



**Calgary Board
of Education**

**Henry Wise Wood
High School**

**Henry Wise Wood High School Council Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2025 @ 6:30 pm - online**

In attendance: Brandi D. (Chair), Aileen S. (Principal), Pooja S. (Vice-Chair), Linda L. (Treasurer), Tinke Z., Cinnamon B., Courtney Z., Dipayan M., Olga S., Tolu O., Jen S., Okbamichael G.

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: Courtney Carried.
3. **Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2025** - Brandi: 1st: Cinnamon 2nd: Tinke Carried.
4. **Land Acknowledgment** – Aileen S. (Principal)

The CBE Land Acknowledgement has been renewed with approval by the Elder Advisory Council in Oct 2024. It takes a level of thoughtfulness and vulnerability to share one's personal reflection on land acknowledgement.

Travelling during her deferred-salary leave gave Aileen the opportunity to really pay attention to the land around her. She paid special attention to Indigenous art and voices in the lands that she travelled to. She also had meaningful conversations with her family about where her family came from, and their connections to the lands they moved to. In the past and present, in many lands, the relationships between Indigenous people and settlers are complicated and important as we steward the land together.

Henry Wise Wood is committed to ReconciliACTION . The school creates spaces for all of our voices, creating a cultural mosaic. We focus on Body-To Do-

community events and connections, as well as Mind-To Know- task designing interweaving Indigenous Ways of Knowing. In Warrior Connect, students are beginning to write their own land acknowledgements.

5. **School Updates – Aileen S. (Principal)**

-She and Teresa have connected, and Aileen is updated.

-Using the IB Framework to give her update tonight.

a. **Activity:**

- March 21 - CUPE Strike ended; great to welcome team members back and return to business as usual
- WordFest - Omar El AKkad: Aileen attended with a group of students; Omar spoke about the craft of writing; decisions made that impacted his life; very thoughtful

b. **Creativity:**

- Radium Girls performance: remarkable production; women were painting with radium and developed significant health impacts; tackled big topics such as what is truth and workers' rights; tremendous set
- Europe trip - Paris, Munich, Lucerne, Vienna Tour - went well
- Model UN - attended competition at Ernest Manning and earned several high-level awards
- Basketball has finished: Sr. Girls - City Champs!; silver for Jr. Girls; Boys were in semis and playoffs; great seasons!
- Wrestling- 3 students in provincials; Jasper earned silver
- Spring sports are starting up: Boys Soccer, Girls Rugby, Boys Jr. Rugby, Boys Sr. Rugby, Field Hockey, and Track and Field

c. **Service and Celebrations**

- Agents for Change held a fundraiser
- Culture Week is coming up: It is planned by students, and will feature food, booths, cultural wear, music, and a whole lot of joy!
- Elder Dr. Bruce Starlight - author - book-signing; contains a lot of traditional language
- CTS upgrades- thank-you for the funds provided - received the planer!

d. **April**

- School Planning Engagement Data will be shared

- Mid-term report cards in April
- Admin Professionals Day- we have six awesome staff
- Fire Drill on Thursday at 10:25am
- April 21 - Non instructional day; system professional learning
- One more Lockdown practice May 21st at 10:30 am

6. Chair's report - Brandi

a) Wish list support motion - Cinnamon

- School Council votes on *supporting* the funding of items from the wish list; the Parents and Alumni Association votes on *spending the money* to purchase items
- HWWPAA - latest installment of Casino funds was received February 2025, and totaled 82,956.03.
- Executive and the School agree to divide our approval of spending these funds into three (four) time periods:
 - March (for items needed immediately)
 - May (for purchase for the new school year)
 - December (for purchase for semester two)
- Any funds remaining after December will be spent as needed
- Rationale: Want to make sure there are funds available in case of emergency asks. We will not receive funds again until September 2026.

Wish List

Program	Item	Cost
Science – Physics	Laser Pointers and Alligator Clips	\$300
	Circuit Kit (Arduino Modules, wires, and sensors)	\$1,100.00
	Current Power Supply	\$2,900
Science – Chemistry	Porcelain perforated buchner funnels, water saver faucet, Conical Filtering Flask with Integral Side Arm (8 of each)	\$2,000
Science – General	20 calculators	\$500.00
Math	6 large Whiteboards	\$3,700.00
	Total	\$10,500.00

Program	Item	Cost
CTS - Photography / Film	Replacement Cameras (\$840 per camera x9) * Total ask is for 25 cameras in installments 9 now, 8 at next approval, 8 in Dec)	\$7560.00
	Gimbal	\$400.00
	2 Tripods	\$800.00
Construction	Planer* *\$5,000 from CBE and CBE purchased another planer for the program (16,000+) as both broke	\$16,000
Fine Arts	Two SHURE Wireless handheld microphones and receiver *	\$500.00
	Six Hanging Choral Apex Microphones - \$140 each	\$840.00
	Total	\$26,500.00

Program	Item	Cost
EAL/ LEAD	Classroom Literacy Supports*	\$500.00
Fitness Center	Commercial Lat Pull Down Machine*	\$2,500.00
School	C-Can Storage	\$3,500.00
	Total	\$6,500.00

Total Ask: \$43,500.00.

Remaining funds from 2025 casino disbursement: \$39,456.03

Motion to fund the full Wish List as presented in the above spreadsheet for a total of \$43,500.00? 1st: Cinnamon 2nd: Courtney

Discussion: Question: When would the other times be that items were funded? Answer: May, December, and possibly in “emergency” situations

Vote: 8 for; 1 against Carried.

b) Upcoming events:

i) Fuel Your Brain

Motion: to approve a maximum spend of \$750.00 for the Fuel Your Brain event during final exams in June. 1st: Tinke 2nd: Linda

Discussion: none

Vote: 8 for; 0 against Carried.

ii) Staff Appreciation

Motion: To approve a maximum spend of \$750.00 for the staff appreciation breakfast in case parents and guardians of students are unable to fulfill the requested items. 1st: cinnamon 2nd: Tinke

Discussion: none

Vote: 7 for; 0 against Carried.

iii) Student Café

Motion: To approve a maximum spend of \$250.00 towards pizza and drinks for in-person student workshop in May. 1st: Cinnamon 2nd: Courtney

Discussion: none

Vote: 7 for; 1 against Carried.

c) Vote for Co-Secretary: Courtney Z. is acclaimed. Thank-you, Courtney!

d) ASCA grant - Pooja is working on getting a guest speaker

7. Other Business: Cinnamon suggested that we do something for our staff for Admin Professionals on April 23.

Motion to spend up to \$100 towards gifts for the Admin Professionals Day on April 23rd. 1st: Cinnamon 2nd: Courtney

Discussion: none

Vote: 8 for; 0 against Carried.

8. Adjournment at 7:19 pm

Next School Council Meeting April 28, 2025 at 6:30 pm