

William Aberhart High School Parent Council Meeting Monday November 25th, 2013

- I. 7:00 welcome and call to order, by Laurie B. Attendance as per sign in sheet.
- II. Volunteer to record minutes taken by Gerty W.
- III. Approval of October's meeting minutes by Shelly M
- IV. A fundraiser idea for the Class of 2014, by students Ellen and Maddy was presented.
The purpose is so that no student will miss any part of graduation because of financial need. Already \$700 has been raised by selling Class of 2014 shirts, hoodies and sweat pants as seen on the order sheet. Dec. 5th will be the deadline to order. Hopefully this can turn in to a yearly tradition to help students in future years.
A motion was made by Laurie B. for parent council to donate \$500.00 to this fundraiser, seconded by Owen S., carried.
- V. The PAC was started last year with the goal to open up and create more communication between students, administration and parents. Principal Advisory Council members Alex and Julie presented their idea of wanting to create a legacy plaque unique to their grade 12 class, to be displayed in the school. This would hopefully become a yearly tradition. Specific details will be brought before parent council at a later date to determine if funds will be donated towards this project.
In relation to communication, there are so many choices for programs and clubs in the school that students don't know about. It was asked by parents if lists of them can be put on ABE's website to inform grade 10's and any other students of the choices out there.
- VI. Update on "Project Courtyard"-(Deanna) Rick was stepping in for Deanna and spoke about the Bildex convention. Local manufacturers are making great products that could be purchased for our courtyard. Maybe WAMPA could also be involved in ideas for a performance area. Hopefully some small projects such as painting the picnic tables can be started soon.
- VII. Acting Principal Mr. Baldwin spoke to PC about the problems and enormous cash loss of unreturned text books, \$50,000. Should parents be paying more for deposits? Perhaps trustees should be contacted to find solutions.
Volleyball teams were very successful. 2 city championships, 2 teams to Provincials! Provincials costs are very expensive about \$6000.00 for them to go. A motion was made by Laurie B. to provide \$500.00 towards their costs, seconded by Gerty W., motion carried.
Basketball tryouts are over, the swim meet is scheduled on Dec. 3rd., grade 9 tours Dec. 5th.. Band, jazz, winter concert, and drama production are all practicing. See the school's website for calendar dates.
Mr. Baldwin wants to quash the rumor that Aberhart is phasing out the English program. Abe is the largest trilingual school in Canada!
At the PD day Friday, Staff members discussed about 'Being Orange' and the meaning of.
The Environmental club is planning to install a \$40,000 solar panel. Half of the cost is coming from the CBE design group. This project will need funding in the future. They also will be tendering for the project.

- VIII. Treasurers Report-Jennie: The cash total is \$8865.00 minus \$2000.00 for grad, volleyball, scholarship, and donations. Grand total cash available is \$6865.00
The voluntary fee of \$5.00 paid at the time of school fees is decreasing even though we have told parents where it is being spent. So for this year, only about \$1800.00 has been collected.
- IX. Owen S. of WAMPA outlined some activities in the planning. Jazz night tickets are \$12.00. They are also playing at the Ironwood as an opening act!
Parents please read the minutes from the Education Panel. They will be put on the ABE website, check it out!! This meeting had a lot of interesting information!!!
- X. Meeting adjourned at 8:40. Next meeting TBA.