



TCHS School Council Meeting Minutes December 7, 2020

Devotions - Jason Visser welcomed everyone to this zoom meeting and opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

1. **Programming** - Jason gave an update on the last two chapels that we had with the grade 10 students. Because of our small school size (one cohort), we are still able to have chapel which has been a blessing to the school.

A. Chapels

- Anna Braun, from the Lethbridge Correctional Center came and spoke at our November chapel. Anna is the chaplain at the Lethbridge Correctional center. Anna spoke about having a heart for the down and out. Through this TCHS students have engaged in a FLEX letter writing program to a program supporting inmates.
- TCHS had Pastor Keith Boschman (Taber E Free church) speak at our next chapel – Friday, November 27th. He spoke from Psalm 4 and James 1 and reminded students that Jesus told us we would face hardships and that “we can be angry but not sinful”. These things are meant to test us and help us grow. God will show us what is good but we need to seek Him!

B. CTS Options: This semester, we were able to give students some more choice with option classes. They are taught by both Mr. Visser and Mrs. Bekkering.

- As of November 9 (to be completed on January 29), TCHS has introduced new options classes. They are as follows:
Mon/Wed – **Community Volunteerism** (Mr. Visser)
Speaking/Presenting (Mrs. Bekkering)

Tues/Thurs – **Musculoskeletal system** (Mr. Visser)

Photography (Mrs. Bekkering)

Classes have been going well and are being continued through the At Home Learning phase. These are 1 credit courses and students will get credit for these courses as long as they continue to complete assignments during the 'At Home' learning phase.

C. TCHS Learning Support Teacher. Crystal Boese was scheduled to serve as both the TCS and TCHS Learning Support Teacher. While she is working very hard in this regard, the challenge of supporting 2 schools at different sites is proving significant. As a result Mrs. Miriam Bekkering will be “jumping in” to the TCHS Learning support representative! Mrs. Bekkering has some experience in this role but looks forward to this opportunity to learn new skills at the highschool level. Learning Support is intended for students who require additional assistance in specific or all subject areas. Mrs. Boese will still oversee the programming but Mrs. Bekkering will be on the site learning support teacher.

D. At Home Learning

Due to the announcement of Premier Kenney regarding Alberta grade 7 — 12 students transitioning to 'At Home' learning from Nov 30 through to January 8 TCHS has gone to an At Home Learning scenario. After doing surveys and getting a sense of from students about what is helpful, the following practices will have been put in place at TCHS (some level of tweaking is ongoing):

- To support student learning, students/parents will be able to make appointments with school staff for weekly one on one, in person learning sessions with TCHS teachers.
- Schools are asked to continue in person programming with students who have complex needs

- Emphasis will be on having meaningful learning opportunities for students (not busy work). Assessment and feedback are also a point of emphasis to build on student learning (and make corrections when necessary)
- We are currently holding ZOOM meetings every morning starting at 9 am. In the meeting we do devotions, share some instruction, clarify assignments and where they are found. Students that are having trouble with technology are asked to contact the school.
 - Chrome books were sent out with students that requested them
 - Students can also make arrangements to access paper copies if they want.

2. 2020/21 Plans and Registration

A. Site: Planning for the next school year is well under way. While there are not many details available at this point, the hope is that construction will begin very soon in the new year (providing the vote to move forward with this project passes!). The society board and high school committee are working very hard with these plans. Currently a vote is being taken to move forward with a new TCHS building. Fundraising plans are being worked out and some initial canvassing has begun. For more information please contact the Society office. Kim Scheurkogel at TCS is the contact person for any questions you may have.

B. TCHS Registration for 2020/21 school year

TCHS registration for next school year will come out in the new year. While we hope to be 'timely', this registration phase may not be as early as the TCS registration. The reason for this is that schedules and staffing need to be worked out before course registration can occur. We will certainly update parents when TCHS registration forms are going out.

3. TCHS Logos:

- In the first quarter, TCHS students engaged in a Visual Design (CTS) course. Their culminating project was to develop either a school or team logo for Taber Christian high school....staff were impressed!
- School logo: The following emerged as the clear front runner (as voted on by students) for school logo.
- This is the logo we are using for this year, promotions video etc. as it reflects our theme: Anchored to Hope. We are also hoping to produce “limited edition” sweatshirts for this year, using the logo below.



- In moving forward, we have a student committee (including the original designer), set up to create a permanent TCHS logo. They will be working off this logo.
- For our team name and logo, we also had a few entries. They all looked great, but below is the final logo as decided by both the TCS board and students. Below is a write up as to the rationale for the colors, design etc.

TCHS Logo and Team Name



'The logo portrays that we are a strong, courageous, independent community of Christ. The colour gold represents glory, foundation, Christ's divinity and courage. The colour black represents revelation. The lion represents that we have the Lord living within us. The shield in the first one ties us to the TCS Guardians

Proverbs 28:1 the wicked flee when no one is pursuing, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Time for Questions and Comments:

- Parents took some time to comment on the at home learning. How much time should students be spending on their school work at home?
- Mr. Visser and Mrs. Bekkering both responded by saying that this is always the concern... are we sending out too much? Or too little? Students will work at their own pace. What is right for one may not be right for another.
- Parents and students are encouraged to give feedback to the teachers in this area. The amount of work can be adjusted but communication is important!

Closing:

Mr. Visser thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Mrs. Karen Vandenberg closed the meeting with prayer.