

Parent Council - Meeting Minutes - approved

Attendees

BOARD: Mel Wolski (Treasurer), D. Scharie Tavcer (Secretary), Nicole Neuman (VP), Jane Leopatra (President), **vacant** (Casino Coordinator), **vacant** (PVA),

PARENT/COMMUNITY ATTENDEES: Heather Ganshorn, Vince & Angela Diano, Jennifer Mackenzie, Maria de Regt, Lilian Jourieh, Joanna Anagnostakos-Glynn, Kim McLachlan, and Amy Kennedy.

CMHS STAFF: Anne Kromm

The meeting was called to order at 18:07

Land Acknowledgment

- We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which include the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

<i>Motion to approve agenda for Parent Council meeting for September 9, 2025</i>			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Nicole
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

<i>Motion to approve minutes from the May 13, 2025 meeting for the Parent Council</i>			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Scharie
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Principal's Report

- Sports are off to a good start
- Continuing to work on connecting and collecting our students
- Changing the world means changing education - upheaval, politics, social media, GenAI; therefore questioning skills are important, critical thinking skills, judging credibility of information.
- Therefore cell phones & social media have hijacked psychological mechanisms for belonging and distorting young people's perception of social realities during critical stages of life.
- Belonging - feeling your authentic self versus fitting in is about changing yourself to be accepted by others. True belonging fosters creativity, security, and emotional wellness.
- How could emotionally intelligent AI chatbots create a new mental health crisis? Because these bots try to capture the emotional atmosphere of the user and if the student's atmosphere is fragile or harmful, then there's potential for further harm.

President's Report

- Approximately 1600 kids plus 200 system kids funding for kids from other schools to come to Central's CTC.
- Student Success Amazon Wish List is still up and running. [Check it out!](#) Remind Tessa to put this in the Ram Reminder. Collect at meet the teacher night. Jane to email Hayleigh for a wish list.

School Liaisons Report

- PVA & CCMPA delegates are not yet known - Michelle Crimmins will let us know.
- Heather Ganshorn a COSC rep for A.E. Cross and willing to update us when possible.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Follow up on getting council materials (Nicole/Kevin Scott).

New Business

- Meet the teacher night September 16 at 5:30 - we need a table Mel & Nicole
- University info night September 23 at 6:00 - Scharie to lead, prep for strike (72hrs), Tessa contact, recorded, zoom etc.
- Question from a parent about CBE and book ban. Now the ban was reframed to be only graphic novels. Financial aspect from parents' donation. CMHS hasn't touched

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our books. Letter to our Education Minister from the School Council. Heather will draft the letter and she'll send it to Jane.

- Question from a parent - how does high school work with homeroom and courses?
- How can new kids find places to belong? Do they even know where to go? Parents curious about what clubs are available and perhaps put info on the Ram Reminder. Must have a teacher lead. Community members can volunteer through the application and police check.
- Physed 10 - locker rooms not lockers.
- Morning announcements are hard to hear - PA system - messages go through during homeroom time. Anne has contacted Facilities to determine; casino funds may not be eligible because it's a capital expense.

18:53 adjourned.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21 (AGM) at 6:00pm in person at the CMHS Learning Commons (HUB). [CANCELLED DUE TO ATA STRIKE](#)