

THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL: SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023
5:30 PM
Foods Lab

1. Call to order at 5:43 pm.

In attendance: April Bauer, Harco Middelkamp, David Amiot, Candice Deveau, Jamie Green, Pat Topolniski, Kristy Krause, Rhonda Pawlik, Miranda Middelkamp, Melissa Schwab, Kelly Feledichuck, Casey Maguire-Neaves

2. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by Kristy. Jamie seconds motion.

3. Approval of Minutes: Melissa approves minutes. Jamie seconds motion.

4. Parking Lot:

4.1 Pancake Breakfast for Education Week will be sponsored by Thorhild ATB.

5. Trustee Report: Report by April Bauer attached for full details.

6. Principal's Report: Report by David Amiot attached for full details.

7. Old Business

7.1 Winter Festival – Thank you to everyone who helped make the night happen. The families really seemed to enjoy it.

8. New Business

8.1 Update on Drumheller trip / camps: There are over 40 field trips planned for before the end of the school year. These trips include something for all grades. Trips were picked on availability of funding and TCS staff members. The grade 7 Drumheller trip / Camp trips are not on the list of planned trips as staffing capacity does not allow for it this year. This is not indicative of every year. Any funds raised for these trips will go towards other planned field trips.

8.2 Parent Teacher Communication Standard: There were concerns brought forward from parents that not all teachers use the same methods for communications with parents about what is happening with classes. This concern will be brought forward to the staff meeting for discussion.

8.3 Planning ski trips/skating trips for the winter: These trips are part of the above scheduled trips. Skating trips were completed in December. Skiing is scheduled for February and March.

8.4 School Survey for families at the end of the year: Will be brought forward to the next meeting.

8.5 White School Bus Update: There has been a delay at the shop getting them fixed but they should be finished soon.

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30 pm at the school Foods Lab and via TEAMS meeting.

10. Adjourned at 6:45 pm.

TCS School Council Meeting January 2023 - Trustee's Report

In December we approved the Draft Calendar for 2024/25-before labor day start to allow for November break, more PD days in first semester to set up staff for success.

In November we approved our IMR/CMR projects for the year. For Thorhild Central we have approved a new roof access ladder, security camera installation, front walk cement repair, and a compound in the back. For next year, we have scheduled renovations on five classrooms, a CTS shop renovation, and some mechanical replacements.

Ms Hirtle has resigned and we are in the process of hiring her replacement. We wish her well in her new position.

We have learned that Contract Bus Operator insurance will see a 22.7% decrease this year.

The Board will be touring the new HAK on February 7. We get possession of the building March 31.

Next meeting February 7, 2023 at HAK

Principal's Report - January 23, 2023

1. 2021-2022 Annual Education Results Report (AERR)

- Go to [TCS AERR for 2021-2022](#) to see the entire report
- Priority One: Success and Completion (Reflections & Next Steps)
- Priority Two: Wellness (TCS Professional Development 2021-2022)
- Priority Three: Engagement (Engagement Opportunities & Learnings)

2. Music Program

- Our music programming for the Jr and Sr High School at Thorhild Central School is divided into two components - Introductory, where students can explore the guitar, bass, and other rhythm instruments, and Performance ensemble, where students will be placed in combo bands, taught songs as a group playing guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, and vocals, with a focus on rehearsal and performance. Students in this program need to have some previous experience on their chosen instrument.

- Some Junior High students have already had some exposure to the Introductory course, as they joined the Senior High General Music program for part of the course timeline during first semester, Q1 and Q2 options. This semester, there will be a dedicated Q3 music option for Junior High students to try their hand at learning primarily guitar, but also getting into some rhythm playing (percussion instruments, drums).

- The Senior High Music course this semester is the Performance Ensemble course and will run the entire semester. There will be a Music Tour component of this course, where students will get to perform with other students from other schools in a rock concert (multiple bands) at schools in Aspen View Public Schools. Dates and locations for these performances are to be determined.

3. Drama Program

- Our TCS Drama Program has been quite successful over the years
- Typically, 25-30 students participate in Drama
- We just received a banner from Drama Provincials for the 2021-2022 school year
- Zones to be held in Fort McMurray from April 20, 21, 22 this year
- Provincials always held in Red Deer; we are hopeful our students will be selected