



**Calgary Board  
of Education**

**Henry Wise Wood  
High School**

**Henry Wise Wood High School Council  
General Meeting Agenda  
May 5, 2025, 6:30pm**

**1. Call to order and Welcome (2 min): Brandi D.**

Called to order at 6:31pm

Attendance: In person - Brandi, Tinke, Aileen, Pooja, Tabi. Online - Courtney, Christina, ThiThuyDung

**2. Approval of agenda (2 min): Brandi D.**

Approval with the change of possibly having a key reporter update. Courtney Motioned, Tinke seconded the motion

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2025 (2 min): Brandi D.**

Tabi Motioned, Tinke Seconded the Motion

**4. Land Acknowledgment: Brandi D.**

Brandi shared a personal reflection on a blessing ceremony for the medicine garden at Henry Wise Wood. She

recounts the powerful impact of Elder Bruce's words on Truth and Reconciliation

and the importance of taking responsibility for

ancestral actions. Brandi

describes the garden's

shape as a turtle, symbolizing

the indigenous

way of thinking about a person's

mind, body,

spirit, and heart. Brandi

highlights the

involvement of students and

teachers in the

ceremony, expressing hope for the next

generation's kinder ways of thinking and acting.

Brandi mentioned that a person named Alicia

designed the garden, Alicia was an alumna of Henry Wise Wood. Teachers were wearing their ribbon dresses. Brandi then read the CBE Land Acknowledgement.

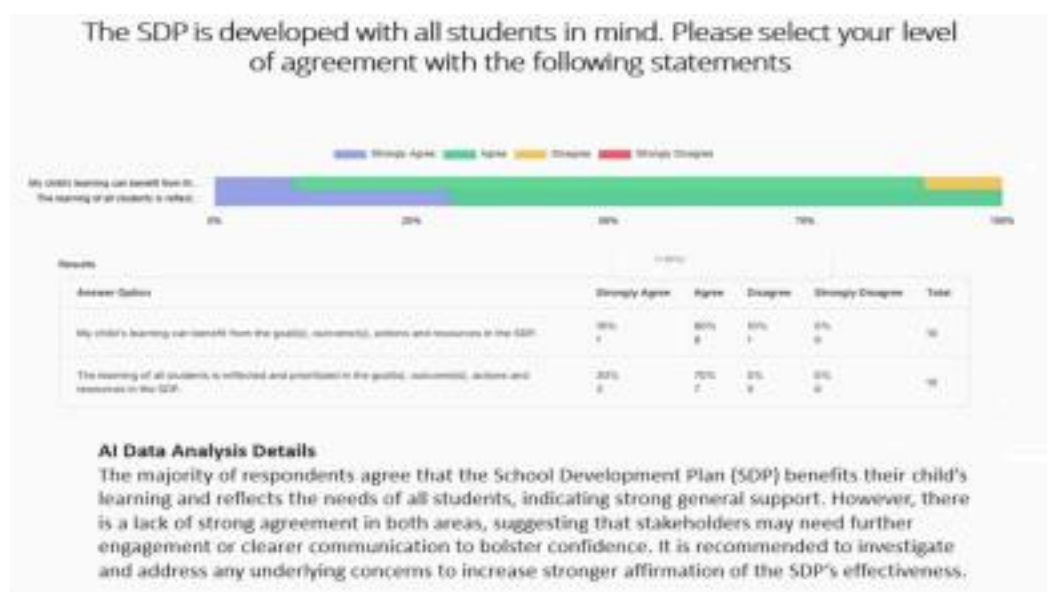


## 5. Principal's Report (25 min): Aileen S

a) **Planning and Engagement Data:** Aileen reviewed the results of the February planning survey, which gathered feedback on the school development plan, school budget, and school engagement. She notes that most respondents felt the school development plan benefits their child and reflects the needs of all students, but there was a lack of strong agreement. She highlighted the importance of practical skill-building activities and core programs, as well as the need for subsidies to make school activities accessible to all students.

