



William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday February 27th, 2017

1. Meeting called to order 19.04 hrs. by Ron R.
2. Approval of Agenda motioned by Cinde L. seconded by Karen M.
3. Approval of January 30 meeting minutes motioned by Cinde L. and seconded by Karen M.
4. Administration: Principal's Update from T. Annis-Johnson
 - Aberhart is forecast not to be full next school year, September 2017.
 - What classes could be added so students could and would transfer to Aberhart? These courses would not be available at other high schools in the north. There is already an AP computer science and programming class.
 - Please let the school know if your student would be interested in one of the following courses.
 - Suggestions were:
 1. Geology
 2. Law
 3. Robotics (there is an Aberhart Robotics club)
 4. Pre-Engineering
 5. Philosophy
 6. AP Comparative World Religion
 7. International Relations
 8. Introduction to speaking Japanese
 9. Introduction to speaking Mandarin
 10. Tutorial Time
 - There will not be courses in foods or fashion next year as there are not enough students enrolling. The present food and fashion rooms will be converted to study rooms and science lab rooms.
 - New WiFi system is being installed at the school.
 - There are new chairs in the cafeteria and study space outside the learning commons. There are some minor deficiencies in the chairs which the principal is working out with the supplier.
 - Credit recovery is only available in the second semester.



5. Discussion of Social Studies 30-1, 30-2 January 2017 exams led by P. Bruno, Social Studies teacher:
 - The essay and source analysis portion of the January Social Studies 30 -1 Diploma Exam yielded marks lower than was expected. It was found the source analysis question was too broad and students were inconsistent in their answers. Students should have looked at the source references at the end of the exam for hints on finding the authors intention and how to link the sources. Students must either accept or reject the position paper and argue their choice. There was no correct or wrong position.
 - Students can change from Social 30-1 to Social 30-2 while remaining in the same 30-1 class. The exams will be different for those who change to 30-2.
 - Past years Social Studies diploma exam marks were compared with course marks for Aberhart and for the province.
6. Discussion of grade 12 courses to take for different university programs led by N. Peters, Aberhart school counselor.
 - Some programs at some universities do not require Social 30-1, only 30-2 such as Engineering or Science.
 - Some programs do not require Math 30-1, only 30-2, such as Nursing at the U of Calgary.
7. Adjournment 20:20 hrs. Next meeting March 20, 2017.