



School Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Attendance - in person

Beth Woof (principal)

Roxane Dunmore, Estrella Szakas, Catherine Kronas, Amanda Fehrman, Dileepa Wijesundera, Trish Woehrle, Colleen Kaus, Jen Haverty, Ms. Davy

Attendance - virtual

Natalia Bourenane, Adrienne Bell, Carla, Deana Worne, Sivan, SMB, Zilbertrant, Tara Gasparik

Student Council Report - presented by Ms. Woof

- Upcoming Events - Dec. 22 - student/teacher hockey game (at lunch) and talent show
 - Feb 15 - Valentines Semi-Format (at Carmens) - tickets going on sale in future
- Winter sports season has started
- university/college applications are underway
- community fundraiser - raising money and goods for 115 community baskets
- student led intramurals are in full swing
- Best Buddies Club - went bowling today
- there's a new wrestling team
- there's a new club called "Women in Business"

Staff Report - presented by Ms. Woof and Ms. Davy

- Strategic Direction (for school board) - 25 AHS students contributed to student voice at board office
- all Grade 9 students should have a laptop. If your student does not, speak to the school
- OSSLT - grade 10 students will write this test in April. Any students in grade 11 or 12 who have not passed, they just wrote the text again this week. This is a requirement to graduate.
- Vaping & By-laws & AY (alternatives for youth) - students can ask for substance abuse support
- Cell phone experiment - this is a 4-5 week experiment in history department. Kids have to put away phones in a shoe storage unit for the duration of the class. If successful, this could roll out across the school.
- parents are invited to AHS Museum (created by history students). Open Dec 11, 13, 15 (12pm-2:30pm) and Dec 12, 14 (12pm-6pm)

Admin Report

- Renovations - cafeteria is underway - demo is done, rebuild has started. Expected to be completed between April and June 2024
- Vending machines are almost here
- Grade 7/8 night is November 29
- 2024-25 option sheets are coming out soon

***When choosing courses, make sure all of the courses you want are on the option sheet.

- Semester 2 timetable is very tight. It will be difficult to make changes to your schedule.
- IB program info night is December 6, 6pm at the Education Centre (20 Education Court, Hamilton)
- Communications with parents - will continue as is - monthly newsletter, school messenger and Instagram
- Special Programs and STEM - all of these programs are available to students. Some are student initiated. Example, if your student would like to enter the Bay Area Science Fair, s/he is welcome to develop a project. Teachers are available to help.

1. Bay Area Science Fair - student initiates
2. SHAD - 5-6 week university experience (costs \$\$) - applications due December 1
3. Yale UN - model UN for high school students
4. Explore Program - federally funded french program in summer - apply now (closes in February)
5. STEM Club at AHS - meets every Friday
6. Aerospace Club at AHS
7. Perimeter Institute - theoretical physics in Waterloo
8. Scholarships - lots of scholarships are available - funding is increasing for college scholarships

***a parent made note that it would be nice to have these opportunities listed on the school website for parents to find this information.

- Vaping Update

51 minute vaping information session from Hamilton Public Health

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QS-EVPS0kCk>

-Grade 9/10 Math - extra math help is available from teachers in classrooms at lunch. School is looking into hiring teachers for after school but lots of kids are bussed (this may not be feasible).

PRO Grant

***deadline is mid-January but this may be extended

***school board wants the grant to focus on addressing social inclusion & racism, specifically anti-Asian, anti-Black and Indigenous Wellness and other barriers toward racialized and underserved groups.

*****DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS ON WHERE WE CAN SPEND THE PRO GRANT MONEY?*** PLEASE LET US KNOW**

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