



## **William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes**

Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

1. Meeting called to order 19.07 hrs. by Ron R.
2. Approval of Agenda motioned by Cinde L., Seconded by Sue B.
3. Approval of January 30 meeting minutes motioned by Cinde L., Seconded by Sue B.
4. Administration: Principal's Update from T. Annis-Johnson Principal
  - **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. There is also no furniture budget.
  - The provincial government has increased its school spending. The problem is CBE has opened 17 new schools in 2016 and 4 more in September 2017. This extra load funding came from the extra provincial money which caused slashes to the current budgets of all schools.
  - If you are unhappy with the budget reduction, please contact The Calgary Public School Trustee, Trina Hurdman: [tdhurdman@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:tdhurdman@cbe.ab.ca)
  - The school administration is checking if it is legal for the CBE to cut French funding because the Federal Government gives French language education funding.
  - 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.
  - 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 study rooms and science lab rooms.
  - Teachers cut next year. Three are retiring.
  - AP Exams May 1 to 12.
  - Students visiting from the Netherlands from May 12 to 20.
  - New Wi-Fi system is being installed at the school.
  - The Awards ceremony will be June 8 for all grades.
  - Band and Choir trip to Germany and Czech Republic. 99 students sang and played music in schools, on bridges, and in churches. Pictures and videos can be seen on Facebook All Public Brent Beerbaum, Tara Stoffregin and Margaret McClay.



## **William Aberhart High School School Council**

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5. Robotics video and presentation by teacher Gustaaf and student Akaksha:
  - Aberhart Robotics Republic worked on building a robot, starting in September, and entered a robotics competition in Edmonton at the start of February.
  - The club allows the learning of fundamentals in team building, designing, building, and programming robots.
  - 40 students are in the club with even representation from every grade.
  - There is building and programming but also artistic design work done.
  - They have 3 Mindstorm (Lego) robots which can be programmed.
  - The club would like to get about \$1500 from “Friends of Orange” to build another robot for the competition next year.
  - The competition robot action requirements are changed every year.
  - Aberhart Robotics shirts are available to buy. The artistic design was done by students.
6. School Council Video to encourage more parents to come to the meetings is being worked on by Jennifer L. and her family.
7. Adjournment 20:37 hrs. Next meeting May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.