



WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL
School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 30, 2018 7:00 PM
School Library

I. Welcome & Call to order

Les called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

II. Approval of agenda

- Add Les to chair the meeting
- No Celebrate Western report
- Yousef to report on student council

****Motion** made by Elaine to approve the agenda with changes, seconded by Andy. Motion Carried.

III. Approval of ordinary meeting minutes from November 29, 2017

-No errors were found at this time – AGM minutes will be approved at the next AGM meeting in Nov 2019

IV. Approval of School Council Executive's recent appointments to begin asap, Jan 30/18, the new treasurer to become signing authority on the bank account:

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| a) Executive | Treasurer | Shelley Anderson |
| | Digital Communications | George Yuan |
| b) Members at Large | Speaker Series | Wendy Eloit |
| | Member at Large | Kathy Stankievehc |

****Motion** made by Andy to approve appointment as presented, seconded by Sandra. Motion Carried.

V. Reports

a) Co-Chair – Les Corpes

- website has been updated with the help of Graham Harker, hoping to be monthly
- a reminder to feed information to George, who will communicate this to Graham

b) Students' Union Report – Yousuf

Student Union

Western Week coming up in March – spirit week – wild west events in the gym
RedHawks appreciation day – June 5th Night of the Red hawks
Pajama day - school spirit

Clubs, Arts

Regional debate championships
Senior Jazz combo beginning of Feb
Drama – spring production – Wild Abandon – Danny McIver
Betty Mitchel studio (named after a local theatre artist in Calgary, she created the first drama program at WCHS) to be renovated – in the basement
Multi-culture talent show

MADD presentation for gr 12s

Model UN at U of C

Choral Fest March 16

Debaters to Harvard March 22-23

High Performance Rodeo – Beautiful Young Students Program – One Yellow Rabbit Theatre Group

School Pride Week – pink shirt day – anti bully day, GSAs from Calgary – Homo Hop!

RedHawks

All basketball teams out at tournaments this weekend

Wrestling teams at tournaments this weekend

Jr Girls Basketball won RIT tournament!

Academics

Last day of exams

Diploma exams students had up to 6 hours to complete them, new this year

Diploma marks back Feb 16

c) Principal's Update – Martin Poirier

-Equity Initiative – WCHS is working with the African Caribbean Association & Black Live Matters on initiatives including: Black history month, focus on authors, famous Canadians, assembly, spoken word contest, black future team

-WCHS is trying to build an equity committee like the university, adapted to our setting, creating a safe place for students

-welcome to the new personal to the school, 8 new teachers

-double time in diploma exams – 6 hours – it was hard on the students as one exam went 9-3pm and then the next exam is 3-9pm for the 3 days of early exams. ~50 students wrote the 3 exams in 24 hours? ELA, Social, FLA. In Part A of the diploma, the written portion, students used the extra time, but they were tired on Monday, after the 3 days.

-Registration, 200 IB students were turned away as they were out of boundary, our program is full.

d) Treasurer's Update – Lianne Nichols-Kanters / Shelley Anderson

- Presented Financial Update

- Your School Council's Executive proposes to allocate \$5000 from School Council excess – school needs to replace the gym's scoreboard/screen and AV system (a project that is \$40,000 for the school)

****Motion:** To allocate \$5000 to the gym's scoreboard/AV system made by Elaine and seconded by Shelley. Motion carried.

- Teacher Appreciation Week was more than expected, volunteers paid out of pocket for more food for the staff and teachers. It was discussed to pay them back \$250 per week from surplus funds.

****Motion:** To allocate \$500 more to the Teacher's Appreciation, for a total of \$1500 made by Mary and seconded by Sandra. Motion carried.

e) Key Communicator's Update – Elaine Dube

The most recent Council of School Councils meeting was on January 17, 2018 at The Education Centre (1221 – 8 Street SW). The agenda included: Board of Trustees introductions, System Updates and discussion on three questions: What tips do you have for building strong relationships with your school staff? How can your school council support your school's development plan? & What would you most like

a new Chief Superintendent to know about your school? Notes: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Documents/20180117-COSC-Discussion-Notes.pdf>

Our Area School Trustee is now Richard Hehr who is in attendance with us tonight at WCHS!

The 2017/2018 School Budget – There is a 17 million deficit. The biggest shortfall is to cover instruments fees that the schools can not charge anymore. Feed back on budget is wanted:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/budget-and-finance/Pages/default.aspx#>

21 schools flooded during the winter break, no schools were closed, some class rooms had to be moved.

The math strategy focus is to take time to allow kids to figure out things, to make sense with hands on learning. There is funding for 1 year for Math coaches, mainly elementary and Jr. High schools. The entire school systems will have the same shared strategy.

Bill 28 – amendments to the school Act was discussed. Kindergarten Age will be 5 years old by Dec 31 of the start of school year, this will be implemented in 2020. Walking limits for transportation will be changing, not announced yet. New certification for principles, don't know what it looks like yet.

Next meeting Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018. Topic to be announced.

Richard Hehr mentioned there will be a high school table at the next COSC meeting. It was mentioned it was nice to be seated with the feeder schools and high schools together.

f) Volunteer Update – Jeannie Rooney (regrets)

1. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the CALM interviews. The CALM teacher was very thankful for your excellent guidance and suggestions for the students.
2. Also, a huge thank you to each parent who helped so significantly with our Teacher Appreciation before the Christmas holiday. The staff was very thankful for all that you did to make them feel special.
3. We are looking for volunteers to help with Celebrate Western. If you are interested in helping in any way, no matter how small, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Emily McKenzie at emily.mckenzie@albertahealthservices.ca.

g) Upcoming Special Presentations – Wendy Eloit (regrets)

-Working on a special presentation about “Stress”, date to be announced – the third week in October

VI. Adjournment

Les requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., Elaine seconded. All are welcome to stay for the special presentation by Mr. Richard Hehr representing Wards 8 & 9 on CBE's Board of Trustees

Future Council Meeting Dates: Tues Mar 20 and Tues May 8.

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