



William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday September 26th 2016

1. Meeting called to order 19.04 hrs. by Ron R.
2. Approval of Agenda motioned by Sue B. seconded by Cinde L.
3. Approval of May 30, 2016 meeting minutes was motioned by Jan J. and seconded by Cinde L.
4. Administration Update from the Principal T. Annis-Johnson.
 - Alvin Law was an excellent motivational speaker at the “welcome” start of classes.
 - Parents must say yes to receiving text messages from the school due to government regulations. Parents should have received an email which explains what they need to do.
 - Friday October 7 there are no classes. There will be upgrade redo exams that day.
 - The CBE is trying to get teachers to go to an outcomes based assessment. This is a growth style of marks improvement instead of a punitive mark reduction style of awarding marks. Marks will not be reduced for late or not correct format work. Students should still try to get work in on time and in the correct format as universities do not conform to this assessment.
 - Aberhart is trying to get students to engage in higher order thought processes.
 - A video of Aberhart students giving a presentation for the Calgary School Trustees was shown. The presentation was originally done in the Netherlands at an international student conference on water. This conference was sponsored by the charity “Water is Life”.
 - We need more families to host international students. Please contact the office if you are interested.
 - Awards ceremony only for *last year's Grade 10 and 11* awards will be given in October 2016.
 - IRIS web app will be used starting in September for Grade 10. This app gives a learner profile from Junior High all the way through High School. It enables the student to build up a portfolio suitable for university entrance. It also shows the students strengths and personalized learning.
 - 1492 students in total this year. There is a smaller English only group.
 - The new Nelson Mandela High School in Saddle Ridge will not change the number of students at Aberhart.
 - Last year 50% of grade 12 students could apply for the Alberta government Rutherford scholarships. Previous year was only 35%.
 - Last year there was a 5.3% drop out rate from Aberhart.



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- There are more First Nations students at Aberhart this year. There is a councilor assigned to help and talk to them regularly.
 - There will be First Nations presentations given at different locations including the Grey Eagle Casino auditorium.
 - There is a wellness centre at the school.
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5. COSC update: Links to the web site on the Aberhart site.
 6. We require a Treasurer and Vice Chair for next year.
 7. Parking around the school is hard to find. University students arrive early and use all the street parking.
 8. Adjournment 20:09 hrs., motion by Sue B. and seconded by Michelle M.
Next Meeting October 24.