

Minutes of school council meeting **September 21, 2020**

Meeting was held via Zoom.

Matt Bekkering welcomed all and opened with prayer.

Special welcome to Christine Lee associate superintendent.

Reminder that School Council is parent directed and the place where parents have a voice and can ask questions.

Tim Loewen is the Teacher rep.

Heidi Sikkens the society board rep.

Matthew Bekkering gave his principal report:

New staff members:

Danielle Friesen- grade 8 math/science

Jon Van der Griend- PE, bible, and sociology

Tim Loewen- Grade7 and computers

Two University of Lethbridge PSIII students helping with Math 9/10 and Grade 8 PE and Social

Some families have chosen to home school and school at home our enrolment is down to 279

Overall students are happy to be back. Teaching has been adjusted to a modified quarter system which ensures minimal transitions per day.

All co-curricular activities are suspended for now. Taking this time to focus on staff wellness.

Theme for this year is Deep Hope; Reminding us that we are united in Christ, the one thing that binds us together. Chapels are posted on the school website.

Covid protocols are being shared staff and students and parents. Emphasis on maintaining cohorts and limiting interactions between cohorts. Sanitization and masking are in place. Parents and students are encouraged to keep track of symptoms.

Teachers convention will be virtual this year.

Overall, the climate in the school is very good.

Executive of School Council consists of Chairperson and vice-chair and a combined secretary/treasurer position. No names were brought forward.

The first Division School Council meeting is October 5 and Ellis will continue to attend those.

Christine Lee thanked all division staff for a smooth start-up of the school year.

Enrollment is down across the entire school division.

AHS is working closely with the school division to ensure appropriate and feasible protocols.

Division School Council meetings will be held in person and available on Teams.

Teachers are discussing how to best help students that miss class.

In case of a positive Covid test result, directions will have to be taken from AHS regarding which people should be quarantined.

Society board has had some challenges with transportation. Bits and bytes tournament went well. Croquettes are being sold in lieu of Granum turkey supper.

Proposed meeting dates for ICSS School Council:

November 5

February 4

April 15

June 10

Ellis closed the meeting with prayer.