

ECPS COUNCIL & ASSOCIATION AGENDA & MINUTES

September 16, 2021

Concurrent meeting: Ecole Chinook Park School Association and Ecole Chinook Park School Council Parent Council Meeting

Approx 40 Parent Attendees

Present	Name	Association role	Council role
X	Jason Switzer	President	President
	Katie McKinnon		Vice chair
X	Clair Gordon	Secretary	Secretary
	TBC	Treasurer	Treasurer
X	Krysti Barker		Fundraising
X	Katie McCurdy		Fundraising
	Whitney Mercer		Grants
X	Lisa Doyle		Past President
X	Aliki Avdicos		Principal
X	Dawn Poole		A. Principal

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement, Jason

2. Council Roles and Opportunities to Get Involved, Jason. We are in need of a Treasurer. Kelly Sheppard has reviewed and cleaned up Financials and made it easy to take over.

3. Guest Speakers - Getting Informed on Enrollment & Student Accommodation

- Mr. Martin Poirier, Area 6 Director, - Explanation of the School Support Model
 - Chief Superintendent, Superintendents of School Improvements, Schools and Area Offices (we are Area 6), Service Units.
 - Schools are the most important part of this Model
- Mr. Dany Breton, Superintendent of CBE Facilities & Environmental Services
 - Our Objective is to increase enrollment, and keep Chinook Park School open.
 - Government sets out clear parameters in which we can operate
 - Funding is directly linked to enrolment/utilization rate
 - Once schools dip below 85% utilization rate, Operations and maintenance Budget is greatly reduced

- Use the RAM (Resource Allocation Method) to guide funding
- Student Accommodation Plan
 - 10 year plan - Looking at long term trends in the city
 - People are having fewer kids, lots of growth in outskirt communities - shift in population. Chinook Park demographic is maturing, so enrollment is down
 - Looking at options such as boundary changes, bussing to increase enrollment
 - 3 year plan - Looks specifically at schools with a 70% or less, utilization rate
 - CPS was at 53% last year, 58% this year
 - Based on projections, we will estimate a drop again to about 55%
 - Implementation of options to help course correct/increase utilization
 - Community Involvement
 - 'Immediate' School Closure
 - Recommendation from Superintendent of closure to the Board of Trustees
 - Public Board Meeting to hear input, and Trustees decide if they will consider the school for closure
 - If yes, 60 day process - Trustees provide information and background and an opportunity for input
 - January - Discussions with Community
 - Spring 2022 - Recommendation for closure
 - Fall 2022 - Decision to close
 - June 2023 Closure
- Questions for Guest Speakers
 - Jacqueline Grobowski - What are the ways you are looking at to increase utilization, beyond student enrollment.
 - Student Enrollment is the number one way to ensure closures don't happen.
 - Work with the City in the Joint Use Coordinating Committee (JUCC)
 - Medeana Moussa - How do we ensure communities/schools aren't being pitted against each other ie: Haysboro and Chinook Park
 - We ensure that these things don't come down to community votes - rather left up to Trustees
 - Katie McCurdy - How many years has CPS been below 85%?
 - 2017/18 school year - 67%
 - 2016/17 school year - 68%
 - Katie McCurdy - What are your considerations for closing a school?
 - Condition of the property
 - Long term projections
 - Level of demand for certain programs in the area

- Distance students have to travel
- Ms. Latosia Campbell-Walters, Director of Planning

4. School update, A. Avdicos and D. Poole

- Enrollment numbers - estimated 369, actual 395 - May need to hire/re-organize to maximize our resources
- Welcome to our new program - Enhanced Educational Support 2 (EES)
- Covid Protocols
 - Self Screening Daily Checklist
 - School can send out case notifications, if parents self report
- We will be doing assessments to meet our students where they are at. After last year, there are expected delays in learning.
- Upcoming requests for spending: Raz Kids, Residency (Oral communication) Music Therapy for EES Students

5. Agenda and Approval of Past Minutes

6. Planning for 2021-2

- Priorities
 - Keep School Open
 - Grow enrollment
 - Manage COVID
 - Enhance Learning Outcomes
 - Build our connection with parents
 - Multi-Year Funding plan
 - Ensure governance and finances are in order
- Motion to accept these priorities as outlined, Katie McCurdy, Second, Keisha
- Meeting Schedule
 - Executive - 2nd Thursday of each month
 - Council/Association - 3rd Thursday of each month

7. Treasurer's Report

- Thank you to Kelly Sheppard for getting our financials in order
- Motion to adopt financial report for Council for 2020/21, Katie McCurdy, Second: Krysti Barker
- Motion to adopt financial report for Association for 2021/21, Katie McCurdy, Second: Siobhan

8. Fundraising Update, K. Barker

- Katie McCurdy will be assisting with fundraising
- Whitney will be working on grant writing
- Not sure on Casino for this year - waiting for an update
- Need volunteers for Gaga Ball Pit project

- Need volunteers for Courtyard project

9. Other business & next meeting

1. Next meeting: October 21, 2021
2. Volunteers needed for Council roles, Accommodation Response, Gaga Court and Sport Court
3. Interested in a position on our School Council? Please contact chinookparkchair@gmail.com!