun T., Cathy B., Rob L., Kirby P., Amy N., Reina G., Sherri Z., Aletha B.

Welcome and Opening Comments

- Meeting opened by Tyler at 7:01 pm

Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Travis

Classroom Updates

None

Principal's Report – Travis

Funding

- Secured funding for:
 - Annie Little – teacher with Grade 5/6 team
 - Tricia Hargrove – Education Assistant
 - Early Childhood Practitioner with Kindergarten
 - Will help with those identified within KD assessments, etc.

Phys Ed

- Model has changed – each teacher is now responsible for different modules (vs. individual classes)
- Has enabled classes to get through more meaningful modules

Social Fundraiser

- Reidun is still awaiting various invoices

Report card season

- New centralized approach to comments
- Available on Monday, Jan 27th
- Available online for a finite period of time

Winter concert

- Grade 5's & 6s were combined with Jr High students
- Very successful, well-attended

Semester 2

- Begins Jan 28th

- Jr High options are selected by students in Feb/March (which is before school knows what next year's resources will be)
- Due to limited resources, students now have 4 options from which to select (down from 6 in the past)

Band

- Field trip to conservatory

2025/2026 Planning

- Designated overflow school now Queen Elizabeth High School, Chinook Park, and Woodman
- Find out next week if we need to observe the lottery
- Feb 10 to March 15th – High school registration
- For students who will be attending WCHS, registration is completed by the school

Painting

- Painting of rooms 4 & 5 will take place over spring break (and possibly the week after)
- Classroom 4 \$7,425.00 (covered by CBE)
- Classroom 5 \$6,975.00 (covered by Parent Society – approved in September 2024)

Quebec trip

- Proposed dates: Oct 6-10, 2025
- No Child Left Behind Fund – ongoing support is much appreciated

Grade 9 Celebration

- Currently 81 students in Grade 9
- Ceremony in the school gym is scheduled for June 25, 2025
- Glencoe dinner/dance is scheduled for June 5 (6-9 pm)
- All teachers invited but typically 10-15 teachers attend
- Jr High rep – position still needs to be filled
 - Kirby, Reina, & Sherri - volunteering to help with planning

Jr High school dance

- TBD

Yearbook

- No yearbook planned for this year due to lack of volunteers
- Amy N – offered to help with a grade 9 memory book (soft cover)
 - Every grade 9 student would submit one page through ELA
- Need a teacher sponsor
- Suggestion to request parent volunteers in weekly newsletter

Chair report - Tyler

- Playground repairs
 - Repair for sport court basketball hoop is in the queue
 - Damage to playground surface is located at the bottom of the slide
- Alberta Ed Grant (\$500)
 - To be used for speakers
 - Unclear if it expires at the end of the school year or if it carries over to the next year

- Possible topics:
 - Anxiety
 - AI & future careers
- Parent Council/Association meeting schedule switched
 - Feb & April will be virtual
 - Added in-person meeting in March to make up for cancellation of November's meeting, which will include:
 - School planning meeting
 - 2-week survey
 - Final meeting - AGM (in person)
- Classroom/teacher spend reminder
 - A few outstanding
- Family Grocery cards
 - School has enough for now
- Open Council spots
 - Recruitment ongoing
 - Afternoon meetings may be a barrier to participation in council meetings
 - In the past, WCHS principal attended one council meeting which drew more Jr High parents
- Concern expressed re ice in front of school & field

New Business

Key Communicator Update:

CBE Enrolment Update as of [October 2024](#):

- 143,000 students - which is an increase of 5,000+ students and enough to fill 8+ elementary schools
- 40,000+ English as an Additional Language (EAL) Learners
- Schools are full – 30 per cent of all schools are at/over capacity

[July 2024](#) Funding Announcement:

- Government announced an additional \$125M in one-time funding to address increasing enrolment, rising operational costs, inflation
- CBE's share is about \$20M:
 - - Majority of these dollars are being directed to classrooms to support teaching and learning
 - A portion to reduce operating pressures and optimize learning spaces *Adjust

Need for new schools, modernizations and modular classrooms

- 56% of CBE schools are over 50 years old
- Modernized environments can help CBE expand opportunities in CTS and STEM
- Modular classrooms provide some relief for full schools
- Learn more: [2025-28 Capital Plan](#)

School Construction Accelerator Program

- Government recognized the need for more spaces
- Provincially:
 - - \$8.6B over three years (a \$6.5B increase)
 - 30 new schools/year for next three years
 - Fast-tracked approvals mid-year
 - CBE did not receive any new approvals
 - CBE has 13 new school projects that are siteready and 47 modular classrooms are being installed this school year
 - Additional Capital Plan Advocacy Information can be found here:
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/advocacy-priorities/Pages/default.aspx>

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next Meeting of the Parent Council Association is Feb 19 @ 1:45 pm (virtual)