



**Henry Wise Wood High School Council Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2024 @ 6:30 pm**

**In attendance:** Tinke (Chair), Brandi (Secretary), Ana Maria G (Treasurer), Teresa M. (Principal), Sue M., Tabi S., Tony, Cinnamon B., Beverly D. (Assistant Principal), Jen S., Janine, Alice, Pooja

**Online:** Calvin Z., Maria L-F., Olha K., Tolu O., Tina L., Rama K., Rob S., SO, Sonja, L Ho, Jessica Z., , Caroline,

1. **Call to Order and Meeting Guidelines** - Tinke: Called to order at 6:35 pm.  
-quorum is reached
2. **Motion to review and approve the Agenda** – Tinke  
1st: Cinnamon 2nd: Alice Carried.
3. **Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from May 27, 2024** - Tinke: 1st: Jen 2nd: Cinnamon Carried.  
-addition: Add Cinnamon to the attendance
4. **Land Acknowledgment** – Beverly D., Assistant Principal  
-elder Bruce Starlight is a HWW alumnus; he shared last year at Truth and Reconciliation day: do your best, get your education, take risks, take opportunities, admit when you need help  
-Beverly shared that in her practice she embeds inclusivity for all students, including Indigenous students, and contributes to healing
5. **Special Presentation** - Beverly D., Assistant Principal  
  
Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media Use in Schools  
  
-Will review the policy in December 2024, and finalize policy by January 2025  
-robust communications with staff, students and parents; reviewed in staff meetings

- removes distractions from learning
- some students have accommodations that require devices, such as glucose monitors, ELL learning, students with IPPs
- teachers navigate the process for student accommodations
- confiscate phones throughout the day; meet with students, talk about why phone was used, call home; all parents have been supportive when phoned
- students have done remarkably well; a lot of students have commented, "it's about time."

## 6. **School Updates** – Teresa Martin, Principal

Welcome to those she has not met before!

-students are happy to have the responsibility of mobile devices taken off their plate; teachers make reminders at the beginning of classes; if students need phones for learning, teachers will ask them to do so; more engaged learning; more engagement between kids and teachers

-Aileen S left the school in great shape; start up has gone smoothly;

-Passport to Success went very well; students came in before classes start to get photos, find where their classes are; great opportunity for new students; staggered entry on first day was a nice way to start; teachers clapped the grade 10s in on their first day!

-excellent student assemblies, tailored to each grade

-anticipate numbers will be around 1908-1910 students on Sept. 30; school capacity is at 100%; our status is "closed" - students must live in catchment area to attend HWW; we still have to accept students who move in within boundaries

-cannot accept more international students - only have 30 international students

-staff- 116; 85 teachers; 16 support; plus facility operators

-class size: no classes over 40; some are at 40 students; average is mid-30s

-New SRO (School Resource Officer): Jared Shredder; wanders the halls and makes himself available

-All in for Youth; all CBE high schools have some support from Trellis 9 (through United Way); remove barriers for youth that keep them from graduating; our worker is Sam Columbus; has access to many resources to assist students and support families

-Athletics: Quick start-up; lots of travel and tournaments already

-Parents have reached out about some things their children have talked about. Things that happen at all schools - vaping, fights, skate park activities, interaction with neighbors of the school.

We take the approach that we are diligent with supervision, but we can only address what we know. Please share and inform teachers or administration of any concerns. We need to partner as parents, students and staff to address issues that arise. Illegal for minors to be in possession

of vape items. Warrior Voice council addresses safe, caring and welcoming school spaces. There are consequences - suspensions, or other actions  
HWW is not alone in this. HWW is a safe school . If students are where they are supposed to be, we can assure that they are safe. The more we know, the more we can assist and support.  
-upgrade to security cameras in Oct. will also help support safety

-Pedestrian and traffic safety. Met early on with School Council, and talked about the subject. U-turns and near-misses are happening very frequently. No parents allowed in parking lot at end of the day. Do not use parking lot to turn around.  
Going to promote this safety; looking at engaging City of Calgary and Bylaw. Thank-you to Council for helping to share ideas and alternate routes. We do not want serious injuries or deaths, which could happen if safe driving is not used. Thank-you for time and attention to pedestrian safety around the school.

-Many supports are available to students: Math and Science help, Learning Commons and Fitness Centre access, and Learning lodge for Indigenous students. See Wednesday Warrior for days and times.

Skateboard park is not part of CBE property. During the day, unsavoury actions are going on. We try our best to monitor, despite it not being CBE property. Non-students are also there, doing unsavoury things.

