Calgary Board of Education

Oct. 3, 2018 Council of School Councils (COSC) Meeting Survey Results

Total number of attendees that signed in: 109   Total survey responses: 83

Respondents were asked to rate their agreement or disagreement with the following statements as: Strong Agree, Agree, Disagree, and Strongly Disagree. Below are the responses that were received.

1. This meeting provided me with useful information.
   - 14 strongly agree (24 per cent)
   - 45 agree (76 per cent)
   - 0 disagree (0 per cent)
   - 0 strongly disagree (0 per cent)
   - 0 did not answer (0 per cent)

2. I had an opportunity to share my ideas and opinions at this meeting.
   - 17 strongly agree (31 per cent)
   - 38 agree (69 per cent)
   - 0 disagree (0 per cent)
   - 0 strongly disagree (0 per cent)
   - 0 did not answer (0 per cent)

3. I enjoyed the opportunities to discuss topics with other CBE school councils
   - 30 strongly agree (54 per cent)
   - 26 agree (46 per cent)
   - 0 disagree (0 per cent)
   - 0 strongly disagree (0 per cent)
   - 0 did not answer (0 per cent)

4. Comments
   - Excellent introduction to the school year
   - Thank you
   - Good meeting, thanks
   - Digital usage for asking questions creative, but too slow and takes away from the social interaction aspect of standing to ask your questions. Human interaction is lost - tone, context, e motive language
   - This has been great, thank you
   - Really liked slide for questions. Suggestion: have ipads for those without phones to use
   - Just more questions than anticipated, not your fault
   - Felt answers to questions were not in depth, very surface and not transparent enough. Clearly the report card system is an issue for parents. If the curriculum is changing, so should the reporting! Please take heed and review some of these concerns and provide what is needed. The principals should all have the same in-depth standards. Superintendent: Difficult to buy in that, parents did not want input or comment on this selection process!
   - In terms of the slide website, it was a very useful tool for asking questions and opportunities for discussion, however the "likes" system in not efficient, because the questions that got the most likes were not the most important. They got the most likes because they were asked

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at the beginning. The most valuable questions were at the bottom. It would have been better for the superintendent to look through them and comment on the most important ones. However it was a creative and innovative way to ensure questions got through.
- Thank you for setting this up
- Good meeting. Liked to have the superintendents in the crowd instead of all at the front.
- Great ideas presented by people at our group
- Great meeting
- SLL. does work great
- Block parent programs needed
- All the Trustees should be present - Not all were here tonight
- More meetings catered toward Jr. High & High School levels separate from elementary levels
- Addressing playground issues and help school councils how to get it fore schools that don't have it.
- Thank you. I think that the question portion of the evening was worthwhile - I look forward to reading the additional answers online. Could you send via the link once it is complete?
- Slido was good and it would have been more valuable to answer more of those questions than doing one for one w/ questions from the floor (maybe 3:1)? Also with the slido questions it would be great if you could group questions on the same topic and answer at one time (ie. there were 5 questions about PowerSchool)
- Very happy with the app and the time allotted for parent questions!
- My first time here, great info.

Topic Survey

Total number of attendees that signed in: 0 Total survey responses: 0

Over the past few years, we have asked you to suggest topics. Based on your input, please rant the topics below

1 = least important topic, 5 = most important topic

1. Technology/social media for students
   1. 2 least interested (2 per cent)
   2. 9 some interest (11 per cent)
   3. 18 interested (22 per cent)
   4. 24 very interested (30 per cent)
   5. 28 most interested (35 per cent)

2. School council succession planning
   1. 4 least interested (5 per cent)
   2. 10 some interest (13 per cent)
   3. 31 interested (40 per cent)
   4. 16 very interested (21 per cent)
   5. 16 most interested (21 per cent)

3. Volunteer recruitment
   1. 2 least interested (3 per cent)
   2. 10 some interest (13 per cent)
   3. 24 interested (30 per cent)
   4. 22 very interested (27 per cent)
   5. 22 most interested (27 per cent)

4. How school councils can work with principals
   1. 7 least interested (9 per cent)
   2. 9 some interest (11 per cent)
   3. 19 interested (24 per cent)
   4. 21 very interested (27 per cent)
   5. 23 most interested (29 per cent)

5. Role of school councils
   1. 5 least interested (6 per cent)
   2. 12 some interest (16 per cent)
   3. 24 interested (32 per cent)
   4. 18 very interested (23 per cent)
   5. 18 most interested (23 per cent)

