**Highwood High School school council meeting**

**October 19, 2020**

Attendance: Michelle Alberts, Martha Klassen, Amy Donald, Bryan Brandford, Dave Roberts, Larry Albrecht, Patricia Derakashan, Chris Hall, Becky Hastings

Unable to approve minutes or make any votes this meeting as quorum is not met sadly.

1. Trustee Report-

-Nature based learning school in Okotoks being pursued for 2021- K-6

-Policy Review committee made changes to Policy 2 and 3, out for circulation for the public

-New schedule for looking at alternate programs ie: IB, Montessori, and French Immersion to be evaluated 2024

-No Byelection motion passed for trustee position

-Athletics and Fine arts reassessed October 13- new recommendations are in Relaunch handbook. Considerations made from Dr. Hinshaw and Alberta Education

-Diploma exams

-check out website for updates

1. Admin

-Ms. Alberts, Mrs. Derakhshan and Mr. Balzer planned and executed a very successful Scholarship Night for Grade 12’s from last year. 6-7 donors were able to attend and hand out awards. Hoping to do the same or better for spring scholarships.

Student of the Month- nominated by staff for grades, citizenship and attendance

Grade 9- Tyson Watson

Grade10- Prestlie Culp

Grade 11-Chloe Groeneveld

Grade 12-Isabella Orchard

-Relaunch of Band, now able to play instruments, no cross grade playing yet and no concerts for the public to watch

Relaunch of Athletics- Cross country, volleyball and football- no cross grade playing, no competition with other school, no events for public to watch

-Have noticed a lot of grade 9 and 10 students not having masks, are coming to the office for a medical one. Will be tracking as this is an added expense to school

-Lunchtime-indoor procedures have been working well with students going to the 3rd block period and staying in the classroom, if they leave they stay out till bed at present.

-Staffing change- New Learning Commons-Holly Ottewell

- New office staff positions to be posted

-Photos on October 29, outside

-Parent Teacher Interviews up on website till october 29, will be zoom on November 4&5

- Learner profiles will go home end of november

-School did not hand out any honors awards for last year as was previously discussed

- No word on band awards except for those in Grade 12

- PE is half in and half outside right now till too cold

- Lockers were handed out to students that wanted them

- Mr.Balzer working with grade 12 students with MYPASS register- for students and families for post secondary. Some grade 11’s. Grad Requirements

- Post secondary online career fair this Thursday, must register

1. Teachers

* Teacher advisory Council- “Health and wellness focus” also have a google classroom for staff
* Morning announcements are happening as is “O Canada” and the land acknowledgement on Monday mornings
* October 9 PD day- working with how we can have meaningful transfer

1. Student Council

* Only 2 grade 12’s right now
* No cross grade mixing
* Spirit days next week for halloween- photo costume contest

1. Fundraising Society- no updates, meet in the new year
2. New Business- Councils reps are asking to start a facebook page for parents and families to help open another means of communication - Mrs. Derakhshan will be school liaison

1. Old Business- Vice President position still open

* Gift cards will be a go the first week of november
* -Mr. Roberts to continue with weekly/monthly newsletter
* School continues to get lunches from food for thought, but maybe need to look into Breakfast for Learning for fruit like at Senator Riley.

Meeting adjourned at 1946, Next meeting November 16, 2020