



**Henry Wise Wood High School Council Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2024 @ 6:30 pm in-person and online**

In attendance: Brandi (Chair), Teresa M. (Principal), Cinnamon B., Alice H., Tabi S., Christine L.

Online: Tinke, Tony S., Sue M., Rama K., Dionne, Jen S., Julia N., Courtney Z., Pooja (Vice-Chair), Christina L.

1. **Call to Order and Meeting Guidelines** - Brandi: Called to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Motion to review and approve the Agenda** - Brandi:
1st: Cinnamon 2nd: Alice Carried.
3. **Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2024** - Brandi:
1st: Cinnamon 2nd:Tabi Carried.
4. **Land Acknowledgment – Christine L.**
5. **Special Presentation - Post-Secondary and Scholarships
Christine L. - Guidance Counsellor**
 - See attached presentation
6. **Principal's Report: Teresa M.**
 - a) Updates:
 - Foods room update – foods room will be going through extensive upgrades including a full renovation due to some outdated plumbing and ventilation. This will include the addition of a kitchen that is adapted for wheelchair accessibility. As a result we won't have any foods classes in the second semester. We had planned for this so we had as many students enrolled this semester as possible. Those teachers will be

redeployed for second semester. Scheduled to start in February and be completed in July 2025

- Grad list is posted outside office; fluid list; lots of students talking to guidance now; will be updated; posted by student ID; names may not be on the list because a student is short credits or they are missing one or more items from their grad credentials and have not discussed a plan to complete with your counsellor
- Just had grad photos. If your student still needs theirs done, they must use the QR code and get in touch with Lifetouch. This Grad photo is for the yearbook and for the large composite that gets posted for that grad year. They will need to let Ms. Squires know this so that Lifetouch can send over the photo to the school

b) School Events:

- Veteran's Day tea and Remembrance Day ceremonies were outstanding! -very meaningful and significant; students and guests felt how impactful it is
- Report cards went live in PowerSchool Nov. 14
- Nov. 26 - HWW hosting PIRAA 4:30-6:30 pm: inaugural Indigenous Student Post-Secondary Recruitment Fair at Henry Wise Wood High School
- Nov. 28 - Open House for grade 9s, 6-8 pm; mostly held in Courtyard; feeder schools have PTIs on the same night; will try to choose different day in future so that events do not overlap; usually in January; tours for feeder schools will still be in January;
- Nov. 29 - Non-instructional day for students

c) Athletics and Club

- Junior Boys Volleyball – went to City Finals Nov. 15 – such great competition, took it to 5 games
- Swimming – underway
- Basketball tryouts wrapping up, 3 of the teams will be attending tournaments starting Friday Nov. 29, Season starts Monday.
- Wrestlers - go to Western Canada; such a big group this year; maybe next year we can have our own team
- Clubs & Such
- Drama 30 One Act Festival showcasing all the work done by the Drama 30's this semester. The Drama 30 One Act festival will be on December 3rd and 4th in the Theatre at 6:30 PM . Tickets are by donation!
- Interact Week Dec. 2-6
- Model UN – hosting a competition at HWW Dec. 6, 7
- Winter Concert Dec. 11 at 7:00 PM in the Main Gym – Rumour has it Santa will make an appearance. Really fun family friendly event!
- Dance Show Dec. 18 (5-6 pm)
- Last day of classes before Winter Break Dec. 20

- Radium Girls production in middle of March; it's about women who worked with radium; do not get proper treatment with illnesses that developed; fought for women's health rights. Students auditioned for this. Students will be enrolled in Advanced Acting and receive five credits. Students will be enrolled in Technical Theatre and receive credits. We are hoping to have a large make-up crew as well

7. Vote to Elect Secretary - Brandi:

Tuesday Araya sent an email to allow their name to stand for the position of secretary. Acclaimed.

8. Chair Report: Brandi

- a) Applied for ASCA membership
- b) Transition items from last year's council to this year's (chair meeting, bank signing authority changes, notification to Trustees of Executive)
- c) AB School Council Engagement Grant is \$500; Board of Trustees giving it out again; funds have not arrived yet
 - suggestions for use: parent engagement, resource fair, show a documentary such as Screenagers; Worklund (U of C) - present about AI and Education
- d) Staff Appreciation Breakfast Dec. 13 - Use Sign Up Genius to volunteer to bring food, in Wednesday Warrior
- e) CBE Trustee update: The Trustees have written a letter to the Minister of Education. They want to ensure that their perspective is considered as the government is revising the current funding framework. Trustees stated that funding must cover the actual cost of delivering high quality education. The CBE's funding per student has remained at or below 2018-19 levels. They stated that over the same period, inflation has eroded the CBE's purchasing power of this funding by more than 20%. The funding for 100 teachers in 2018-19 can only fund 92 teachers in 2024-25.

8. Key Communicator Update: Alice

- Main function of school councils is advisory, to give input and perspective to administration. (Teresa noted: this is very helpful and used) The meeting discussed how info can be shared in schools. Parents are encouraged to talk to trustees and invite them to school council meetings. Our trustee is Nancy Close, and she is very open to hearing from parents. Education Matters is a way for schools to fundraise.
- CBE is growing and underfunded. CBE trustees have written a letter to the Minister of Education outlining the need for increased funding. Recent capital announcement, CBE is not in the best position for this money as it requires plans to be well developed already.
 - Teresa noted: The Fraser Institute recently released a report that indicated that AB public school board 'funding is worse' than other school boards/provinces (the institute's words)

9. Other business - none

10. Adjournment 7:54 pm

Next Meeting December 16, 2024 - in person and virtual