

Wm Aberhart School Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, Nov. 24, 2014 19.00hrs

1. Meeting called to order 19.05hrs.
2. Secretary position remains vacant. Janice Johnson volunteered to take minutes
3. Minutes of October 27<sup>th</sup> motion to approve Susan Bennett, second Cinde Little.
4. Principal Update: Asst Principal Gord Baldwin
  - Band workshop in Canmore, students played at incredible level, well beyond expectation
  - Debate students have had local debates; debate with Sir Winston Churchill this coming weekend - two debate students competed in Montreal this past weekend as well.
  - Play "Our Town" to be performed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (November 26 - 28)
  - Girls soccer team went to finals
  - Sat. Nov 30 Jazz Concert. See Music students or WAMPA representative for tickets
  - Debate at Winston Churchill school this weekend
  - Cross Country 5 out of 10 senior girls on the podium, including winner!
  - Volleyball: Junior boys made it to the semi finals. Senior girls won Provincials at Lloydminster, Senior boys came third.
  - Football: Jnr boys won City Championship, Snr Boys to Semi-Finals and lost to McNally/Lacombe
  - Aberhart teams have won 6 championships to date this year
  - Diploma exams from Last June available for viewing – very solid results
  - Discussed how the Career & Technology programs as well as Fine Arts are not available to students once they graduate grade 12 - starting to suggest the possibility of students taking 5/6 semesters of high school - opening door to returning grade 12's for 1 or 2 courses.
  - Changing final exam weighing from 50% to 30% of final course mark was discussed. If approved by the Minister of Education it is possible to see the change occur for the 2015/16 school year
  - Grade 9 tours December 4<sup>th</sup>

- CBE has published an “Intro to High School” which has been handed out to grade 9 students

5. Student Representative from Parent Advisory Council Update. No one available to attend.
6. School Society Discussion: Susan Bennett, Janice Johnson and Tina Cunard volunteered to look in to formation of society. Gerty brought up the Friends of Orange as a possible option to explore as they have done the paperwork and it may be possible to amend the bylaws. Gerty to get back to Sheila with contact details. Gerty followed up with Sheila and reached out to the Friends of Orange to request a representative to attend a Parent Council Meeting as soon as they are able.
7. Treasurers Update: Jennie Kwan

- Approximately \$10,000 in account
- Only \$975.00 contributed this year from the \$5.00 optional High School Council donation. The percentage of parents paying this amount has decreased drastically over the past few years. It was brought to Council attention that the \$5.00 optional donation is not available to pay for those parents who use the online payment option. School will look in to remedying this.
- Volleyball Provincial travel partially funded this year
- Scholarship for a top students is something the Chair would like to see continue to happen, would also be nice to recognize a student who has overcome obstacles and succeeded during their high school years.
- Currently School Council does not have bank account, money is transferred when requested of the business office. Treasurer agrees that bank accounts need to be set up for the Aberhart council.
- Mr. Baldwin is requesting a “wish list” from each department and will pass this along to School Council when received.
- Motion to approve \$2,000 be spent on the iPad program for the ALP (Adapted Living Program) was brought forward by Susan Godfrey.

8. Future Meetings: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 30, April 27, May 26 (Tuesday due to Gr 12 Grad on Monday evening)
9. Adjournment: 20.38hrs

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Johnson