

School Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

7pm Taber CRC Fellowship Hall

Present: Jason Visser, Tanya Hoekstra, Miriam Bekkering, Jayden Deboer, Michelle Deboer, Alex Wind, Scott and Karen Vandenberg, Cody Fehr, Abe and Susie Fehr, Theo Loewen, Sara Loewen, Ben Klassen, Anna Klassen

Welcome: Jason Visser welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened in prayer.

Course Registration Guide – Jason spent time going through the Grade 11 Course Registration Guide

School Vision – we have learned goals in our education at TCHS – God Worshipping, Idolatry Discerning etc. At TCHS we learn to put these values into practice.

School Calendar – Mainly the same as other Horizon schools and TCS. High Schools do go two weeks longer than grade schools due to the amount of hours required by Alberta education.

Alberta High School Diploma Graduation Requirements

- Grade 10 courses are 10 level, grade 11 courses are 20 level and grade 12 courses are 30 level.
- There are different streams that students can consider. This is outlined in the guide. It's important to aim for a high level. It is easier for a student to move from a "-1" stream (more theoretical) to a "-2" stream (more practical). Going from a "-2" stream to a "-1" stream can be done but is more challenging.
- The Course Registration Guide outlines the core course streaming for English, Math, Science and Socials.

Off – Campus Education

- Students have been working with Heather Brantner (Off Campus education coordinator for Horizon School Division) is working with TCHS students to get them ready to earn credits through work or volunteer experience. Students currently completed the HCS 3000 module which is a prerequisite

for work experience. Students will also be gaining information from Heather is regards to what course different university and college programs require.

Course Load

- Grade 10 students are required to register to complete 40 credits (full course load, no spares)
- Grade 11 students are expected to complete 35 credits
- Grade 12 students will complete enough credits to fulfill diploma requirements... general rule is to have 105 credits earned by the time of graduation.
- Retroactive credits were explained – students who achieve a mark less than 50% in a “-1” course, may be able to continue at the next grade level in the “-2” program route. In these cases, students who successfully complete the next grade level course will earn credit for the course taken and for its normal prerequisite.

Christian Studies

- Students need to complete Christian Studies 15, 25 and 35 to receive their diploma from TCHS.

Outline of Courses

- Jay explained how English and Social works with the course levels and streams.
- Miriam explained how Science and Math works with the course levels and streams.
- If parents or students are ever unsure, they should meet with the teachers here to discuss what courses to take. If ever in doubt, go with the “-1” level as it gives more options.

Physical Education

- Grade 10 PE is mandatory
- Grade 11 and 12 PE is optional

Career and Technology Studies (CTS)

- CTS courses are 1 credit courses. Each course is set up for 25 hours of instruction.
- 1000 level are beginner/ Grade 10 level, 2000 level are intermediate / Grade 11 level and the 3000 is advanced/Grade 12 level. Some of the grade 11 and 12 level courses require grade 10 level pre-requisites.
- course are clustered by the following titles:
 - Information Processing and Business Administration
 - Health, Recreation and Human Services
 - Media Design and Communication Arts
 - Natural Resources
 - Trades, Manufacturing and Transportation

Registration

- Each package has three documents
 - Horizon Registration Form for TCHS
 - Course Registration Form
 - Partnership Agreement between TCHS, parents and students
- Financial papers were given to those families that need it – families that are new to TCS Society or who were not given a re-registration package at TCS.
- Forms need to be filled out and returned to the TCHS office.

New Building Plans

- Jay spent some time showing a blueprint of the new building and highlighting different rooms/areas etc.

Questions

- When will TCHS get into the new building?
Answer: We are hoping that we can possibly get in by January, 2022.

Closing

- There will be another School Council Meeting near the end of the school year. At this meeting we will review more solidified plans for the TCHS next school year. Date TBD.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

