



School Council Minutes

October 16, 2024

Attendance - in person

Mr. Monteith (principal), Ms. Davey (VP), Cherie Mills (VP)

Roxane Dunmore, Joanne Thompson, Dileepa Wijesundera, Colleen Kaus, Jen Haverty, Trish Woehrle, Amy Telford, Justyn Hendricks, Simon Goodacre, Leslie Montreuil,

Attendance - virtual

Natalia Bourenane, Catherine Kronos, Deana Laing, Jennifer Lobe, Tom

Catherine voiced her objections to having the school council meeting due to the scheduling of the meeting fell outside of the 30 days from the start of school and the announcement of the date happened less than 14 days of the meeting.

Simon Goodacre (school board rep) advised Catherine and council that the school board gave full support to having the meeting on this date.

Most people in attendance did not fill in the school council nomination form in advance. Mr. Monteith provided forms on the spot. 10 parents have signed up to be members of the council.

Joanne Thompson and Amy Telford were acclaimed for co-chair positions. Roxane Dunmore was acclaimed for secretary. Council decided not to have a treasurer.

AHS does not have by-laws. We need to make by-laws this year. Joanne suggested making a sub-committee to discuss creation and using pre-existing by-laws from other schools.

Principal Report

Facility Report - lost of renovations completed or being worked on.

- cafeteria is done. No caf service. Aramark is the contractor but they are having trouble finding employees.
- healthy food act will be followed in caf.
- lots of washroom renos are done. Next washrooms being worked on are second floor of east wing
- accessibility washrooms have been added.
- change rooms by gym a/b being done now.

Extracurriculars

- lots of teams and clubs happening. Just hosted a volleyball tournament. 38 clubs and 48 teams run throughout the year. There is a list on school website which lists what's available and the schedule of when they run.

- Terry Fox run was today. 800 students participated. Lots of community building. Event was run by PLF class.

School Population - October count was 1179 students.

Discussion occurred around the lack of courses offered for college level grade 12 students (example, no physics and only 1 math class for entire year). Further discussion included the lack of selection on grade 12 university courses. All of the math and science courses are offered but there is not much to choose from if you are not going in the math/science direction.

Staff are focusing on inclusion - listening to student and meeting them where they are.

We have a student representative. S/he will be at the next meeting.

Teacher Report

Justyn Hendricks (math teacher). He runs 2 clubs - math (has 25 kids) and STEM (has 60 kids)

Math department is focusing on the pathway problems AHS has. Example, why is there only 1 grade 12 college class. They are focusing on building the grade 11 MCT (math, college, technology)

They are looking at the new grade 10 course.

Question from council member - will the grade 10 financial literacy test be a standard test. EQAO doesn't know yet.

Question from council member - do we have robotics? We had a robotics club last year. The leader of the club moved to a different school and we don't have another leader with the skill set. Is it possible for kids to participate with another school?

Preliminary reports - October 21

Parent-teacher interviews - October 29

Friday Night Lights - was scheduled for night after grade 9 night. Coach didn't feel they could get enough teacher volunteers to run the event safely.

Future meetings - November 27, 2024, February 12, April 9, June 4, 2025

Joanne will organize the by-law committee.

Meeting adjourned 7:23pm

Amendments

1. Catherine's name corrected - Catherine Kronos

2. Voting Members - Natalia Bourenane, Jen Haverty, Colleen Kaus, Catherine Kronos, Leslie Montreuil, Dileepa Wijesundera, Trish Woehrle

Co-Chairs - Joanne Thompson, Amy Telford Secretary - Roxane Dunmore

3. Roxane & Catherine asked if council would be approving & posting the April 2024 meeting minutes. Mr. Monteith and Mr. Goodacre told council that due to the harmful nature of that meeting, the school board decided not to approve and post the minutes. The minutes are available from Mr. Monteith upon request.