

HCA School Council minutes – April 12, 2018

Attendance:

HCA Principal - Leslie Olson

HCA Librarian - Lorelei Chuckry

HCA School Council Chair - Robyn Kunz

5 parents, 2 teachers, 2 students

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- The STUCO president highlighted student council and leadership activities including the success of the high school winter formal and an upcoming K - 12 year-end event. He also reported on the Global Leadership Summit for grades 7 - 12 in London, Ontario from which he, two other HCA students and Mrs. Brennan had just returned.
- Leslie Olson reported on the Seniors Missions final fundraising event and said that they are close to their mark. Donations can still be made through the Heritage Christian Education Society or through the website. She also spoke of the support that HCA staff and students are offering those who have been touched by the Humboldt tragedy. The discipleship groups have written letters and high school students purchased and signed hockey sticks to participate in Sticks Out for Humboldt movement.
- Spiritual Emphasis week before Spring Break was a success with a missions presentation for elementary and an all-school devotional.
- The school calendar has now come out for the 2018-2019 school year. It is similar to previous years – with one of the exceptions being that 2 K-9 on-site PD days have instead become 2 K-12 on-site PD days.
- The Senior Music Tour returned from Washington D.C. with many awards and stellar reports including “the best big group of students we’ve ever had”!
- High school students will be taking part in a project-based learning week from May 8 - 11 at HCA. A request for volunteers will be coming out shortly including parents who have expertise in a variety of areas.
- Deanna Liou and a member of the Jr. High Missions team presented on their trip to Camp Chestemere from March 8 - 11. HCA’s largest Jr. High team to date of sixteen grade 7 - 9 students ran the camp for 65 children, ages 7 - 11. 70% of the children were non-churched and many came from broken homes. The student testified to the impact of their ministry with first-hand stories of lives they touched. Many kids were so excited that they wanted to register for summer camp right away. Some of the children at camp came from Heritage building relationships and connection to the Siksika Nation. Connections continue with the Siksika community including repeating the first-time family carnival in the fall and helping the indigenous youth leaders build their ministry.
- Lorelei Chuckry shared how God led her back to her favourite job as school librarian in an amazing answer to prayer. She says the kids inspire her every day and she is thrilled to be expanding and enriching their library and life experience. Her new initiatives include “Artist of the Month”, a poetry contest for staff and students, research scavenger hunts, and pizza parties for the lowest over dues in elementary! Lorelei reported on the First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) Initiative in Canadian schools and will introduce books, programs and learning activities in the next school year. She encourages parents to give feedback on books their children bring home. Leslie Olson added that staff and teachers will be trained to implement these resources in their classrooms.