

AHS school council  
Monday January 14, 2019

### **ATTENDEES**

Rhu Sherrard (chair)  
Lisa Collins (secretary)  
Mr. Currie (VP), Ms. Ferney (VP)  
Ms. Fletcher (teacher rep)  
Shane Jeffrey / Liam Outlaw (student council)  
Lisa Mancini  
Sarah Wallace  
Pauline Boulos  
Barb Love  
Rosemarie McCutcheon  
Elizabeth Crawford  
Rosemary McDermott

### **REGRETS**

Mr. R.Gallant (principal)

Approval of November minutes - Lisa Collins / Rosemary McCutcheon

### **Reports**

#### **Student council**

Clubs winding down due to end of semester

Semester 2 plans -

- Me To We fundraisers in March and May
- DECA - provincials in February
- Positive space - Pink Day April 13th. Considering idea of prom-share with BT (rainbow prom)
- Social committee considering another dance
- GAA spiritwear delayed due to supplier error
- Gr. 10 IB applications due Friday January 18th
- MAA (music club) - trip to Montreal approved
- HOPE clue - food drive in February
- Make a Wish - hot chocolate event in late January/early February
- Healthy Action Club - continuing free breakfast Fridays. They have also acquired/painted a picnic table

#### **Staff (Ms. Fletcher)**

- Culminating tasks and exam preparations taking place
- Homework club is continuing - Mon/Weds from 3-4pm in Learning Commons (can pre-register or arrive to participate)
- Exploring technologies (101) - great success in Christmas ornaments made prior to holidays
- Swim team - second city champions moving onwards to SOSSA on February 14th
- Civics classes - visited Good Shepherd centers
- Royal Gazette - Teacher in charge requested hard copy be presented for school council viewership. For those that want to subscribe to obtain a soft copy can email [gazetteroyal@gmail.com](mailto:gazetteroyal@gmail.com) to be added to distribution list.

- Drama student concern regarding attendance at last month's concert (disappointing turnout). Would like a consideration to combine arts/music/drama in hopes of obtaining more involvement. HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 will be performed in Sem 2.
- Looking to improve communication between school and parents (ie. email blast for school events, games, etc), not just upcoming days off. Suggestion to build in to school calendar on website / have student council submit special dates to office admin.

### **Principal/Vice principal report(s)**

Mr. Currie and Ms. Ferney

- Exams begin Thursday January 24th with Day 1 first class, continuing until Tuesday January 29th. PA day Thursday January 31st. First day of semester 2 - Friday February 1st. Q - re: absence due to illness for IB exam - will be investigated.
- Grade 8 options night - Wednesday January 16th, 630-8pm at school. Option sheets due beginning of March
- Holiday assembly - full attendance, always popular with students; Staff vs. students hockey games (students won both) - both events took place on Friday before Christmas break
- Timetables - will go home next week (for Sem 2).

### **Open issues** (facility update/health/safety/renovations)

- East wing painting has started
- More security cameras have been installed
- Replacement of bleachers in gym has been postponed until at least the March break
- Window replacements - tenders are going out in April
- Upgrading schools accessibility
- School field - hoping to begin in June

### **New business**

- Q - does HWDSB publish individual school's discretionary spending - no
- Feedback - meal at Semi-formal was reported to be very bad. This should be reported back to student council and teacher in charge (as it may affect future attendance) as well as to hosting facility.
- Government funding - any school cuts/concerns, parents should address with local representatives.

Recapping future meeting dates

Adjournment - 739pm