

## Meeting Highlights Oct 25, 2023

### Engaging Parents – Connecting with Classrooms – Enhancing school community

#### From school council: (parents)

- Communication -
  - 1) School videos, Facebook (**hugh sutherland school**) and Instagram (**@hss.kodiaks** and **@hss.athletics**) are providing good info and creating community. Parents are concerned about a lack of written info in a single location. Admin advised all info can be found on 'daily announcements' on the website and 'calendar' is updated in real time if you link it to your current digital calendar.
  - 2) Teacher communication is going well overall. Admin identified that some poor teacher response may in fact be an email going to the junk folder. Parents are advised that if there is no response in 48 hr, call the office for support in connecting with the teacher. Process for resolving a classroom concern is to contact the teacher first. If a suitable resolution is not found, then include administration.
  - 3) School council will start sending out information specific to what we are doing within the school. We will use the same platforms already in use - school messenger, videos, school facebook and instagram.
- Parent Matters - We have 2 parent representatives participating in this CESD initiative to give parents a voice within CESD. Next meeting Jan/24.
- Decommissioning of current playground summer 2025 - parent planning and fundraising needs to start in the near future. Any parents interested in the process please stand up!

#### From the school: (teachers and students)

- Grade 9 and HS leadership provided video reports on student lead initiatives within the school. Teri Sadek reported on various MS initiatives to strengthen the community.

#### From our school board trustee: (Melissa Copley)

- Melissa was unable to attend but we defer to Board highlights from October 3 meeting found on CESD website under 'board of trustees' tab

#### From the principal: (Dean Nielsen, Kristina Rentz, Teri Sadek)

- Moving from a nut free to a nut aware building. More discussion on exact strategy to come. All comments welcomed by administration.
- Described discipline model currently in place. Goal is consistency for students, teachers and parents. 1-2-3 model. So far this year, this model has resulted in less office referrals. For full details contact the school council or administration.
- Collaborating with CES to work towards a community conversation of schooling in Carstairs inclusive of K-12 not just HSS and CES as separate entities.
- Planning an interactive career day where community members will participate to showcase various careers. Tentative date Dec 15th and community participation will be needed.
- Parent teacher interviews Nov 6th/7th. Booking closes Oct 30th.

#### From round table discussions: (a time for parents to raise concerns to our admin team)

- No further questions

**Next meeting Wednesday November 29th**