### The planning survey results from February included:

- Ways people learned about the School Development Plan:
  - School website
  - School messenger
  - School council meeting
- Survey Highlights:
  - 39 people participated in the survey
  - Most respondents felt the School Development Plan benefits their child and reflects student needs
  - There was a lack of strong agreement about the plan's implementation
- Key Feedback Themes:
  - Prioritizing students in the 40-55% performance range
  - Supporting students in the 55-65% performance range
  - Addressing student loneliness
  - Creating more opportunities for student connections and clubs
- Budget and Program Priorities:
  - High importance on complementary course options and clubs
  - Practical skill-building activities were prioritized
  - Extracurricular activities are seen as contributors to learning
  - School fees were generally considered reasonable





b) **RAM** : (Resource Allocation Method)

● Budget Reduction Reasons:

- Fewer grade 10 students in the GATE program
- Fewer international students due to closed status
- One-time funding grant no longer available
- Some students staying at private/charter schools that now have high school programs

● Specific Budget Changes:

- Reduction from 89 to 83 teaching chairs
- Reduction handled through:
  - \* 3 retirements
  - \* 1 medical detachment
  - \* 2 probationary contract positions

● Impact:

- Maintaining low class sizes, especially for EAL and complex classes
- Staying within instructional hour limits
- Reviewing extracurricular program sponsorship
- Aiming to keep most current staff for next year

● Positive Note:

- Did not need to use seniority list to make reductions
- Most staff expected to continue in the fall

## Impacts

- Keeping class sizes below 40
- Prioritizing grade 10s
- ATA assignable and instructional time limits
- Extracurricular offerings

c) **Wish List Spending:** Thanks to the Parents and Alumni Association for their generous contributions, including a \$43,100 donation for extension opportunities at the school. She highlights specific purchases made with the donations, such as a commercial lat pull-down machine and calculators for science classes

d) **Updates:** Culture week was a success, which featured 15 booths, various cultural activities, and positive feedback from students and staff. Upcoming events include an art show, a film festival, and a High School Musical Performance.

e) **Celebrations:** Various celebrations, such as:

- National Principals Day:
  - Staff received cupcakes from the front office staff
  - Brief 8-minute gathering of principals
  - Students made cupcakes for the principals
- Administrative Professionals Day:
  - Cinnamon made "It's Been a Day" packs, on behalf of the School Council and Parents and Alumni Association, with gifts like squishies, tea, and chocolate
  - Staff enjoyed a lunch
  - Access students made thank you cards for admin staff
- Music Parents Night:
  - Held in the courtyard
  - Included Woodman Junior High and the Westwinds band
  - Featured a silent auction
  - Described as a "great night of joy and fun"
- Agents for Change Club prepared 600 lunches for Brown Bagging for Kids

f) **Athletics:** Aileen provides updates on the school's athletic achievements, including undefeated boys and girls junior and senior rugby teams, and successful season for junior and senior boys soccer and field hockey.

## 6. Chair Report (5 min): Brandi D.

a) **Staff Appreciation Event - June 20:** There will be a lunch, and a sign-up genius will

be sent out so people can sign up to bring goodies to treat the staff.

b) **Fuel Your Brain:** SignUp Genius link will be available soon

c) **Cobs Volunteer:** Discussed the need for a new Cobs volunteer.

- Current Status:
  - One person is willing to stay on for next year
  - Looking for an additional volunteer
- Volunteer Responsibilities:
  - Collect leftover products from Cobs
  - Bring donations to the school
- Frequency:
  - Not very often
  - Approximately every second month or every six weeks
- How to Volunteer:
  - Interested individuals can email the school council

d) **Guest Speaker** - May 26: Dr. Saroush Sabbaghan from the University of Calgary, who will speak on artificial intelligence.

e) **Vote on Wish List support:** Brandi presented the May wish list for approval, detailing the new asks from various departments, including science, athletics, fitness center, photography, ELA, and drama. The total wish list for May is \$12,670 - Tinke motions 1st, Pooja 2nd the motion and all in favour.

