

CHHS Parent Council Minutes

April 14, 2025 @ 6:30

CHHS Learning Commons, 2nd Floor CHHS

1. Call Meeting to Order. - Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM
 - Patricia Bolger Trustee, Melody Pelling CBE area Director, Principal Leavitt, VP Jacobi, Linden Achen, Mark, Josh, Justin, Allison, Tracey, Brian, Scott, Melanie – Leadership students: Hiba & Amenia
2. Approval of March 17th Minutes: Motion by Brian 2nd by Melanie, all in favor – passed
3. Meeting Agenda
 - A. Additions? - no additions or modifications
 - B. Approval of today's Agenda – approval motioned by Brian, 2nd Scott, all in favor – passed
4. Leadership students presentation on Bike-A-Thon: April 25 – 8:30 – 5:30
 - A tremendous success to date with 215 riders signed up nearly 400 students involved overall. Original goal of \$20,000 has been surpassed at \$21,500 adjusted goal to \$30,000. Many activities during the day to build spirit/community, tremendous sponsors such as grocery chains, local businesses, and individuals. Have T shirts designed in school. Need parent/guardian volunteers to do food runs etc throughout day – more on this later from Mr. Achen.
5. Reports:
 - A. Principal's report – Mr. Leavitt
 - Expresses schools pride in students exemplified by previous presentation with 5 girls showing up to do and support presentation. Note nearly 25% of the school is involved in Bike-A-Thon
 - Budget time in CBE – Ram being done – expect 1700 students in 25/26
 - Things running well at CHHS – Question about hiring for coaches: explained that all hires are looked at for 'what else they can bring' additional to teaching – coaches are always in demand – at times we need a teacher sponsor of a team and outside coaches such as in rugby this year.
 - B. Financial Update – Tracey – PC bank acct at \$2,059.45 but Justin says lots more coming from fundraising efforts – no issue to put on year end staff thank you breakfast – Teacher Conference meal money was not used due to online conferences during strike.
 - C. Linden Achen – Bike-A-Thon – Things going very well, 1/4 of school involved, \$21,500 to date raised, CHHS Alumni donated \$1,000, Needs nothing but volunteers on April 25th. Probably needs 10 people, has 4 signed up, and will pass out sign up sheet now – need Costco run done, possibly food run or two during the day April 25th.

6. Patricia Bolger & Melody Pelling – Area Trustee & CBE Area Director

- A. Funding & Stability – Plans to stabilize funding so we don't have large swings such as the past year when student numbers vary greatly. CBE has 140,000 students. Ram when done, plans for situations such as 20 more or 20 less students than expected...what would Mr. Leavitt's plan be in these scenarios. A plan is already established for such increases/decreases.

-----Believe the 24/25 situation was a one off, and the future looks more stable for student population – 1700 expected at CHHS in 25/26. Immigration has slowed significantly which was the main driver of CBE's student growth the last few years. Lots of the immigration the last 2-3 years was older kids which was also not the traditional norm – this hit High Schools hard. The budget did NOT change the \$'s/student, basically held the line, new comers need more supports, some of which naturally come from a schools budget.

- B. Collaborate with Trustee – How can PC work with trustee to drive positive change at CHHS
-----Both Melody and Patricia are happy to attend meetings and work with the PC and CHHS in any way they can to help. Funding is a Provincial Gov't issue. Staffing Melody says there are 2 open rounds in May and June of positions that get posted throughout the CBE. Melody says for years there was NO movement, which can create a stagnant situation – movement is healthy, and the 2 rounds of postings help create this.

- C. Maintenance & Modernization – In general

-----The March 14th Cap plan for 2025-2028 had no \$'s for modernization. There are \$'s for new schools, but not modernization. CHHS IS #1 on CBE's list to modernize, but without Prov' government \$'s this will NOT happen. The CBE's Capital Plan is available online on the CBE's website. Page 54 specifically deals with the capital plan. Suggestion made to reach out to any and all politicians as they are the ones who need to release \$'s for our school's modernization. Ask MLA to attend meeting or school on an occasion such as Bike-A-Thon. Reach out to Education Minister. A 2018/2019 100 teacher equivalent today is 92 teachers...we are effectively down 8% in teachers across the CBE.

- D. School Council meeting compliance – In general

-----Principal's plan next year is to get a teacher/teachers to take on involvement with PC/PS. Would like to have elected student position, but as always students have to want to be involved. Always good to have students 'open ears/open minds' involved.

Melody explained that a school such as CHHS would typically have \$100,000 - \$150,000 to cover expenses such as paper, books, etc etc. So decisions have to be made...possibly a text book is old and tired, but there may be more important places to spend \$'s. Melody and Joel have had discussions as to the PC and school admin working more effectively and with better communication. The funding MUST go through administration, as they truly are the ones that see the whole picture. A learning Leader might want new items such as badminton rackets, but that doesn't mean we have no rackets, just that they would like better for teams possibly. Might be a 'want not a need'. Example of English dep't asking for a novel that may not be considered acceptable in today's society, that Admin could explain why the ask may

not be appropriate for our school. The LL's need to work in conjunction with Admin at CHHS to forward their requests that are then prioritized by Admin, and then forwarded to PC/PS. Melody suggests she is happy to be involved and attend the Oct 2025 PC meeting where it is expected spending requests will be presented/forwarded to PC.

It is agreed better communication is needed all round, and that If the LL's are more included overall in spending decisions they can also learn and grow within the school, and possibly their requests will be different.

A big thanks to Melody and Patricia for all their help and attending.

7. Presentation on ASCA on Assurance by Allison Colpitts – pushed to next meeting
8. Still want to host year end breakfast for staff, money is no problem to cover it. Justin would like to look at other 'thank you' ideas for staff. Coffee guy discussed and Justin/Melody will follow up with Admin.
9. Next Meeting: Monday May 12th 2025
10. Motion to adjourn: - 8:11 ---Justin motioned, Brian 2nd..all in favor – passed