



# School Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Attendance - in person

Beth Woof (principal)

Roxane Dunmore, Estrella Szakas, Catherine Kronas, Amanda Fehrman, Deana Worne-Laing, Trish Woehrle, Colleen ???

Attendance - virtual

Natalia Bourenane, Jen Haverty, Sachi, Angela Zehr, Tara Gasparik

All Our Relations - art installation of 40'x10' panels consisting of glass beads is now unveiled - Ancaster High students and Ms. Woof were involved in the production - located at foot of James St. next to the harbour

School Council Elections

Chair - Catherine Kronas

Secretary - Roxane Dunmore

Members at Large - Natalie Bourenane, Dileepa Wijesundae, Estrella Szakas

Student Council Report - Saihaj Law & Gavin Potts

- Hosted Grade 9 night

- Organizing a Homecoming Dance on October 12 in Gym C

- Have produced a Student Club Handbook (physical copies of handbook were handed out at the meeting -

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/files/2023/09/AHS-Club-Guide-2023-24.pdf>

- Haunted House is being planned

- Fall Festival (AKA Spirit Week) coming soon

- talent show in December

\*\*\*lots of sports/clubs activities happening right now - follow Instagram profiles for each club/team

Teacher Report - None provided

Principal Report

- V.P. Mr Monteith is on parental leave. His replacement is Tara Gasparik and she covers students with last names A-L.

Ms. Davy is the M-Z vice principal.

- school board has a new Strategic Direction. Ancaster High is part of the focus group to see how the new strategic plan is received by staff and students.

- School Plan is "Learn the Stories, Create the Possibilities"

- Grade 9 students have received laptops (also operates as a tablet). Lots of learning currently happening on how to use these devices by students and staff.

- Renovations on cafeteria starting this week. Hopefully to be done by April. It will have a serving and teaching kitchen

- Bathrooms are being renovated, from west to east end, 2 at a time.

- Vending machines will be operational soon. These machines must comply with the Ontario nutrition guidelines

- Monday and Friday are pizza days. Proceeds are fundraising for HAT (Monday) and DECA (Friday)

- Please discuss with your children their use of Uber Eats. Delivery should only occur at lunch time, not during class

hours.

- Spirit Wear is now on sale through School Cash Online.

- Vaping is a problem in every school. Schools are looking for support from the City and federal government. There is a high addiction rate. Students have access to addiction counsellors and can be self-referred. Vaping is very expensive.

Students can be fined \$315 and the fine will show up on their drivers license (first time or renewal)

- Faith Community Advisory Committee has a call out for participants.

- Chat GPT - need to think about "what is learning?" and "what is cheating?". We have a teachers sub-committee looking into this. Teachers value deep learning and how students learn might need to be re-evaluated. School council need to discuss this at our next meeting.

Question from Parent

- Concern for diminished push on Bay Area Science Fair. Parent feels there is a lack of support for sciences at AHS.

Discuss at next meeting - how often principal communicated with parents - currently once a month.

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