| Council Wish List Approval cont'd                                                      |                                                                                                                               |            |
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| May 2025 Wish List: (All items have been vetted and apply to our AGLC use of proceeds) |                                                                                                                               |            |
| Program                                                                                | Item                                                                                                                          | Cost       |
| Science (Jonny Chin)                                                                   | Frigidaire 32.6" 20 Cu. Ft. Single-Door Refrigerator - White - FRAE2024AW                                                     | \$1,500.00 |
| Athletics                                                                              | Shoulder pads for football (25 pairs)<br>*Original ask was \$6,600 but due to their own fundraising drive were able to reduce | \$3,750.00 |
| Fitness Center                                                                         | 3 Plyo Jump boxes                                                                                                             | \$1,200.00 |
| Photography (Jane Renyk)                                                               | Photography Cameras – 8<br>* Total ask is for 25 cameras in installments 9 March, 8 May, 8 in Dec)                            | \$6,720.00 |
| EAL & LEAD                                                                             | In-class hi-low levelled books, head phones,<br>* Total ask is 1500 ( \$500 per disbursement Mar/May/Dec)                     | \$500.00   |
| Drama /PA Set Ups                                                                      | Wireless Handheld Microphones<br>* Total ask was for four (2 approved in March)                                               | \$500.00   |
| Total                                                                                  |                                                                                                                               | 12,670.00  |

## School Council Wish List Approval

HWWPAA latest installment of Casino funds were received February 2025 and totaled **82,956.03**.

In March 2025 we approved a wish list for a total of **\$43,500.00**. Leaving us with **\$39,456.03** from this current casino disbursement.

The total in the Casino account less the pre-approved funds still to come out is **\$43, 500**.

If May wish list of \$12,670.00 is approved, then we will have \$30, 830 of unspent funds.

**7. Special Engagement (40 min):** Active Transportation Cafe for Parents/Guardians

Aileen introduced the topic of active transportation and safety concerns around the school, the council discussed various safety issues, such as jaywalking, reckless driving, and chaotic bus pickup and drop-off routines. Student and parent survey results were shared highlighting the safety concerns and the need for improved signage and enforcement. The council brainstorms solutions, including traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossing improvements, and dedicated bike routes.

A student Cafe on Friday to discuss active transportation and safety concerns, the

Starting with Youth En Route (youthenroute.ca)

- We are working to empower healthier youth to have the agency to get around their communities independently.
- Founded by Executive Director Laura Shutiak in 2021

Addition of personal experiences

- U-turn resulting in a large insurance claim

Student initiatives

- last years café – May 2024
- this years cafés – May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>

Responded by creating map of routes in and out of the community

- handed out at school events in September, with survey link
- board for continued discussion

Today

- parent/guardian voice

Outcome

- report to Youth En Route, The City of Calgary, the Calgary Board of Education, Henry Wise Wood High School and Council

recommendations to the students and other organizations.

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# Previous Inputs

## Youth En Route – January 2023 presentation and January 2024 report, presented at February 2024 SC meeting

### Student Survey

- 110 student responses (99% of **grade 10 students**)
- How get to school? 68% transit, 30% in car, 14% bike or walk
- 30-60 minutes to get to school
- **36.3% indicate safety concerns contribute to NOT walking or cycling**

### Parents/Guardian Survey

- 24 parents responded b/y May 1 & 18
- **50% of parents drove kids to school**, 27.5% of their students rode bus; 12.5% walked/biked
- Frequency – 34% 2x/day, 30% occasional or 2x/week, 36% never
- Drop off at – **57% W bound 75<sup>th</sup> Ave**, 25% E bound 75<sup>th</sup> Ave, 18% S bound Elbow, 10% back side, 5% parking lot
- Summary of long answers: Driving – **not clear on drop-off/pick up zones**

### At meeting questions and comments from parents

- Can we address the “unknown” factor of where paths are, etc?
- Where could we put bike racks so they are more monitored?
- Could we look into bringing 1-time scooter service to school?

### Why don't you cycle? Choose all that apply.

| Reason                        | Percentage |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Short time                    | 34%        |
| Worried about personal safety | 31.8%      |
| Too much traffic              |            |
| Weather, injury, cold         |            |
| Too far                       |            |

**9. Other business :**

**10. Adjournment: Brandi adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm Next meeting is on May 26th**