

William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday October 26th 2015

1. Meeting called to order 19.03hrs
2. Approval of September 28, 2015 meeting minutes delayed to next meeting as final version was not ready for this meeting.
3. Principal Update: Tamie Annis-Johnson
 - flex assessment where a student can later rewrite exams when they have had more time to understand or use the material. In other words redo when the student “gets it”.
 - “Can you demonstrate?” “Learn it, do it, teach it”, being used more in the class room.
 - Attempt to get more student participation in student council.
 - 2 adults in early thirties hanging around the school. One is a known criminal and has visible tattoo and stretched ear lobes.
 - Different set of adults pretending to be police and pulling over students, telling them they were speeding through a school zone, and getting the students to pay cash for the traffic ticket. If this happens to your student, notify police and try to get a license plate number. They do not wear standard police uniform but do show some type of badge. Their car has red and blue flashing lights similar to real police car.
 - One time funding to be provided by the Calgary Board of Education to provide a .5 full time equivalent in the school to mentor First Nations students. There are also additional funds to take current teachers and put them in learning leader roles. This is for this year only.
 - Math results in last year’s exams showed Aberhart students above the acceptable level for passing grades and right at the excellence number for honours in Math.
4. Learning Commons Update: Shayda Cummings
 - secummings@cbe.ab.ca email for inquiries about learning commons.
 - Private anonymous donor provided \$25,000. School council has been challenged to match this. This matched donation can then be matched by a CIP grant

- Learning Commons to be painted around 2016 January 14.

5. Other items –

- Ron Ramsaran and Catherine Moar going to Council of School Council meetings. This is a council that has been formed by the CBE to interface with the Board. There is also the Council of Alberta Parent and School Councils which is now an outside lobbying group outside of the CBE.
- Peer tutoring by grade 12 students Wednesdays before school, noon, and after school.
- Teacher still required for debate club.
- Bette Grant, Senior Administrative Assistant is retiring. She will be missed.

6. Adjournment 20.00 hrs, motion by Ron Ramsaran and seconded by Janice Johnson.

Next meeting Monday November 30, 2015