



William Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday March 20th, 2017

1. Meeting called to order 19.04 hrs. by Ron R.
2. Approval of Agenda motioned by Cinde L.
3. Approval of January 30 meeting minutes motioned by Cinde L.
4. Administration: Principal's Update from C. Rowlandson, Assistant Principal
 - Four core subjects in the same semester is a lot for a student. It is good to have at least one noncore subject such as CALM, Drama, Phys Ed. during a semester.
 - Aberhart had a great month in Athletics
 1. Banner in senior men's and ladies Basketball
 2. Semifinals in Junior Basketball.
 3. Banner in curling
 4. Track and Rugby have started
 - Aberhart had a great month with band tours and Jazz competitions
 1. 99 band students to Hamburg Germany for 10 days.
 2. Jazz Gold
 3. Vocal Jazz
 - Spanish immersion trip to Spain completed.
 - Trip to Netherlands.
 - Robotics competition in Edmonton.
 - 2 grade 10 and 11 students in top finals for mathematics at University of Waterloo competition.
 - April 6 is the grade 12 mathematics competition at University of Waterloo.
 - Drama production "Shakespeare in 25 minutes" in May
 - Dance production in April.
 - Good success with grade 9 students who have difficulty with mathematics taking 15-5 then taking Math 10-3 in High School.
5. Discussion of Science led by Fehres, Science Learning Leader:
 - Students can go to another teacher's tutorial. If the student is having a problem with a concept, sometimes it helps if they are tutored by a different teacher.



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- Science 20 and 30 can be taken with Biology 20 and 30 to get higher science marks for post-secondary entrance averages.
 - Physics and Biology have AP classes, Chemistry has 20, 30 and 35.
 - There are grade 12 student tutors available through guidance.
 - Online “YouTube” type science videos. “Bozeman” is recommended and are 11 to 15 minutes long.
 - “<http://bozemanscience.com/chemistry/>”
 - “Crash Course” is also good.
 - “<https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse>”
 - A higher level, but not easy to watch is “Khan Academy”.
 - four core subjects in the same semester is a lot for a student. It is good to have at least one noncore subject such as Art, CALM, Drama, Phys Ed. during a semester.
 - Recommended that grade 12 courses be taken in grade 12. Students sometimes are not ready for the grade 12 level courses in younger years. It allows for a concepts connection between courses and brain development time.
6. COSC, Council of School Councils, discussion.
- High School redesign of programs to encourage individualism and relationships.
 - Teachers meet and discuss students and factors for success.
 - It has been found that one adult mentor in a student’s life greatly increases resiliency.
 - A wide range of technical certificates can be achieved in high school.
 - Parents want to know which school their children will go to in September in a timely fashion. Budget cutbacks make this difficult to do depending on the area.
7. Developing a working document for the Abe School Council as new business
- Review document for planning, process development and implementation of activities undertaken to ensure that key positions on the school council are filled in a timely manner.
 - Send out the 2nd draft to parents who attended the meeting for review and comments. (Ron)
 - Jennifer came up with a 1 minute video script for enticing parents to attend meetings.
 - Members will review and send feedback to Jennifer.
8. Adjournment 20:13 hrs. Next meeting April 24th, 2017.