

William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday November 30th 2015

1. Meeting called to order 19.03hrs
2. Approval of September 28, 2015 meeting minutes motioned by Ron R. and seconded by Cinde L.
3. Approval of October 26, 2015 amended meeting minutes motioned by Ron R. and seconded by Cinde L.
4. Student Council Update : Jeremy K.
 - full student council of 12 elected.
 - Student Council meets Tuesdays at noon.
 - Last Tuesday meeting of the month is open to anyone.
 - Student Council representative Holly Basiuk, to go to Chief Superintendent Senior Advisory Council, CSSAC to communicate about school items.
 - Wellness center , the place to go for anxiety, stress, and emotional items, is not open yet.
5. Principal Update: notes given by Susan B.
 - Senior women volleyball team are provincial champions.
 - Senior men volleyball team won provincial bronze medal.
 - Learning center on third floor now the only quiet place to study. Comfy couches are coming to different parts of the school to allow for small quiet study areas.
 - Suggestion and anonymous tip box located in cafeteria by the main foyer.
 - Bigger desks for final exams in learning center ordered.
 - Parents can and should connect to Aberhart Facebook and Twitter pages to learn of more school happenings.
6. Learning Commons Update: notes given by Susan B.
 - secummings@cbe.ab.ca email for inquiries about learning commons.
 - More new chairs arrived in second floor learning commons.
 - New Ipad area in north west corner of learning commons.
 - Learning Commons to be painted around 2016 January 14.
 - SMART Technologies donated a SMART board.

7. Other items – Ron R. conducted a School Council – CBE engagement study.
 1. What have been the most effective ways that CBE has engaged with parents and public?
 - School principal at School Council meetings.
 - Monthly report from principal.
 - “Message Easy” to distribute succinct emails.
 2. What could be improved?
 - More parent attendance at School Council.
 - Optics of input is insincere.
 - Use “Message Easy” to distribute succinct emails often.
 - Feed back on results of questions and what happened after the results were in.
 - School Trustee attendance at School Council at important communication meetings.
 - Certain items are more important to different school grade ranges such as changes to grading system.
 3. What are ways CBE and School Council can work together?
 - Communicating why items are being changed . An example is the grading system.
 - Two way exchange of information or ideas.
 - Parent volunteers going to Council of School Councils meetings.
 - One information portal on the internet.
 4. Which issues were School Councils the best at gathering input?
 - School development planning.
 - School being considered for closure.
 5. What is most important for CBE to improve public engagement?
 - Explain who what why when and how they are doing.
 - Get parents involved early.
 - Ensure feed back on results and what happened after the results were in.
8. Adjournment 20.32 hrs , motion by Michelle M.
Next meeting Monday January 25, 2016.

