



# **Western Canada High School**

## **School Council**

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### 2014/2015 Chair's Report

I would like to thank Mr. Martin Poirier, our Principal and his excellent team of leaders, teachers and coaches for all that they do to help our students in so many ways day in and day out. They really are the core of our wonderful school.

I would also like to thank the other members of the School Council Executive for their support and team work over this past year – together we were able to accomplish great things to keep parents connected to the school and to act as a sounding board for the administration. We utilized various methods of communication to stay connected and to add value to the community - regular meetings at the school for all parents, an outside BOLD sign in the back field, automated email messages from the school and of course the school's website school council page and blog.

Some of the highlights of the year for the School Council were:

- The Staff room was decorated before the winter break and goodies were provided by parents in appreciation of our teachers and staff
- We provided all the students with agendas as requested by the staff
- We supported guest speakers to the CALM classes
- We provided yoga and meditation for students before a few June final exams

School council special presentations included:

- Our school librarian, Nancy Prentice spoke about 'Navigating the Information system' in September
- November was our AGM and we had a presentation about post-secondary planning and scholarships
- In January, the MLA for Calgary Buffalo, Kent Hehr presented his view of the state of education in AB
- In March, Constable Dunn shared with us the greatest dangers facing teens – social media, texting and driving, drugs, alcohol and exam stress
- In May, the topic was 'All things Grad' with a presentation by Asst Principal Lynn Rule on the details of the ceremony and then 2 legal experts discussed safe teenage party planning for parents and options for teens

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you again in the fall. The first School Council meeting is September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Sincerely,  
Sheelagh Mercier  
Chair

*Working together, the School and School Council foster an effective, supportive and progressive learning environment in which all students can aspire to achieve their potential.*