

Carbon School Council Agenda

May 1, 2025

1. Call to Order: 6:10 PM

2. Agenda:

- 2.1. Additions to Agenda
- 2.2. Approval of Agenda; Brittany motions to approve agenda; Mary seconds

3. Review of Previous Minutes:

- 3.1. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2025. Mary motions to approve meeting minutes; Kealey seconds.

4. Correspondence:

- 4.1.

5. Reports:

- 5.1. Junior High Representative: NA
- 5.2. Principal's Report:
 - Fortunate to have 2 new teachers joining us for 25/26 school year.
 - March 10- Jr. High attended ski trip to Nakiska
 - E-Sports teams had first competition and won 2-0
 - Badminton team will be attending Zones on May 10
 - Had magician- Kindness and Gratitude Motivational Presentation (April 14)- well received and kids loved it!!
 - Hawaiian Dress Up - April 11
 - Casino- on April 13/14- thanks to everyone for the support received from the community!!!
 - Spring Break from April 18-28
 - Focus for next year for Tri-Campus will be a focus on building a sensing of "Belonging"
- 5.3. Teacher Representative: NA
- 5.4. School Board Trustee: NA

6. Old Business:

6.1. \$500 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant

6.2. Junior High Programming: Tara - Ryan- spent some time collecting data and discussing things with the school division and how things would look if they were to transition back to Carbon full-time. Ryan provided the results for the Survey from Carbon Parents and Carbon Students regards to the Tri-Campus Collaboration 2024. Some of the options of taking away double classes. Ryan also went through the questions from our own survey questions which were sent out in March 2025. Selection process to choose 8 families that RYan Hatch reached out to parents with students in Grades 1, 4, 5, Jr.

- 1) Regarding lunch time schedule, students were bused to Dr. Elliot for lunch, have you noticed any concerns regarding your child having any issues eating lunch? Responses- definitely an issue and that lunch was too short
- 2) We want to ensure that all of our students feel comfortable and welcome regardless of where they are learning, has your child experience any concerns with feeling unwelcome or unwanted? Responses- lots of kids enjoy option classes but don't enjoy being disrupted at the end of the day when they have to leave, if everyone else gets 40 minutes and they only get 30 minutes. Some of the kids just said they don't like the options that are being offered
- 3) We've had some parents inquire about the possibility of Jr high students returning to Carbon school. What would the benefits or drawbacks of returning to Carbon School- response- some parents felt they would like to have them return full time. I have to wonder if the benefits of option classes based on the loss and impact on the lunch. It feels like a system would be better in carbon. Others said they are concerned in doing this their kids would miss out on friendships and variety of options and some would not be able to play on sports teams
- 4) Looking ahead, if the current system of jr high students was to continue, what support systems would allow this

system to continue? Response- there needs to be better effort into integrating kids into the school, joint projects, Dr. Elliot checking into what we are doing instead of us being the outsiders

Feedback ; Mr. Hatch has spent some time working on developing a schedule that would return the students here and we would have to make it work with staff that are already here. It will create pressure points with the teachers we have here. The schedule is incomplete and there are obviously challenges given teachers allotted teachable time. Shared a hypothetical schedule with us. This would add 10 minutes to the school day for the entire school. This would be allotted to recess/lunch time. Options presented include Sports Med, Outdoor Ed, Foods, Shop, PE. The problem is that admin time gets taken away with any change in scheduling. Even if we have outside sources to assist, we still require a teacher to be available in the classroom. Another idea of how it could work instead of having a gym class would be 5-9 PE. Splitting up core classes and option classes. The Kinder/Jr position is also a tough position to cover and is there not a better manner to combine teaching positions in a more effective way? Teacher feel like this will add to their workload. Everyone will have a chance to look at this and digest things and think about everything. Ryan is looking at every avenue and solution and possibilities that will benefit the majority. May 9 there will be a PD Day where everything will be discussed with Staff and they will have a chance to look through everything. PAC does not want to cause animosity between ourselves and Staff in regards to this and we all only want the best for all students, both PAC and Staff.

7. New Business:

- 7.1. Vice President Resignation- Emily Barnes has offered her resignation; Mary has accepted the position. Kim motions to accept Mary as the new Vice President; Brittany seconds.
- 7.2. School Swimming Lessons- quotes received for both Three Hills and Drumheller and they would be exorbitant in cost so we will skip this year.

8. Adjournment: 7:35 PM

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