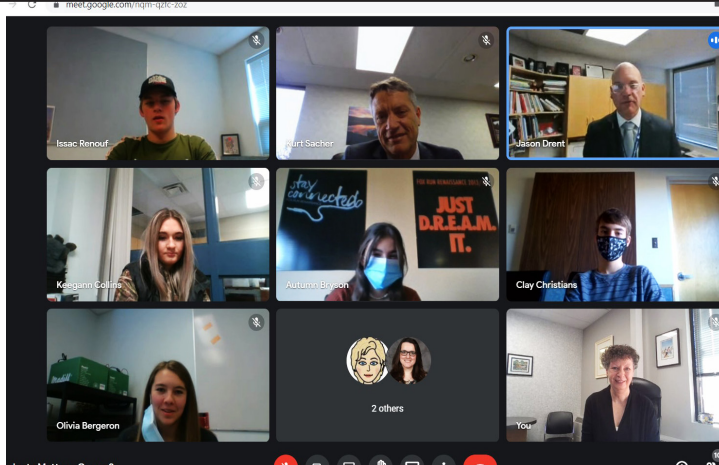


Chinook's Edge 'Matters Committees' are taking care of business



Relationships Matter - For many years now, several different groups in the division have collaborated to inform the work of the Central Office Leadership Team: Teachers Matter, Students Matter, Support Staff Matter, Parents Matter, and the Superintendent's Advisory Team of Administrators. This year's first series of virtual Students Matter meetings have taken place in the last week, including this session on November 2.



Indigenous Students Matter! Later this month, the first-ever Indigenous Students Matter Committee will meet to ensure this essential perspective is core to the conversation. Grade 10 student Maurice Redbear, right - from Penhold Crossing Secondary School, is a rep on the new committee. Elder John Sinclair is one of several people involved.

Members of the Students Matter Committee joined peers from across the division to share their leadership, perspective and guidance. Their voice will help inform the work of the central office team and it will make a real difference in Chinook's Edge. Although they look forward to the opportunity of meeting in person, the first Students Matter sessions were spirited and informative. Olivia, a Students Matter rep from Innisfail High School, summed up her view of the committee's role: "We bring ideas and views forward, and work together honestly and positively to help improve our school experience for everyone in the whole division."

Core to all Matters Committees is the opportunity for questions and authentic dialogue and questions. For instance, some items the Students Matter Committee wanted to address included: what it feels like to be learning through the pandemic and how it is affecting students to not be able to participate in extracurricular to the full extent, questions about the government's proposed curriculum and the status of exam weighting on final coursemarks.

Honouring Remembrance Day

Schools throughout Chinook's Edge will be commemorating Remembrance Day in a modest manner this year. Although restrictions may be reducing the scale of the tributes, it does not diminish the depth of gratitude for countless sacrifices in the service of others.

We Remember.



Wishing everyone a restful and peaceful Fall Break