



William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday January 30th, 2017

1. Meeting called to order 19.04 hrs. by Ron R.
2. Approval of Agenda motioned by Sue B. seconded by Michelle M.
3. Approval of November 29 meeting minutes motioned by Sue B. and seconded by Michelle M.
4. School Trustee Presentation by Trina Hurdman. - School Trustee for Ward 6 & 7.
 - Detailed list of items on Aberhart web link under CBE News or CBE -> About Us -> Board of Trustees -> Board meetings -> Reports
 - The role of Trustee is to oversee and provide guidance for the Calgary Board of Education and represent the whole city even though the trustee is elected in certain wards.
 - Trustees do not have any control over individual school, teacher, or student issues.
 - Even though there is a recession and the city population is reducing, the number of children entering the CBE rose by 2%. This 2% rate is continuing and means four new schools are needed per year.
 - Trustees are looking for a more consistent planning of schools and reduce the fill rate to 80%. At present some schools have classes in auditorium stages, staff rooms, and the library. Trustees make three year plans and update them.
 - Trustees would like to build two new high schools, one in the far north and one in the far south.
 - The CBE funds full day kindergarten, and early child development without money from the province. The full day kindergarten helps early childhood development.
 - CBE has 20 new schools opening between September and January 2018. The CBE website has the schools listed.
 - Great success with teacher subject networks, for instance, the Math network. There is communication on what students are prepared for and not prepared in higher grades. Better teaching methods are discussed. They also look at interdisciplinary needs such as math for physics courses.
 - The best asset for schools is good teachers.



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5. Administration: Principal's Update from T. Annis-Johnson
 - Since 2012 Aberhart students have not returned \$85,000 of books. The \$50 deposit does not cover the cost. Some books cost as high as \$200. Please return the school books.
 - A pilot project in AP Political Science where all materials and books are online.
 - refugee students continue to be introduced throughout the year. Funding is only given to the number registered in September. They are taught separately until their English is at a good level. They may continue in the system until age 21.
 - CBE email to parents of grade 10 students on opportunities for development.
 - May 24 is this year's grade 12 graduation ceremony.
 - Parking around the school is hard to find. There are spots available 2-3 blocks east of the school on Exshaw Road with no time or permit restriction.
 - School Council meeting minutes
 - <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b829/aberhart/main/school-council/school-council.html>
6. "Discussion of Math Strategy Community Engagement Plans" handed out.
7. "Review of Operational Expectations" handed out.
8. Adjournment 20:27 hrs. Next meeting February 27th, 2017.