

William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday January 25th 2016

1. Meeting called to order 18.57hrs by Ron R.
2. Approval of November 30, 2015 meeting minutes motioned by Larry A. and seconded by Michelle M.
3. Student Council Update : Holly B.
 - Chief Superintendent's meetings.
 - Youth Week – building positive student teacher relationships.
4. Tim Power, Athletic Director, provided a summary of the types of financial need in the program (oversees our teams, not Physical Education):
 - Replacing poles for poll vault
 - Replacing basketball carts
 - Replacing basketballs, uniforms
 - Media advertising in the school
 - Placing banners up and getting new banners (city championships).
 - Help with team photos and action photos approx. \$325/team
 - Help with the extra cost during team competitions (lodging and travel) for tournaments, and provincial finals.
5. Ron made a motion to treat the Athletics requirements as new business and requested that Tim give School Council a prioritized list to work from. Gregg seconded the motion.
6. Principal Update: Tamie A.
 - Learning Commons – system funding obtained to conduct an abatement of the LC ceiling; work likely to be completed during the summer. The present ceiling contains an “asbestos like” substance. There’s no risk as long as it not disturbed.
 - Have identified gym ceiling as in need of replacement as well.
 - Credit recovery system for failed courses: every student who failed a courses or courses in first semester will be 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 will spend time on PD day (Feb. 1st) identifying students who may not have a mentoring relationship with an adult in the school; once these students are identified, staff will take intentional steps to get to know and support these students.

- CBE assessment document of guiding principles emphasizes that students can only be assessed on their understanding of the competency based learning outcomes; teachers cannot assess behavior – only performance related to achievement.

https://portal.cbe.ab.ca/staffinsite/teaching/assessment/Documents/CBE_Vision_Assessment_Reporting_Guiding_Principles.pdf

- University of Calgary, Science and Engineering, tentative admission Grade 11 average of core courses must be 90 per cent.
- In first semester, we piloted a Math 15-5 course – a bridging class to review the foundational concepts of Math 9 and to address the curricular gaps between Math 9 and Math 10C. It was very successful with 17 of 18 students passing. Most importantly, students said that, for the first time in their lives, they felt successful in math.

7. Fund raiser : Graduating grade 12 students “Class of 2014” apparel at reasonable prices:

<http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b829/aberhart/universal/pdf/web/viewer.html?file=/b829/aberhart/main/school-council/info/grad-apparel.pdf>

8. Key Communicator : Ron R

A handout was given about the parent engagement discussion, “Working Together for Student Success”:

<http://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Documents/Service-Units-working-together-for-student-success.pdf>

9. Adjournment 19:47 hrs , motion by Cinde.

Next meeting Monday February 29, 2016.