6. Bullying at school
   1. 0 least interested (0 per cent)
   2. 8 some interest (10 per cent)
   3. 18 interested (23 per cent)
   4. 27 very interested (34 per cent)
   5. 26 most interested (33 per cent)

7. Financial literacy for students
    1. 1 least interested (1 per cent)
    2. 4 some interest (5 per cent)
    3. 12 interested (15 per cent)
    4. 32 very interested (42 per cent)
    5. 29 most interested (37 per cent)

8. Nutrition policy
    1. 5 least interested (6 per cent)
    2. 17 some interest (22 per cent)
    3. 20 interested (25 per cent)
    4. 20 very interested (25 per cent)
    5. 17 most interested (22 per cent)

9. Fundraising for schools
    1. 3 least interested (4 per cent)
    2. 5 some interest (6 per cent)
    3. 25 interested (32 per cent)
    4. 23 very interested (29 per cent)
    5. 23 most interested (29 per cent)

10. CBE budget
    1. 1 least interested (1 per cent)
    2. 5 some interest (6 per cent)
    3. 21 interested (27 per cent)
    4. 29 very interested (38 per cent)
    5. 22 most interested (28 per cent)

11. Guest Speakers
    1. 4 least interested (5 per cent)
    2. 6 some interest (8 per cent)
    3. 14 interested (18 per cent)
    4. 24 very interested (31 per cent)
    5. 29 most interested (38 per cent)

12. Guest speakers. Specify guest speaker topic, such as math, literacy, mental health, others.
    - Mental Health, Internet Safety, Model Citizens
    - Nutrition
    - As a high school parent I feel like most of the topics have been done enough.
    - Early Childhood mental health – elementary
    - Mental Health
    - Math qualifications requirements
    - Mental Health
    - Mental Health, Math
    - All of it. A repeat not a bad idea
    - Mental Health
    - Math, Financial Literacy for students
    - Curriculum, report cards - interpretation, busing concerns, changes
    - Mental Health
    - Mental health, progressive learning strategies, inclusion.

- Athletics
- Mental Health preventative measures.
- Mental Health, Math (Basics), physical health
- Mental Health support for kids
- Math, literacy, mental health and others
- Mental Health
- MADD, Block Parent Program.
- Addictions with Technology
- The importance of alternative programs in the CBE.
- Literacy
- Mental Health
- Mental Health, Literacy all sound lovely
- Dr. Lynn D. Miller - Mental Health, Geri Lorway - Thinking 101 Math, Paul Davis - www.socialnetworkingsafety.net
- Math, Literacy
- There doesn't seem to be enough funding to support technology initiatives so as a council be prepared to provide additional funds.
- Financial Literacy
- Mental Health
- Mental Health, Parent advocacy, social media best practices for school councils
- Mental Health
- Math, Mental Health
- Mental Health, literacy, school disciplinary action (K-12)

13. Other suggestions. Please list.
   - Thank You
   - More time for questions, digital usage for asking questions creative but too slow and takes away from the social interaction aspect of standing to ask your questions. Human interaction is lost - tone, context, motive language.
   - Re Volunteer recruitment - Heard that Propellus did and amazing job years ago!
   - Alternative schooling/pedagogy available for students - how homeschooling, online, etc. works. CBE philosophy of types of pedagogy - education about different types. Student & Parent choice in what to learn and how. How can we engage parents? Potlucks (council meeting (AGM) tied to this -Potlucks with magicians/reptile presentation - kids pressure parents to attend. How can we better communicate with parents? App that allows teachers & principal to send texts, flyers in agendas. How can a new school with no money fundraise? Ask for donations from parents either time or money $10 - 40. Look into pooled fund that schools donate money to when they have leftover money. How can we put an age appropriate playground on site when age range of student population will change?
   - Give out a page with information about all current system (budgets, etc.) This will help for those specific questions to be answered, and allows for collaborative parent-superintendent communication and discussions. Where is the curriculum headed? Will it remain traditional or are we shifting towards a more Scandinavian - style education system?
   - Extracurricular activities - sports, rules, schedules, starting's not posted.

- The question/answer thing was good but questions that come later never had a chance to be heard. Maybe remind people to read/rate questions
- Fundraising Casino information
- Re Nutrition policy, are there no Apple Schools here in Calgary? Re Bullying at School / Friendship building
- Fitness/nutrition/health, empowering girls