

HCA School Council minutes - November 2, 2017

Attendance:

HCA principal - Leslie Olson

Society Board Executive Director - Brenda Giroux

HCA teacher - Melissa Mann

School council chair - Robyn Kunz

Parents/Students– 9 Parents/1 Student

Agenda:

- Brenda Giroux introduced Tera Edwards, executive director for Sherpa Kids, who presented their Before and After school care program for primary and elementary students at HCA. Drop-in and full-time rates as well as subsidies are available. Hours are from 7 - 8am and from 3:15 - 6pm. A teacher will be present during these times and student volunteers are also accepted.
- Leslie Olson expressed appreciation for the performance of the HCA choir at their Christian teachers conference. She reported on new initiatives at HCA including Reading through the Bible (at 1:05 wherever you are in the school), teachers praying for students in hallways (at 8:00), and Family Time (20 min. once or twice a month) for groups of students and a teacher. Known in other schools as Teacher Advisory Groups, this third item is part of High School Redesign. Also new this year are funds available for classroom improvement, and changes to the Drivers Policy including class 4 for teacher drivers. Continuing initiatives at HCA include integrating high schoolers with middle schoolers and elementary students by way of mentorship and the Calgary Reads program. High school students receive one credit for volunteering with the younger students.
- Leslie Olson presented the three year education plan for HCA including literacy, numeracy and a safe & caring environment. School goals will be reviewed in the spring by School Council. The last accountability pillar survey sent out by the government indicated that 97% of HCA students felt prepared to enter the workplace.
- In response to parent inquiry, the CDC has introduced an optional Scripture memorization challenge for high schoolers, with a special award ceremony at the end of the year.
- School council president highlighted student council and leadership activities including a pie eating contest, the upcoming Pep Rally and Remembrance Day assembly, High School Games night, and Christmas room decoration & activities. New initiatives include a joint monthly or bi-monthly meeting of high school and middle school student councils.
- School council was presented with a thank-you card from teachers for snacks during parent-teacher interviews last week and will provide more for the K-8 interviews on Nov. 8th and 9th.