



**Calgary Board
of Education**

**Henry Wise Wood
High School**

**Henry Wise Wood High School Council
General Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2025 at 6:30 - in-person and online**

In attendance: Christina M. (Chair), Aileen S.(Principal), Cinnamon B., Tabi S., Pooja S., Trish D., Tinke Z.

Online: Abdoulrab A., Mulugeta, Tolu O., Jen S., Rick F., Claire W., Luke W.

1. Call to order and Welcome: Christina M.
Called to order by Christina M. at 6:30 PM.

2. Approval of agenda: Christina M.
- with addition of:
- domain name registration vote
- staff welcome back gifts vote
Motion: Tinke
Second: Cinnamon
Motion carried with today's additions

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2025: Christina M.
Motion: Tinke
Second: Cinnamon
Motion carried

4. Land Acknowledgement: Trish D.
Trish welcomes the opportunity to ground herself when busy, especially in Dec. With the winter solstice coming up on the 21st, Trish is reminded that the Blackfoot consider this time of year as the start of the new year and look to reflect and make goals.
'Listen and learn with the returning light'
Trish is from a 5th generation settlers' family, which moved west along with those generations.

5. Special Presentation: Trish D.

- **Diploma Exams:** Alberta Education has decided to cancel diploma exams this January because of the strange times (strike) during the fall.
 - students can choose to:
 - 1- not write the diploma exam
 - 2- write the diploma exam in April
 - 3- write the diploma exam in June
 - in January, the school will send out detailed communication on this to all students, as well as their parents
- **Questions from parents:**
 - Will the students transcripts show the decision that the student made?
 - If like in past years an * is used to show that a mark is from a diploma exam, then Universities will know
 - Is this for any grade 12 class this year? No, only for Semester 1 classes will the students have the choice outlined above. Anyone taking a class in Semester 2 will be required to take the diploma exam for that course in June. One point of clarification, this is for any diploma course semester 1. We do have some grade 11 students taking diploma courses.
 - Diploma exams are only for Grade 12, but all exams for all grades are cancelled in January - The 3 weeks lost in the fall are replaced with the 2 weeks in January that are now instructional.
 - Transcript will show higher mark, regardless of whether it is from a diploma exam being written, or only from class marks.
 - If class mark is 100%, and exam is 90%, transcript will show 100%
 - Trish to confirm if 90% would show in any manner on the transcript (*post meeting update: yes, the diploma mark will be on the transcript. The final mark column will show the higher mark.*)
 - University's may not be transparent about what they will look at
 - Benefits to writing the exams: no jeopardy, so good practice, and if better mark on test then the overall score for the class will increase
 - Cons to writing the exams: in new courses but still studying older courses at the same time
 - Not sure when students have to decide by yet (asking 'research and strategy') (*post meeting update: Internal deadline Jan 23, to meet system deadline of early Feb*)
- **Wellbeing Strategies for Winter Break**
 - School is a lifeline for many students because it provides routines
 - Winter break is for rest and reset!
 - Try to keep a sleep routine (even a loose one!)
 - Take care of mental health – rest is productive
 - Move your body a little each day
 - Eat real meals and drink water
 - Get daylight when you can
 - Take breaks from screens, especially before bed
 - Stay connected with people that support you
 - Be kind to yourself...there's no 'right' way to spend break
 - If you are struggling, reach out to a trusted adult or counselor. You're not alone.

6. Principal's Report: Aileen S.

Thankyou to new executives, returning executives, and especially for the staff appreciation food, parent setup and clean-up

a) Updates

- 12 Days of Spirit Themes and Activities
- This January is unique - date changes due to labour disruption catch-up
 - 5th – 23rd – regular classes – no final exams for all three grades
 - 23rd – last day of regularly scheduled classes including specialized classes
 - 26th-27th – credit recovery/modified schedule
 - 28th – First day of Semester 2
 - February 2nd – Semester 1 report card visible online
- Semester 2 start up
 - Limited course changes available
 - Regular semester otherwise, new teachers and courses
 - Staff transitions and planning for Fall
- Question: what is credit recovery?
 - Teacher will ask student to come in so they can get assignments not brought in yet – no structured class time as in other years/semesters
- Grade 9 Open House – thanks SC and Gate parents for attending
 - Daytime (students were very excited) and in the Evening (students brought and shared with their parents)

b) Important Dates

- Dance show – Wed, January 15
- WiseMUN – January 23 and 24 (6 delegates got medals last time)
- NI Day – January 30

c) Artists, Scholars, Champions

- Artists – highlighted great airplane photo
- Scholars
 - Grad – theme established, Jane Goodall quote “What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”
 - Robotics – won 5 matches
 - Parent comment: Like seeing casino funds used to growing clubs.
- Champions
 - Indigenous games - barter, pick up sticks game, back for indigenous dance
- Athletics
 - Swimming - possibly place second
 - Basketball and curling – both competitive
- Classroom moment – K&E Social – Ms. Ronak
 - Unit 2 – Historical Globalization - Researching count of choice
 - Teaching strategies – details into 8 slides and peer feedback
- Learning Lodge graphic – positive focus, to take care of each other

5. Chair Report: Christina M.

a) Introduction

- new to HWW and role
- background as business consultant with board experience and how to support schools

- student in Grade 10, and another in Grade 9 coming to HWW next year
- this years Executives – recording youngest student for succession planning

b) Powerschool – encourage the use of the mobile app – provides notifications, but more on hand, can see marks right away

c) Casino update – Cinnamon B.

April 1-2, 2026 (Wed and Thurs)

- 40 volunteers needed - 50% of shifts signed up for
- not likely to make a \$2,000.00 donation, but on average that is what you provide per shift
- Wednesday and Thursday, but Friday is a stat holiday

d) Wish List vote – Cinnamon B.

- information:

- received \$82,956.03 in Feb 2025, broken into three spending periods, this is the third
- vetted items on list with AGLC, looked at items that are needed the most and what effects most students
- music – 3 asks this time, so looking at priority item. Normally this is done through the Music Parents Society, but there are a few big needs all at once.
- other large asks not included because needed to stay at \$20,000 spend

Motion: To fund full wish list as presented for a total of \$19,914.00.

Approved Items:

- Science Dept: Uniform motion carts (10) + Acceleration timers (10) + pH probes (11)
- Fitness Centre: Leg press machine
- Photography: Camera bodies (8 more units)
- EAL & LEAD: Digital licenses and books
- Fine Arts: Large painting easel and Tuba

Motioned by: Christina

Second: Pooja

Motion Passed – by 9 votes

e) Domain name registration

Motion: To fund to a total of \$110.66, the registration of a domain name for a 5 year period, with the Executive deciding on the domain name registration.

Motioned by: Tinke

Second: Cinnamon

Motion Passed – by 5 votes (none opposed)

6. Other business

Cinnamon: Tabi did a great job organizing the staff appreciation event in December, so we didn't use approved funds, so would like to do a \$350 max energy pack for staff, to give in January.

Motion: To fund a max of \$350.00 for Welcome Back staff bags in January.

Motioned by: Christina

Second: Pooja

Discussion: Christina thanked Cinnamon for offering to do this

Motion Passed – by 8 votes

8. Adjournment at 7:40pm