

**William Aberhart High School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm**

Meeting called to Order 19.03hrs by Gerty Williams, Acting Chair for Laurie Baines.

Minutes approved Owen Stephenson, Second Gina Hoffer.

Gord Baldwin, Assistant Principal introduced new Principal Tamie Annis-Johnson.

Tamie Annis-Johnson, Principal (See website for her introduction / Bio Letter). Day 8! Tammie opened by thanking Gord for his work and contributions over the past while.

- Picked up one new teacher, classes marginally smaller and in planning stages for next year
- Band and choir (Jazz Combo, Ensemble, Symphonic) had stellar results with several gold medals awarded
- March 8 Jazz concert at Wm Aberhart School. \$15.00 a ticket, tables of 8, silent auction
- Thursday held Blood Donor Clinic at Abe. Tammie attended CBS luncheon and school was recognized as we made 1000 donations – with a student base of 1500. Impressive!
- Tammy brought sheet with 2 of the questions parents were asked and spoke to some of the comments. She will bring another two questions next meeting.
- Discussed possibility of holding separate assemblies for each Grade so that she can meet the students

Treasurer Report

- \$1390 income from the \$5.00 discretionary donations to a total of \$10, 895.02 prior to approved expenses of \$4000
- Money is held by the school and Parent Council submit invoice to be paid
- Tammie said that there is a new Policy out re Parent Council which she needs to review. Parent Society may be the way to go so we need to be ready for changes coming
- Gord and Tammie will follow up with Grad committee re grad and hoodies. Apparently there is some money left over from last year where we were not charged for extra room at Grad dinner.
- Text books: question as to whether on line books might be a way to decrease cost associated with unreturned text books

Other Business

- Need Parent Volunteer to act as Liaison for Grade 12 Parent Council sponsored Award. Sheila Tomlinson volunteered.
- Question: How do parents prefer to be notified regarding upcoming meetings? Call outs or e mail? Parents asked for both. There is a cost associated with the call outs. Gord will get back to Parent Council with more detail.

- Question re next year class size/ teachers. From Tammie budget will remain same
- Alberta inspiring Education Initiative and Flexibility Enhancement Project. Both of these can be found on the web. Tammie and Gord will be happy to share more on this at the next or future Parent Council Meeting(s). One of the items on the table is regarding course time hours eg Guidelines for course hours are 125 hours for 5 credit course. This time is now more discretionary for the school to cover the necessary education
- Another question raised was how much the extra curricular activities are valued as there is significant cost associated with these. The new act gives students access to school to age 21

Meeting adjourned at 20.05hrs