### **Parents Comment and questions:**

1. What is being done about vaping in bathrooms? Answer: No warning, immediate consequence, such as suspensions and fines. If students are with friends who are vaping, they will be consequenced as well, because it is active participation. School engages teachers in helping monitor. Students -when you see it, report it. Knowing what period it is, helps backtrack and figure out who it is; SRO also makes rounds and goes through bathrooms
2. Is the school providing any supports to students who have addictions, such as vaping? Answer: It's part of the conversation when there is a reinstatement, after suspension. What are root causes, and is family asking for help? Repeat offenders - look at supporting them
3. Are there security cameras in washrooms? Answer: No - not allowed
4. Can signage along 75th between Elbow and doors in front of school say "no stopping anytime", rather than, "no parking"? Possibly add orange pylons instead of the white (bright colors might help) Answer: We are looking to engage with City of Calgary or Bylaw about signs
5. Vaping - is there a QR code kids could scan to report what they see? Answer: No - would hate to have that hacked, and kids reporting be found out

6. Parent comment: Their experience has been that when kids have come home and reported concerns, the parent contacts the school, and it is dealt with, so students don't have to be the ones who report.

7. Has anyone inquired about having a functioning cafeteria, even just cold prepared foods?  
Answer: It has been looked at, and there are no funds right now; not within realm of possibility right now. So much involved in renovating the cafeteria space (eating and cooking areas).  
Healthy Hunger is an option to order food.

Go to Healthy Hunger link. Will be included in Wednesday Warrior.  
Leadership students distribute the orders.

8. Could there be sandwiches and salads pre-made and brought in daily? Answer: Could engage Council to perhaps look at. Not sure if school could take this on. Worth exploring, but it cannot be school-initiated

-Is Caroline interested in doing some research and reporting back to Council?

There is Brown Bagging for Kids, Supplied by United Way - lunches available if kids need a lunch or forget theirs. School receives 2 orders a week, both of which are good for 2 days. Teresa is always an email away. Please contact her, and she will help support your child.

#### 7. **COSC update** – Alice H.

-these meetings are a time to connect with CBE trustees

-Links will be in minutes of June 5, 2024 meeting

-parent surveys identified priorities of: student and staff well-being; student complexity; achievement, more than academic; addressing funding shortfalls; anti-racism; diversity, equity and inclusion; and truth and reconciliation; space concerns and massive growth

-CBE requested 9 new schools and 80 portables; every high school in CBE is at or over capacity

-student success is center of their education plan: learning excellence and well-being; diversity, equity and inclusion; and Truth and Reconciliation

-Trustees said: government announced money \$85 million; Alberta has lowest funding per student in Canada; in spite of inadequate funding, CBE is keeping supervision and lunch fees affordable

-Trustees collaborate as best they can with education ministry; addressing space crunch; advocating for funding to keep pace with enrollment and inflation

-Groups that advocate for public education; COSC, and Alberta School Councils Association - lost 90% of funding but supply info online; advocate for public education to the government; school council can join for a fee and share advocacy priorities

## 8. Treasurer's Report- prepared by Ana Maria; presented by Tinke

Provided 2023-2024 final statement for School Council Year End Report	Henry Wisewood School Council Statement July 1,2023 to June 30,2024												
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Awaiting funding: Alberta Education has provided funding, in the amount of \$500 per school council, in past years to support school councils in fulfilling their legislated responsibilities in the education system and enhancing parental involvement and engagement. - there has been no indication that this will not be available this year													

## 9. Chair's report - Tinke

- School Council supports the school, works with administration; not permitted to fundraise

### 1. Year End Report - submitted report in June to CBE Board of Trustees

Includes: executive member names, meeting dates, activities (Fuel Your Brain, staff and student appreciations), and financial statement.

### 2. Request for funding vote

a. Staff Appreciation, usually held in December: sometimes we don't get everything donated that we need, so this money helps to cover any gaps

Motion to spend up to \$400 for the Staff Appreciation event. 1st: Sue 2nd: Cinnamon  
Discussion: Tabi - spread information that parents can donate to support this and other events.  
Good to get donations early so that we know what we have for a budget.

Can donate to [schoolcouncilhww@gmail.com](mailto:schoolcouncilhww@gmail.com).

Vote: 13 in favour. Passed.

### b. Fuel Your Brain:

Motion to spend up to \$600 on Fuel Your Brain. 1st: Tabi 2nd: Cinnamon

Discussion: none

Vote: 17 in favour. Passed

### c. Traffic Safety poster

Motion to spend up to \$120 creating a large format poster(s) of the safety map.

1st: Cinnamon 2nd: Alice

Discussion: -Let's make sure to have the routes confirmed before we make the poster.

-Include our SRO and City of Calgary, to make sure we are not missing anything.

Vote: 13 in favour Passed

### 3. Volunteer Opportunities

-Cobb's Bread Donation Coordinator: Thank-you Tracy F. and Tina L. for taking this on!

-Casino: October 23 and 24: we still need more volunteers

-Staff Appreciation in December

- Fuel Your Brain in January during exams

Watch Wednesday Warrior for volunteer sign-up links.

a. Executive Council - will vote in new council at October's AGM

-Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator, Key Communicator- especially needing help with the Chair and Treasurer roles

-support from this year's team will be provided!

10. **New Business** - None

11. **Next Meeting:** School Council AGM, October 28, 2024, 6:30 pm

12. **Adjournment** at 7:55pm