



**Ancaster High School Council  
Meeting Agenda  
Date: Monday Sept. 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Library/Learning Commons**

- 1. Welcome** to Ancaster High School Council- Land Acknowledgement  
Regrets from:  
Approval of May minutes
- 2. Reports**
  1. Student Council Presidents- Olivia Elliot and Akshay Maharaj
  2. Staff Representative- V. Fletcher
  3. Principal- R. Gallant
  4. Vice-Principals- L. Baillie and M. Currie
- 3. Open Issues**
  1. Plant and Safety
- 4. New Business/Correspondence/Announcements**
  1. Strategic Directions-Reimagined- year 2 of 4
  2. School Annual Plan
  3. SC positions- roles and responsibilities
  4. Other business
- 5. Next School Council Meetings**  
Monday Oct. 16, Nov. 27, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, April 16 and May 14.
- 6. Adjournment**

Ancaster High School Council (meeting minutes)

Monday September 18, 2017

**1. Welcome to Ancaster School Council** - in attendance : Rosemarie McCutcheon, Kelly McGregor, Lisa Collins (secretary), Rhu Sherrad (chair), Venetia Fletcher (teacher rep), Olivia Elliott (student council), Akshay Majoraj (student council), Lisa Mancini, Mark Currie (V.P.), Lyndsy Baillie (V.P.), Roberta Crowther, Randy Gallant (principal). Regrets - Pauline Boulos, Joanna Pierazza

Approval of May 2017 minutes - Rhu Sherrad and Lisa Mancini

HWDSB land acknowledgment - at each major school event, AHS will be acknowledging the use of indigenous lands for the school system. Staff has been presented with a Wampum Belt, and will be educating staff and students the importance of it.

## **2. Reports**

### **1. Student council presidents - Olivia Elliot, Akshay Majaraj**

Student council is focusing on student involvement in school activities, trying to encourage entire school to participate in planned events (number of which is being reduced this year in hopes of accomplishing this). October 5 - homecoming dance. October 6 - PM of school day - football game, BBQ, set-up of school groups for students to familiarized themselves with what is being offered.

Student council is looking for advice/funding to fix/replace sound system problems.

### **2. Staff representative - Ms. V. Fletcher**

Musical event (Beauty and the Beast), tryouts have already taken place. 2 student directors will be working with teacher director. There is a large amount of student involvement with teachers in tech/art/drama assisting with the production.

PD focus - positive school culture; student and staff voice survey results will be coming shortly. Staff will be participating in non-violent intervention training. Staff will be evaluating classroom environment - there is already a new student success area, as well as alt-ed areas. School is encouraging ease of communication - between staff/students/parents. Staff meeting to focus on new grade 9 students, and if additional assistance is required (ie. partnering at risk students with an adult).

Distribution of iPads now complete for Grade 10 students (grade 9 last year).

Grade 9 night - the teacher that previously organized this mid-September event left AHS in Spring 2017. No other staff members volunteered to take on the task. A new teacher stepped in to organize at the commencement of the school year, so has had a very short time to organize the event, so has utilized students she feel can quickly and easily fill leadership roles. All students in grade 12 are still welcome to assist with organizing with the event.

### **3. Principal - Mr. R. Gallant**

School enrollment for 2017 is 1200 students, 75 staff

Opening assembly has been held to welcome new students and introduce school expectations. Thursday September 28th - Terry Fox Run

### **4. Vice principals report - Ms. L. Baillie, Mr. M. Currie**

Friday September 29th - orange shirt day in recognition of residential schools (for indigenous people). Preliminary reports will be distributed week of October 12th, with instructions on making appts for parent-teacher interviews being held on Wednesday October 18th between 530-730pm.

Health and Safety - this Friday September 22nd, staff will focus on the school year plan, as well as participate in compliance trainings (dealing with multiple emergency procedures).

### **3. Open issues**

**1. Plant and safety** - mostly comestic upgrades in the school - exterior doors being painted, west wing pillars, bathroom upgrades, gym floor refinishing. Roof repairs TBA.\

### **4. New business/correspondence/announcements**

1. presentation of HWDSB continous learning and improvement educator learning reflection tool. Focus on 5 areas - Positive culture and well being; student learning and achievements; effective communication; school renewal; partnerships

2. School annual plan - 2017/18 - will be presented at a future school council meeting.

3. school council positions - review of roles and responsibilities. Rhu Sherrard to continue as chair. Lisa Collins to continue as interm secretary until position is filled.

4. other business - parent resource handbook is available on HWDSB website. IB program, Mr. Taylor is the teacher in charge and will be organizing meetings soon.

**5. Next school council meetings** - Mondays October 16, November 27, January 15, February 12, April 16 and May 14.

Adjournment at 750pm