

William Aberhart High School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. Susan Bennett, Vice Chairperson, is chairing the meeting as the chair, Sheila Tomlinson, was unable to attend. Introductions were made. The secretary position is now vacant. If anyone is interested please contact Sheila Tomlinson.
2. Cinde Little volunteered to take minutes tonight.
3. The minutes from September 29, 2014 were reviewed. Kim S made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Michelle D.
4. Principal Update – Tamie Annis-Johnson
 - Tamie is asking parents to submit topics of interest for her to present to the group throughout the year. Please email her your ideas at taannis@cbe.ab.ca.
 - On the morning of November 7 there will be two 1-hour ceremonies to recognize Remembrance Day. Parents are welcome to attend. The music students will be taking on a big role in the planning of this event.
 - The school is required to hold two lock-down drills per year. In light of the recent events in Ottawa the school is hoping to have one drill complete before the November 7 ceremonies.
 - Parent-Teacher interviews will be held October 30th. Based on parent feedback from previous interviews the school has gone to on-line booking. They have also increased accessibility by having teachers available for 7 hours. If you are unable to book an interview for any reason you are welcome to contact the teacher and book an appointment at your convenience. Emails and phone numbers for all staff are on the school website. If you have any feedback please send it to Tamie.
 - Tamie explained that it is common for grade 10 students to have a decrease in performance noted on the first report card. Many students then settle in to grade 10, have a better understanding of performance expectations and are often able to bring their marks back up.
 - June Diploma Results – Tamie reviewed the results from the diploma exams written by grade 12 students this past June. As usual Abe students performed well. Results can be reviewed on the attachment: Diploma Exam School Report June 2014.
 - Budget – The projected number of students was 1469 and the actual number was 1539. Funding for the school year is based on September 30th enrolment.
 - Tamie answered two questions:
 - Q. What are the student expectations for handwriting?
 - A. There are not expectations for handwriting. Both printing and typed work is acceptable. There was a brief discussion about the need for handwriting and the need for improved typing skills.
 - Q. Is a void cheque required every month to receive the bus rebate?
 - A. No. A void cheque is only requested once at the time of application.
5. Principal's Advisory Council (PAC) – Holly
 - Based on student input the principal has created a council of students to improve the connection between students and Administration. The council is made up of 4 grade 10 students, 4 grade 11 students and 5 grade 12 students. One of these grade 12 students also participates in the Chief Superintendent's Senior High School Advisory Council.

- The council meets weekly with the principal and they are currently clarifying what PAC would like to achieve this year. They are developing a process to engage students and represent the wide variety of perspectives among the student body.
- PAC is using the ORID question process (**O**bjective, **R**eflective, **I**nterpretive and **D**ecisional) to gather feedback and represent the voice of students to administration and at meetings such as School Council.
- PAC is asking students to “determine what factors contributed to the most engaging learning experience you can remember”. Students can provide their feedback to PAC by anonymous email, a drop box and the monthly open meeting. A suggestion was made that the council also consider starting a Facebook page to engage students.
- This feedback will be shared for discussion with the Learning Leaders at their upcoming retreat on October 31st.

6. William Aberhart Website review – Mr. Wehnes

- Mr. Wehnes reviewed the website, explained the redesign and the students participation in the process. They would like to know how people are using the website, if it meets the needs of users and how it can be improved.
- The use of the calendars was explained. You can download the calendar onto your device and it can be turned off and on when needed to avoid clutter.
- Please share any feedback about the website by clicking CONTACT on the home page and then WEB ADMINISTRATOR or send an email directly to Mr. Wehnes at gjwehnes@cbe.ab.ca
- Internet Explorer is becoming an outdated web browser. The website currently works best using Google Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

7. Treasurers Report – Jennie Kwan Born

- Report submitted, brief discussion regarding some items that have been allocated but funds have not been transferred.
- Continued discussion about creating a separate school council account to meet the CBE guidelines for school councils. The treasurer only receives updates from the school office the day before or the day of the school council meeting.
- ACTION: Tamie to look into advice from the legal department about the school council funds being handled by the school office.
- Tamie told us the Eco Team was interested in recycling paper products; after starting this they now collect a large amount of paper products. As a result the Eco Team is now wondering if purchasing a hand blower would be another solution. This will be discussed again at a future meeting.
- School Courtyard – last year, School Council approved \$2000 for the development of the courtyard. As this project is not moving forward, the allocation of these funds will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Update from Susan Bennett on “What’s New” with School Council.

- Susan attended a recent CBE update for school councils and found it informative.
- The CBE group named COSC (Council of School Councils) holds monthly meetings for school council chairs or a designate. No fee for membership. The purpose is to focus on a two-way dialogue with school councils about school and student learning issues. Jennie Kwan Born is attending the COSC meetings.

- The citywide group named CAPSC (Calgary Association of Parent and School Councils) is changing its' focus as a result of the development of COSC. It will continue to exist but is shifting its' role toward advocacy and professional development.
- Alberta School Councils' Association in a provincial body that provides resources and hosts conferences to support School and Parent Councils across the province.

9. Future Council Meeting Topics

- Tamie provided a list of some speakers and topics that have been suggested for school council meetings for this school year. The list will be discussed at the next meeting. If you have any suggestions please forward them to Tamie.
 - i. Options for use of funds collected at beginning of school year, need teacher input (Project Courtyard, hand blowers for washrooms)
 - ii. Discussion of options regarding formation of School Society
 - iii. Tour of Learning Centre
 - iv. Demo of Home Logic
 - v. School Council Award criteria

10. Other updates / business – no discussion

11. Adjournment - Orlin Bojanov motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

DIPLOMA EXAMINATION SCHOOL REPORT FOR WILLIAM ABERHART HIGH SCHOOL FOR JUNE 2014

Exam	% of Students who achieved Standard <i>Provincial</i>	% of students who achieved Standard <i>William Aberhart</i>
MATH 30-1:		
Acceptable Standard	86.4	86.3
Standard of Excellence	29.6	36.3
MATH 30-2:		
Acceptable Standard	83.4	94.3
Standard of Excellence	14.4	22.9
MATH 30-1 FRENCH:		
Acceptable Standard	86.4	93.0
Standard of Excellence	29.6	42.1
MATH 30-2 FRENCH:		
Acceptable Standard	83.4	89.3
Standard of Excellence	14.4	28.6
PHYSICS 30:		
Acceptable Standard	93.2	94.4
Standard of Excellence	40.2	50.6
SCIENCE 30:		
Acceptable Standard	94.2	96.3
Standard of Excellence	26.5	33.3
BIOLOGY 30:		
Acceptable Standard	94.5	96.1
Standard of Excellence	37.1	38.8
CHEMISTRY 30:		
Acceptable Standard	92.3	97.8
Standard of Excellence	38.5	50.0
ENGLISH LA 30-1:		
Acceptable Standard	96.5	99.1
Standard of Excellence	17.1	27.2
ENGLISH LA 30-2:		
Acceptable Standard	96.2	100.0
Standard of Excellence	9.6	4.5
FRENCH LA 30-1:		
Acceptable Standard	99.5	97.8
Standard of Excellence	24.4	28.0
SOC ST 30-1:		
Acceptable Standard	97.5	97.3
Standard of Excellence	21.8	25.9
SOC ST 30-2:		
Acceptable Standard	93.1	92.7
Standard of Excellence	13.3	14.5
SOC ST 30-1 FRENCH:		
Acceptable Standard	97.5	100.0
Standard of Excellence	21.8	33.3