

HCA School Council minutes – March 1, 2018

Attendance:

HCA Principal - Leslie Olson

HCA Society Board Executive Director - Brenda Giroux

HCA Society Board Vice President - Keith Van der Kamp

Palliser Regional School Division Trustee and Board Chair - Robert Strauss

Palliser Regional School Division Director of Human Resources - Mike Nightingale

HCA School Council Chair - Robyn Kunz

5 parents, 2 students

Agenda:

- STUCO presidents highlighted student council and leadership activities including the upcoming Winter Formal for high school on March 9th and the basketball pep rally for middle and high school on March 16th.
- Newly elected trustee Robert Strauss affirmed the commitment of the Palliser Regional School Division to maintain its partnership agreement with faith-based schools. He will continue to work with our Society Board to provide the best educational experience for students at HCA, protecting our faith-based components, and enabling us to receive maximum organizational and financial benefits from the provincial government. He talked about the strong leadership programs that they offer students and teachers, including an upcoming division-wide teacher-run collaborative day on March 12th.
- Robert Strauss explained a misunderstanding concerning the ATA teacher's conference that was held last Thursday and Friday. He clarified that the PRSD has no authority over the ATA, a professional organization which has the legal mandate to organize two professional development days for teachers. The ATA is divided into ten zones, one of which is called the **Palliser Division**. This is completely separate from the **Palliser Regional School Division** of which HCA is a part. Our teachers had to attend this Calgary area ATA conference (organized by its Palliser Division), but they did have the choice as to which sessions they attended and whether to opt out of the controversial keynote altogether. Leslie Olson stated that there were also lots of Christian teachers and sessions at the conference and reminded us that it was a great opportunity to be a light shining in the darkness. She reassured parents of the teachers' commitment to Jesus Christ and of the Society Board's right to be a part of interviewing for teachers to represent, alongside administration, the faith piece of the school.
- Leslie Olson praised the prayer efforts of some high school students who meet Fridays at lunch in the hallways. She also commended the high level of commitment of the junior high students in the missions program to serve God by showing His love and building others up, especially as they lead the missions program at Camp Chestemere on March 9th and 10th.