



**Henry Wise Wood High School Council Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2024 @ 6:30 pm in-person and online**

**In attendance:** Brandi D. (Chair), Teresa M. (Principal), Linda L. (Treasurer), Tinke Z., Tabi S., Cinnamon B.

Online: Tony S., Liubomyr D., Samara P., Bhargav, Carmen M., Caroline, Courtney Z., Leah T., Matie, Pooja (Vice-Chair)

- 1. Call to order and Welcome** - Brandi: Called to order at 6:41pm
- 2. Approval of agenda:** Brandi: 1st: Cinnamon 2nd: Courtney Carried.
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes-** Brandi: 1st: Tinke 2nd: Tony Carried.
- 4. Land Acknowledgment:** Teresa M.
- 5. Principal's Report:** Teresa M.

**1. School Improvements Results Reporting 2023-2024**

- SIRR fuels the SDP (School Development Plan)
  - The 3 priority areas identified by CBE for the 2021-24 Education plan were Literacy, Math and Well-Being
  - 2023-24 - Outcome Based Assessment with focus at gr 10, in 4 core subjects
- Results Findings:**
- Core course completion; higher level courses have higher completion rates; looking at required courses for graduation
  - Knowledge and Employability course completion rates have some low completion rates
  - high achievement in diploma exams
  - Student surveys for well-being: identifies strengths and areas where growth is needed
  - highly academic courses are area of strength
  - less academic streams are less successful; focusing at grade 10 to work on this; try to catch students before they are in the “red zone”

## **Student growth, effectiveness**

- early ID of students at risk
- provide opportunities for students to recover or rescue courses, rather than repeating those courses
- continue outcome-based assessments
- early intervention for grades 10 and 11, especially in course selection
- ways to rescue and increase credit recovery
- improvement in grade 10s, in not failing a course; adding grade 11s this year
- grade 11s at the start of this year, who had at least 60 credits, who are on track to graduate; only about 6% were not on track
- teachers are very intentional and specific in helping students who are at risk

## **2. School Development Planning: This is Year 1 of 3**

**School Goal:** Students academic achievement will improve through the implementation of Fair, Transparent and Equitable assessment practices.

- Outcome Measures: Looking at graduation rates, Report card data, course completion, School Authority report, and teacher perception data.
- The three categories of actions that will be taken are: learning excellence actions, well-being actions, and Truth and Reconciliation, diversity and inclusion actions.

Parent Question: Lovely to see credit-recovery opportunity, but why do we wait until January?

Answer: From outside looking in, it may seem like we allow things to slide until January. But teachers get together every 4-5 weeks. End of term 1, departments looked at data to see which students were on their failure list. Teachers have been engaged with other teachers to look at different strategies to help these students. Get kids into extra time. January is crunch-time. Teachers ask for other ways for students to show their understanding that has not yet been demonstrated.

Q - Is there communication to parents? A - If parents are aware, they can support, but that does not always happen. Guidance and teacher teams will bring students into those recovery times in January. Rescue and recovery should be ongoing.

## **3. Updates:** busy school, busier than schools shes experienced in the past. Clubs busy - lots of fundraisers to support organizations and families

- a) Drama 30 one act plays
- b) Winter concert
- c) Model UN - hosted
- a) Chess competition - many competitors; through chess club
- b) Open house in Nov; nervous because it was on same night at feeder school PTIs, but drop-in format was well attended

- c) 250 students attended sand art presentation; 3D screen captures images and creates a story
- d) 12 Days of Spirit
- e) Agents for Change - Bake sale for family hampers
- f) Interact fundraiser
- g) Warrior Alliance - popcorn to support Skipping Stone Foundation
- h) Winter dance showcase

#### 4. Celebrations

- a) Athletics -
  - i. Swim team earned championship banner!
  - ii. Rugby open gym
  - iii. Curling team busy
  - iv. Basketball team busy with league and tournament games
  - v. Wrestling - big competition this past weekend; Western Canada accepts our wrestlers on their team
- b) Countdown to last classes on Friday; dance party on Friday!
- c) Exam schedule is posted; any student unable to write exams at scheduled time, must talk to Ms. Delion asap
- d) Heartfelt thanks to School Council - thanks for great Staff Appreciation Breakfast - very well received. Everyone felt appreciated and it was a nice touch.

Parent Question: How do I know how my child is doing without calling the teacher?  
 A - Power School app. Account is really important. Web browser (on computer) will show more detailed information

#### 7. Chair Report: Brandi

- a) Staff Appreciation - big thank-you to Tabi for organizing, and to all the parents that provided food and monetary donations
  - i) Tabi thanked parents that provided time/food/supplies - 30 people signed up
- b) January event - Fuel Your Brain - on exam days, handout snacks as students wait to go into their exams - sign up will be provided in this week's Wednesday Warrior
- c) Wish list items vote - priority items (SC to approve support for these items)
  - i) 1 lathe - for construction (\$4000 for one)
  - ii) 2 photography lights (\$2000)
  - iii) Motion to approve spending of \$6,000 for 1 lathe and 2 photography lights
    - 1) First - Cinnamon
    - 2) Second - Linda
    - 3) Discussion - none
    - 4) Vote - in favour of
      - (a) 4 in the room and 4 on line - majority, so motion passes

d) Tinke: Traffic Poster update:

- Tabi brought up the idea; and we added color and more details
- Ideas of ways to move through the community; help prevent u-turns and unsafe driving
- Thanks to the team for map feedback, and Teresa, thank-you for letting us know what we can do
- OpenSoftware used so it is able to be used in future
- The poster is smaller than we thought, so cheaper
- Need an easel to display at our table at events
- Next steps: in January work with teachers to get more info from students, and from parents; make a document to share with city, trustee, and Youth en Route; give input and suggestions on what we would like to see
- Final presentation in April
- We can't implement the ideas, but we can advocate for them

**10. Other business** - none

**11. Adjournment 7:33 pm**

**Next Meeting February 24, 2025, in person and virtual**

**\*No Meeting in January 2025**