



HSS School Council Meeting Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 STEM classroom (former learning HUB) 7-8 pm

1 min **Call to order and welcome** – Margie Steingart School Council Chair

1 min **Acceptance of minutes as circulated from Feb 6th, 2024 meeting**
Pam motioned to accept minutes. Tracy 2nd.

1 min **Additions to the agenda/acceptance of the agenda**

10 min **HSS school council reports:**

- **Financial report** – Pam Barker School Council Co-chair
Nothing to report. Balance remains about \$3000 and prior to next meeting work with HSEEF and define a statement how funds can be used for benefit of school.
- **Plan for school council priorities of communication, advising, fundraising**
School council has been working at defining these 3 lanes of focus. Communication and advising are well on their way with defined structure and purpose. Fundraising, including having a non profit society to apply for grants and provide tax receipts for donations, is still to be defined. By June AGM hopeful all that is determined and a path forward can easily happen.
- **Communication** - 1) from school 2) with classroom 3) from school council 4) in athletics
Continue to see improvements from all areas that positively impact the school community. Not much to add today that hasn't been said.
- **ASCA conference** - workshop presentation and attendance
Margie, Pam, Jen Massop, Melissa Copley and Dean will attend the conference and present a workshop from our experience over the last 2 years - *What Is Our School Council Supposed to Do? Our Journey of a Collaborative Path Forward*; Margie and Jen will attend a fundraising workshop to help iron out HSSEF role and School Council role in general fundraising for our school. April 26/27
- **Connie Jakab April 23 at HSS** [Connie Jakab](#)
 - afternoon assembly with MS and HS. Parent evening 6:30-8pm.
Connie will be focusing on building stronger community and including students, parents, community members, teachers and administration in the conversation. We are using our \$500 Alberta school council grant and \$250 from FCSS Carstairs to host the event. All are welcome.
- **Parent Matters April 24th** (CESD initiative to hear from parents) - Tracy Brown Ewert
Our group will present a short version of our ASCA presentation. Tracy is asking for any questions to be brought up at parent matters to please contact her.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews March 27th and 28th**
- **Current playground decommissioned summer 2025**
 - Plan Parent committee will need to be created to start planning/fundraising process

10 min **Parent engagement opportunities:**

- **Please get current police checks to the office to be able to volunteer for any activity**
- **HSSMA (music association)** – Andrea Morton hssma.pts@gmail.com
Kiwaniis music festival week. Learning trips planned for all groups March - May.
- **Kodiak Booster Club (support school athletics)** – Lindsey Good
Basketball Male ID camp this weekend and lots of interest. AGM early May. Looking for community members to join the HSS sport community as coaches, leaders in sport. Need to support our students and athletic director to see growth and success in sport development.

- **HSSEF (enhancement fund/fundraising)** – Jen Massop hssef@gmail.com
Casino was a success and we wait until the end of the quarter to know proceeds. HSSEF will revisit bylaws, purpose as it relates to non profit society to work with school council. Next meeting is April 8th 7 pm.
- **HSS lunch and breakfast programs** – Yvonne Tempany ytempany@cesd73.ca
- **Teacher lunch Feb 15th, March 21st** - parent supervision needed. Sign up link sent by office.

5 min **School reports:**

- **Student leadership video reports**
Enthusiastic reports from grade 7/8 , grade 9 and high school leadership groups. So much school and community engagement generated by their efforts.

5 min **Trustee's Report:** Melissa Copley

- CESD board of trustees priorities and recommendations; meeting summary from March 12th
Melissa sends regrets and was not able to attend. Margie/Dean presented the March 12th meeting highlights (found on CESD website) with the biggest interest being that Carstairs MS/HS is 5th on the list for capital expenditures.

15 min **Principal's Report:** Dean Nielsen, Kristina Rentz, Teri Sadek

- Key updates in policy, programming, communication
- Grade 10 internship April 24-26
 - Digital sign is ordered and will be installed summer 2024. 14'X7'. It will be hung on the south wall of east gym facing highway. .
 - Digital streaming for school events is underway with portable camera purchased. We will be able to live stream any event in gym, outdoors etc. Ongoing streaming costs will be absorbed in student fees/sport fees.
 - Budget season for administration planning for next year.
 - Wake a thon upcoming for highschool
 - Grade 10 internship April 24-26 - student directed interest and placements being found.
 - Parent teacher conference - sign up
 - Committees within school - staff sit on a committee to work to see improvement in that area, many various ones but primarily wanted to discuss 2 today.
 - Facilities - great improvements in first impression of our school to make it look more inviting/current - grad photos down except last 20 years (digital plan for all HSS photos); bulletin boards painted and cleaned up; new kodiak logos up, visitor couches outside office etc...
 - Kodiak Culture - how do we build Kodiak culture? Looking at staff and student handbooks. Today brought 3 documents for parent input. Have already been brought to teaching staff. Dress code, Student code of conduct, Student expectations. Much valuable discussion around stating the 'why' then the rules are just that, the rules at HSS. The largest 'why' was in preparation for a professional, learning or work world expectations (eg - hard hats, steel toed boots, professional attire etc; cell phone rules in various environments etc are expectations in the workforce). See admin if you want to see these working documents and have personal input. Teacher expectations is also a working document mentioned but not discussed today. Discussion that a parent expectations would also be valuable and truly a work that would help school council engage parents in good partnership with school community.

10 min **Roundtable discussion** – where parents have opportunity to highlight their perspectives

- What areas require growth/consideration and how would you suggest we proceed?
- What does meaningful engagement at HSS look like for your family?
None presented

2 min **Summary of roundtable topics presented to entire room**

Next meeting Wednesday April 30th, 2024

60 min **Adjournment (meeting over at 8 pm)**

Adjourned 8:40 as an excellent discussion of Kodiak Culture was 45 minutes.

Attendance:

Dean Nielsen, Kristina Rentz, Teri Sadek, Pam Barker, Margie Steingart, Tracy Brown Ewert, Darren Owens, Dawn Calvin, Ray Pollock, Jess Fray