

**Student Advisory Council**  
*Meeting minutes – November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Attendance:**

Craig Poirier, Community Member  
Natasha Williams, Parent  
Nancy Hartling, Parent  
Anne-Marie Lynch, Parent  
Colleen Rollings, Parent  
Ryan Musyoka, Grade 9 Rep  
Shaza Khattab, Grade 10 Rep  
Neil Wang, Grade 11 Rep  
Shreshtha Deotale, Grade 12 Rep  
Tracey Beamish, Staff  
Sunita Pinet, Staff  
Leslie Phillmore, Community Member  
John Nisbet, Community Member  
Farhan Nur, Student Government Co-President  
Meghan Organ, Student Government Co-President  
Claire Barre, Staff  
Lee Anne Amaral, Principal  
Meggie Spicer, Staff  
Leah Bacich, Staff  
Cindy Dunn, Parent  
Tanya Skelhorn, Vice Principal

- 1. Call to Order:** At 6:01pm by Leslie Phillmore
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Tanya Skelhorn and seconded John Nisbet
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Approved by John Nisbet and seconded by Neil Wang
- 4. Business arising from minutes:**

Introduction of new Fairview Parent representative: Cindy Dunn

Prom & Graduation Voting Results:

Prom: 63.5% for Marriott, 36.5% Glow

Graduation: 91.7% Forum, 8.3% Bella Rose (Student), 58.7% Forum,

41.3% Bella Rose (Parent)

**5. Principal's Report**

Current Enrollment: 1832 students (179 Grade 9, 499 Grade 10, 586 Grade 11, 557 Grade 12, 11 Returning Students)

Held our Multicultural Show on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. All grade levels attended and we had an evening event. It was well attend and was a great display of the multiple cultures we have at the West.

## Coming Up

Dec. 5 PD Day & Parent Teacher

## Overnight Trips

Nov. 15-16	Boys Basketball to New Glasgow
Dec. 5-8	Boys Hockey to Glace Bay NS for Tournament
Dec. 6-8	Girls Hockey to Windsor for Tournament
Dec. 6-7	Girls Varsity Volleyball to Sydney Cape Breton for Provincials
Jan. 9-12	Boys Hockey to New Glasgow
Jan. 9-10	Boys Basketball to PEI

## Emergency Management Plan

Fire Drill: Nov. 8

Actual Fire Evacuation: Nov. 26

## **6. Student Success Planning**

Reviewed HWHS overall Literacy, Numeracy and Well-Being Goals, as well as, cycle 1 strategies

## **7. Finance:**

- SAC funding (\$5000 + \$1 for every student).
- Mrs. Amaral will email staff to offer suggestions which will be brought forth to the next meeting

## **8. Policy Input**

There was no policy input to report at this time

## **9. Special Reports and/or Presentations**

2024-2025 Co-Presidents: Meghan Organ & Farhan Nur

### October Recap

- Oct 4th - Terry Fox Walk and Roll
- Oct 5th - 8th - CSLC at Camp Whitepine in Haliburton, Ontario
- Oct 28th - Nov 1 - Oktoberfest

### November Recap

- Nov 6th - Custodian Appreciation
- Nov 18th-22nd - Wellness Week - "Recharge, Refresh, Renew"

## Upcoming

- November
  - Nov 29th - Bowlathon for Kids Against Hunger Canada
- December

- Dec 9th - 13th - Volleyball Tournament
  - Dec 16th - 20th - Holiday Fest
- January
  - Jan 17th - Staff appreciation

#### Student Reports- Grade 9,10,11,12

- Conversation regarding cell phone policy as well as use of headphones. Students on adaptations have access to corded headphones. In some classes, teachers are providing videos for students to watch but they are not allowed to use headphones. Mrs. Amaral will communicate with the staff.
- Transit passes – Concern around lack of space on buses due to the new piot. Mrs. Amaral did communicate the concerns, there was a survey and Halifax West had Halifax Transit in the building Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Amaral will reach out again and students may draft a letter with their concerns.
- Washrooms – many washrooms do not have soap even first thing in the morning. Toilet paper runs out frequently and it was expressed that they would like more routine cleaning of the washroom. Mrs. Amaral will address this with custodial.

## 10. Other

Nutrition Policy – policy was shared with members. Discussion around implementation and impact at the school level.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Leslie Philmore at 7:35 pm