



William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday May 29th, 2017

1. Meeting called to order 19.04 hrs. by Ron R.
2. Approval of Agenda motioned by Cinde L., Seconded by Sue B.
3. Approval of April 24th meeting minutes motioned by Cinde L., Seconded by Sue B.
4. Administration: Update from Vice Principal G. Wesley
 - June 1 Shave your Lid for Cancer research. Donate on line.
 - June 6, 7 Dance shows starting at 7 PM.
 - June 8 Academic Awards for all grades at 7 PM
 - June 9 Athletic Awards at 7 PM
 - June 13 Locker clean out.
 - June 14 last day of classes.
 - June 15 to 29 exams. All course teachers will be available to the students the day before the exam.
 - Books can be returned any exam day 45 minutes before or after exams.
 - June 29 report cards
 - June 30 last day for teachers.
 - There will not be courses in foods or fashion next year as there are not enough students enrolling. The present food and fashion rooms will be converted to an up to date large science lab.
 - School upgrades over the summer: Asbestos out of the gymnasium, LED lighting in the gymnasiums, former food, and fashion rooms will be converted to an up to date, large, science lab.
 - The grade 12 graduation ceremony was successful with over 1600 people attending the dinner.
 - An issue which came up during the graduation ceremony concerning the quotation used as a theme for the speeches was settled.
 - Due to a smaller budget, next year the number of vice principals is reducing to 2 from 3. Next year councilors time will be reduced from 3 to 2.5 as one counselor will spend halftime on first nation counseling.

- The school administration is hoping to get more international students to attend Aberhart. International students pay \$12000 per year tuition of which \$7000 goes to the school.
5. School Trustee Trina Hurdman. - School Trustee for Ward 6 & 7.
- The provincial government has increased its school spending. The problem is CBE has opened 17 new schools in 2016, 4 more schools in September 2017, and a new planned high school in the north. Inflation for salaries as teachers gain experience and cost of software licenses in US dollars has increased costs. This extra load has had to use the extra provincial money and slash the current budgets of all schools.
 - Aberhart budget is reduced by 9.2%. The French and Spanish programs do not get money for the 2017-2018 year. This is a \$115,000 reduction for Aberhart. There is also no furniture budget.
 - Detailed list of Board of Trustees reports on
 - CBE->About Us->Board of Trustees->Board meetings->Reports
 - Role of Trustee is to oversee and provide guidance for the Calgary Board of Education and represent the whole city even though the trustee is elected in certain wards or subdivisions of the city.
 - Trustees do not have any control over individual school, teacher, or student issues.
 - A new high school will be built in the north starting in 2018.
 - Trina will be running for election in the fall as CBE trustee in the new Ward 1 boundaries which will include Robert Thirsk High School but not William Aberhart.
5. School Council Video to encourage more parents to come to the meetings is being worked on by Jennifer L. and her family.
6. Adjournment 20:15 hrs. motioned by Sue B. Next meeting September 25, 2017.