

## Meeting Highlights Oct 25, 2023

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

#### From school council: (parents)

- **Communication -**
  - 1) From school is getting clearer for parents as we learn how to access. School videos, Facebook (**hugh sutherland school**) and Instagram (**@hss.kodiaks** and **@hss.athletics**) and website '**daily announcements**' and '**calendar**'.
  - 2) Teacher communication parents remember to contact teachers about specific classroom concerns as a first step. If you have trouble understanding how to initiate that process, you are welcome to contact the admin team for direction.
  - 3) School council will start sending out information specific to what we are doing within the school using the same platforms already in use.
  - 4) In athletics improvements made for the role out of basketball season. Kodiak Booster club and school council continue to bring constructive suggestions. Parents please raise any concerns so we can continue to improve this process.
- **Decommissioning of current playground summer 2025** - Parent planning and fundraising needs to start. A larger conversation about future school planning, outdoor facility placement, bus loop/parent drop off/parking are all a part of the greater conversation. If 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. MS getting underway for the new quarter. **Looking for suggestions on community projects to participate in.** Send suggestions to Shauna Rodboure (teacher) or the admin team.

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

- Review of provincial Alberta School Board Association meetings, new document describing 3 key areas of focus, adding to conversation of overall CESD school council role shifting to advising/participating instead of only fundraising. As always, board meeting highlights are found on CESD website under 'board of trustees' tab

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

- Friday Dec 15 career fair - Grade 9-12 students will pick sessions soon. **Parents will be offered a 'parent track' to better understand career paths** and things like scholarship application, program requirements etc. **Consider taking the morning off work** to participate and learn with your kids.
- Staff lunch where the entire staff gathers. Christmas lunch Dec 21st. Parent sign up link sent out.
- Reviewing data from last school year - Assurance surveys (Jan/23), diploma and PAT results. Noting themes and making changes.
- Looking into possibility of Driver Training being offered at the school
- Looking to have a new outdoor digital sign placed on the east gym brick wall facing the student parking lot. Quotes in and creative methods to finance discussed.
- Nut aware facility and program description has been sent via school messenger to all households.
- New logo is finalised and will be rolling out.
- Online Kodiak shop is up on HSS website for clothing purchase
- Classroom supervisors requested for when the sub list is exhausted. Criteria of some post secondary and experience with kids required. Paid position. Speak with Dean if interested.

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

- Role and intent of CA (connect advisors) in grade 9-12. Admin to follow up with explanation to school community via video
- Cell phone policy raised - admin advised taking a role of helping kids understand boundaries as opposed to no cell phone rules. Time limited thorough conversation.
- Career pathways conversations need to include all career/academic possibilities and not limit future based on class/credit choices. Trades and high academic paths well covered, questions about those 'in the middle' and unsure.

**Next meeting Tuesday Feb 6th, 2024**