



# School Council Minutes

April 9, 2025

## Attendance - in person

Mr. Monteith (principal), Roxane Dunmore, Joanne Thompson, Amy Telford, Jen Haverty, Colleen Kaus, Ms. Davy (VP), Sean Nicholson (guidance)

## Attendance - virtual

Natalia Bourenane, Catherine Kronas, Dileepa Wijesundera, Trish Woehrle

## Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Catherine objects to the land acknowledgement.

NOTE! School council meetings are not a place to promote personal political ideology. Catherine does not speak for council nor represent the feelings of other members.

## Minutes Approvals

Amy motioned to accept the minutes with 2 spelling corrections. Colleen seconded. 7 votes to accept.

## *Student Council Report*

No report

## Principal Report

Cafeteria is open and serving basic food. Over 100 lunches served.

1.5 teachers needed for both semesters for classes in caf. There will be 8-12 lines. All grades are interested. Grades 11/12 cooking in AM. Grades 11/12 baking in PM. Grade 9/10 using upstairs classrooms. Grade 9 tech will rotate through the caf.

Driveway around west end will start in June and continue through the summer.

Roof is being redone in tech wing.

## Improvement Plan

- staff is tracking strategies to see how students are improving.
- they are increasing communication around pandemic recovery support.

## Grade 8 Outreach

-Ancaster High hosts grades 7/8 in open house

- started the Bob Wynne Feeder School Basketball tournament (Bob Wynne is a local lawyer who has been

coaching for 53 consecutive years at Ancaster High)

- guidance department does team visits at feeder schools

- puts on a drama event

- Friday night lights (May 2)

- maybe put on a volleyball tournament and flag football tournament

- hosts triathlon for community

- feeder school breakfast with principals

\*\*\*Ancaster has lowest loss rate from feeder schools out of all public high schools

School play - "Ride the Cyclone" is a Canadian musical. May 28 is matinee show for students. May 29, 30 at 7pm for parents/community

Graduation info on student services tab on school website. Seating plan has changed so hopefully we can add more seats. Add your name to the waitlist if you want more than 2 tickets. Commencement committee will look into a different venue for future years.

Reprints of yearbooks - just went to printer. Will be available before end of this year.

## Teacher Report - Mr. Nicholson, Guidance Counselor

-Xello is being replaced with My Blue Print.

- Summer school registration opened April 1

- June will have tentative schedules made. Will deal with conflicts in schedules then.

- Grade 12 early offers have been sent out. Interviews, evaluations and 2nd semester grades are being done now.

- The visits to elementary schools are supporting well being when moving on to high school

- Main reason kids are not graduating is because of volunteer hours. Kids usually have the hours, they are just not reporting. Staff are looking into a way to make reporting easier.

- HWDSB will offer 55 hour upgrade courses in 4Ubio, 4Ufunctions, 4Uchem, 4Ucalculus, 4Uenglish, 4Udatamgt. Students can sign up in My BluePrint. This will look like a repeat course on transcripts.

Next meeting: June 4, 6pm @ Southcote 53 \*\*\*There will be no online option

Adjourned: 7:00pm