

William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 29th 2016

1. Meeting called to order 19.04 hrs by Susan B.
2. Approval of February 29, 2016 meeting minutes updated by Tamie was motioned by Ron R. and Cinde L.
3. Student Council report by student Jason.
 - Student council wants to change Fridays to Flex Fridays where teachers would not give lessons but would be home work and extra help time. There was some concern expressed about this concept by parents who attended this meeting.
 - Youth Week April 25-29 with various events such as floor hockey, dodge ball, and pie throw at noon.
4. School Trustee Presentation by Trina Hurdman. - School Trustee for Ward 6 & 7.
 - Detailed list of items on Aberhart web link under CBE News.
 - Update on Bill 10 LBGQT – make sure each school is engaging in details of Bill 10. Detailed list of items on Aberhart web link under CBE News. This does not require parent approval because it is Alberta law. Update email was sent to parents.
 - April 14 is Alberta budget where the government has said they will pay for growth in number of students but will not pay any inflation increases.
 - April 28 – feedback from people on education budget. Previously new student projections have been very accurate.
 - Refugee students, CBE will get 460 students, 90 for the Separate school board. All will not know English and will be in ESL at their local or designated schools for two years.
 - CBE has 16 new schools opening between September and January 2017. The CBE website has the schools listed.
 - Transportation parent engagement sessions over three separate days at different locations. Aberhart web link under CBE News. There is a move to use regular CTS buses instead of yellow school buses to get Junior High students to class. The yellow school buses are subsidized by the government for \$549 per student.
 - Teacher contract discussions are coming. In the last 4 years there was one two percent increase.

5. Administration Update by Assistant Principal Carrie Rowlandson.
- April 6 are report cards. Parent teacher conference appointments can be made. An email will be sent to parents.
 - Next year Aberhart will be down by 88 students to 1479. This is due to a “demographic dip” in the incoming Gr. 9 class.
 - Orange Time home room session will happen on April 1 to talk about credit recovery system available to failing students. Credit recovery program is for all students who failed courses: every student who failed a course in first semester was offered a personalized credit recovery plan; students are only required to repeat those outcomes which they have not yet met, not the entire course.
 - Teachers have identified 30 students who did not have a mentoring relationship with an adult in the school. Staff have taken intentional steps to get to know and support these students.
 - 2016 Graduation information only on the web site. Perhaps an email could be sent to Grade 12 parents.

6. Key Communicator : Ron R : April 8 ASCA meeting.

7. New Business :

- Omar Bares (parent) will look into outdoor flower planting at the school. We will need volunteer parents and students for this to happen.
- One parent was happy that his son’s teacher had phoned and told about his son doing poorly, in a specific class, so that extra tutoring could be done early in the session.

8. Adjournment 20:50 hrs , motion by Ron R.

Next meeting Monday April 25, 2016.

(This was incorrect information supplied by the Chair. **Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26)**