

HCA School Council minutes - January 11, 2018

Attendance:

HCA vice-principal - Elisabeth Kaiser

Family School Liaison Counselor - Kelly Schmaltz

HCA teacher - Melissa Mann

School council chair - Robyn Kunz

Parents/Students - 5 Parents/1 Student

Agenda:

- STUCO highlighted student council activities including recently initiated meetings with the middle school leadership, and pre-Christmas activities including games, class decorating contest, and talent show. The Palliser student leadership conference at the University of Lethbridge on Nov. 16th was a success with 40 students from HCA attending. STUCO president presented on "Taking Risks and Stepping out of your Comfort Zone". The big upcoming event is a Winter Formal Dinner in February.
- Elisabeth Kaiser reported on the success of school Christmas activities including caroling in the cafeteria and the pancake breakfast cooked by teachers, and on the upcoming diploma and provincial achievement exams for grade 12. The recipient for the Governor General's Award for the highest achieving student in grade 12 last year was Joyce Singh.
- Of concern is the lack of parents who complete the Accountability Pillar survey for grades 4, 7, and 10. Ideas to remedy this include having parents complete the survey in conjunction with another activity when they are at the school, aided by staff using Chrome tablets.
- The Sherpa Kids Before and After school care program for primary and elementary students did not receive enough enrollment and has therefore been suspended until next school year.
- FSLC Kelly Schmaltz introduced a life-changing program by Dr. Ross Greene on understanding and helping behaviourally challenged kids. These collaborative and proactive solutions are indispensable for any parent experiencing difficulty with their children's behaviour, but are also beneficial for all children and parents as they help them develop valuable problem-solving skills. Dr. Greene's books are The Explosive Child and Lost at School and are available through Kelly. His website is livesinthebalance.org.