

HCA School Council minutes - September 14, 2017

Attendance:

HCA principal - Leslie Olson

HCA teacher - Melissa Mann

Palliser board trustee - Don Zech

School council chair - Robyn Kunz

Parents/Students – 10 Parents/1 Student

Agenda:

- STUCO President gave the student council presentation which highlighted beginning of school activities including new family orientation, school set-up and their first meeting. Goal is to be a team, supporting each other in Stuco activities.
- Palliser news included the Wall of Fame which honours Palliser alumni who are achieving excellence in life, Policy Manual Revision including the removal of textbook fees, Agreement with Masters University, and Appointment of new superintendant Brian Angelic. Promotion of First Nations and Métis books in our school is of interest to HCA parents. This was Don Zech's last presentation as board trustee as he is retiring after 51 years of service in education. We thanked him and God for his many years of faithful service including fighting the good fight which led to the establishment of HCA and then other Christian schools as alternative schools in the public school system.
- Leslie Olson highlighted the school goals for the year as literacy, numeracy and a safe and caring environment, including student engagement ie. High School Redesign, and enrollment.
- Explanation of role of school council and how it differs from the Society Board
- Input from parents was requested on cell phone use. Comments included need for cell phones by students with health issues and for in-class research. As it stands, this is not an issue at the elementary level and so there is no policy. In middle and high school, it is at the discretion of the teachers. Of great importance is the need for education and training in good digital citizenship so that students can and want to make good decisions. A resource person will be brought in to do a special presentation on this and on Internet safety. Genny and Ted have an excellent idea and Leslie will pursue it.
- Issues that parents want dealt with are the reimplementation of Scripture memory which Leslie will take to the CDC, and attention to student and teacher dress.