

William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 26, 2015

- 1) Meeting called to order 19.04hrs
- 2) Larry Adorjan volunteered to take minutes.
- 3) Approved March Council minutes. Motioned by Sue Bennett and seconded by Cinde Little.
- 4) Teacher Representative at the meeting was Deb Blayways.
- 5) Treasurer update: Jennie Kwan. School Council fund balance is \$6978.02. \$500 has been allocated to Aber"heart" Scholarship upon receipt of proof of registration at post secondary education from receiving student.
- 6) School Society Update:
 - First Friends of Orange Athletic Association (FOAA) meeting May 26, 2015 at 18:30hrs prior to School Council Meeting.
 - Financials were reviewed and remaining money in the account will be used for athletics.
 - Association name will be changed to Friends of Orange Association under the new leadership. This will reflect future fund raising will be for the entire school and not limited to athletics.
 - Only one casino per school permitted. The school band society WAMPA will continue with the casino. The Friends of Orange Association will open other venues for fundraising for the school.
- 7) Principal Update: Tamie Annis-Johnson
 - a) The budget given to the school by the CBE was a 2.7% increase. Teacher pay increases are 2.8%. One Physical Education teacher will be surplussed in order to meet budget.
 - b) School wifi needs upgrade.
 - c) 42 computers are required for provincial exams, these computers will be used daily not just for exams.
- 8) 18 international students mainly from China and Korea will be attending the school next year. The families of these students pay high amounts for their children to attend the school. Wm. Aberhart school loses opportunities to have these students

attend the school due to lack of home stay families. More home stay families in the Aberhart catchment area would be welcome. Ideal hosts would include homes with children of similar age, elderly people who may enjoy the company and extra income. The student must have a separate bedroom. The students tend to work hard and are no trouble. 37 families enquired about being home stay houses, but only two followed up. If you are interested in hosting a child in your home for the 2015 – 2016 school year, please ask at the school office for more information.

- 9) The student newspaper and bulletin is called "The Advocate".
- 10) The 2015 student graduation committee chose a "Pooh Bear" theme for graduation.
- 11) CALM is a three credit required course for grade 11 students. It covers basic living skills such as opening a bank account, writing cheques, saving money, saving for retirement, basics of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and ETFs.
- 12) Cuba "S" trip. Through various methods parents are being asked to send their kids on a trip to Cuba where they will do volunteer work for one day. This trip is NOT recommended or sanctioned by the school or CBE. This is strictly a money making gimmick for a holiday operator.
- 13) Aber"Heart" scholarship student will be chosen June 2
- 14) June 3rd is the academic awards, parents are welcome.
- 15) June 5th is the athletic awards, parents are welcome.
- 16) June 10 Noon till three is **Carnival**, with three food trucks in attendance, an obstacle course, gladiator ring and water fight in the field only.
- 17) Parent volunteers, three each day, are required for August 24, 25, 26 from 9AM to 2PM to help with organization, registration and fee payment of the students. Grade 12 will be August 24, grade 11 will be August 25 and grade 10 will be August 26.
 - a) August 24, Monday Grade 12 : 9am – 2pm fee payments, books etc.
 - b) August 25, Tuesday Grade 11 : 9am – 2pm fee payments, books etc.
 - c) August 26, Wednesday Grade 10 : : 9am – 2pm fee payments, books etc.

- 18) 2015-2016 First day of classes will be September 1 for grade 10 students only. A motivational speaker will give a talk to the grade 10 students on getting involved with school activities and clubs.
- 19) There are 990 2014-2015 Yearbooks. There are 30 extra in case some families would still like to purchase one. Books will be distributed Wednesday June 10th in a homeroom. This is also the day lockers are to be cleaned out.
- 20) Volunteers for positions on School Council for 2015 – 2016 school year are:
- Chair Susan Bennett
 - Vice Chair Open
 - Secretary Larry Adorjan
 - Treasurer Michelle McAdam
- Thank you very much to those of you who have volunteered. Together we can, and do, make a difference.
- 21) Sheila Tomlinson was thanked for being the school council chair for 2014 – 2015.
- 22) Meeting adjourned at 20.06 hrs.