

# HJ Cody School Council Minutes

January 23, 2025

Attendance: Alex Lambert, Laura Lauder, Chris Currier, Abby Sarkozi, Janine Waldo

7pm Agenda approved by Laura, second Abby.

Minutes approved by all in attendance.

## **Additions:**

Photography companies presenting at Fox Run School Feb 11. Lifetouch Photography, Edge photography and Smart photography. All are welcome to attend.

Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant:

Possibly a blanket ceremony hosted by CP Blakely, will be open to other school councils. We discussed what the ASCE could be used for. Possibly a speaker. Used for parents to attend a presentation. Funds stay in the account if they don't get used and carry over to the next year. Asked those in attendance to bring back ideas to next meeting. Could be a possibility to use the money for parental resource books with anxiety generation as a focus.

Laura suggested a presentation to the whole community to showcase the positives of HJ Cody.

HJ Cody will be doing HJ Cody gives back, again this year. The narrative of HJ Cody is changing through the community in positive ways.

## **Old Business:**

Test Anxiety Strategies:

Matt Kennedy put some resources together. Block 1 teachers went through these strategies and shared with students. Received good feedback

## **New business:**

Admin report: Exam Week & Tutorials

Diploma & PAT's were at the same time of the month. Lots of classrooms being used for exams. Certain parts of the school were shut down for exams. Some of the feedback from grads was that exams felt way too early this year. Chinook's Edge administrators have voiced concerns to have exams pushed back to later in January, to avoid an overlap. Part A exams are marked centrally in Edmonton so it is hard to change those dates.

Four Seasons of Reconciliation:

An online course understanding context of what happened in residential schools and how to move on with reconciliation. Deadline to sign up is January 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign up is encouraged, the course has had good feedback and is recommended.

### Principal Advisory Committee

9 students, a diverse group consisted of a couple students from each grade. The group met for the first time a couple weeks ago. Positives and negatives at the school were discussed.

Positives:

- the metal pieces added to the bathroom doors are appreciated
- they like that staff are clearing the hallway
- happy with the vaping detectors working to discourage vaping in the bathrooms
- theft has decreased. Teachers have been asked to put student items in the nets in the gym. Change room/gym lockers are being looked into.
- they like the LSC – Lakers Support Center, the math study hall, the common area, and places to have lunch around the school
- they liked the Art Gala
- they love the inclusivity of the Life Skills group
- they really like the tech tubs put in classrooms (the locked boxes in classrooms with chrome books)

Negatives:

- need improvement to PE change rooms, they need a make over – new shower curtains and better drainage
- chaotic class transitions, way too many students
- connect doesn't always feel productive, they asked to bring back Flex instead. Flex could be good to provide support but the lack of structure could be problematic. Connect is only once a week- some schools run it every day, others run it different parts of the day – attendance is not taken for Connect.
- students would like to see a hockey club, they feel this would be great because they don't have much hockey at HJ Cody
- some say the classes are too long

The Principal Advisory Committee meets again at the end of February

### Student Support Lead – Matthew Kennedy

Oversees IPP's and learning support. Works with staff to support students and staff, with such things as speech to text etc

### Creative Gems

Looking for donations for their thrift store. It is open to all students, any students can access it. Donations can be dropped off at the office.

## Basketball Provincials

Coming up, volunteers are needed for canteen, ticket money collectors and score keeping. Please reach out to Kristy Becker.

**School Trustee report:** School Trustee not in attendance

Next meeting February 27, 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm