

School Council Minutes
Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Attendance – In person

Amanda Fehrman, Trish Woehrle, Leah Rudolph, Estrella Szakacs, Colleen Kaus, Jen Haverty, Deana Worne-Laing, Kelly Davy (VP), Jennifer Turner (Staff/Teacher), Jason Monteith (Principal), Dileepa Wijesundera, Catherine Kronas (Chair)

Attendance – Virtual

Joanne Thompson, Natalia Bourenane, Jared, Sachi, Khalida Iffat, Shafia

Student Council Report & Principals Report – Presented by Jason Monteith

- Saihaj Law and Gavin Potts (In absentia)
- Upcoming events
 - o Valetines Semi-Formal (Feb 15)
 - o Inrtmurals and Leadership – Dragon Boat Racing
- Already held
 - o Hockey game and Talent show (Dec 22)
- Introductions of attendees called by JM
- Sign off a banner for Beth Woof
- School reports due next week
- Student success teams – Dawn and Steve to help students get passed the credits required,
 - o Grade 10/11 and 12 to be helped in June by attending Summer school
 - o This will help students reach provincial standards
 - o Hired one new teacher for Alt Ed lines
 - o DECA program aims to send 5-10 students International
- AHS class ratio is 24.9 which is above funding available.
- Health & Safety Issues
 - o Cafeteria renovations in progress some challenges due to the old building not meeting current building code. Targeted completion Sep 2024.
 - o Washroom renovations are progressing with some to be completed by mid Feb
 - o Reported a radiator pipe burst that took place on Sunday Feb 04.

Staff Report – Presented by Jen Turner

- Semi formal – 400 students expected
- Auditorium Investment – New lighting system
- Musical Theatre Program – volunteer opportunities for students

Council Report – Presented by Catherine Kronas

- Long term staff absences, requested the school to inform at least parents of those students effected, JM reported that after 10 consecutive days the substitutes

position has to be advertised as per the current policy. However, JM to give more clarity on this at the next meeting.

- PRO grant
 - o Application for PRO Grant, motion was proposed by Estrella and seconded by Dileepa. All voting members favour with Natalia voting on-line.(in favour)
- Communication plan to use the PRO funds to carry out a survey as parents are not well informed on various academic programs such as DECA, A motion was proposed by Natalia and seconded by Estrella. All voting members in favour.
- Clarification on the UOW report on marking down various high school marks including Ancaster High for the Engineering program was raised. Kelly Davy VP to check and clarify the accuracy of this report and if the HWDSB has issued a statement to deny the accuracy of this report.