

Halifax West High School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2022

Attendance:

Brea Roe, Grade 12 Rep
Chloe Carabbacan, Student Government Co-President
Rebekah Hart, Student Government Co-President
Colleen Rollings, Parent
Natasha Williams, Parent
Julie Gibson, Parent
Craig Poirier, Parent
Leslie Phillmore, Parent
Nancie de la Chevotiere, Teacher
Jen Fougere, Teacher
John Nisbet, Community Member
Tanya Skelhorn, Teacher
Shelley Drake, Support Staff
Sarah Miles, Vice- Principal
Lee Anne Amaral, Principal

Regrets:

Sehej Bhasin, Grade 10 Rep
Tasnimas Fabiha, Grade 11 Rep
Allison Lawlor, Parent
Sheetal Ajay, Parent

- 1. Call to Order:*** At 6:00pm by Lee Anne Amaral
- 2. Approval of Agenda:*** Approved by Tanya Skelhorn
Seconded by Craig Poirier
- 3. Approval of Minutes:*** Approved by Tanya Skelhorn
Seconded by Craig Poirier
- 4. Business arising from the meeting minutes:***
No Business arising

5. Principal's Report

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Current Enrollment: 1525 students (511 Grade 10, 523 Grade 11, 480 Grade 12)
Held Grade 10 – reboot November 14th. 1 day intervention for 41 selected students to work on academics and get familiar with their support team
Remembrance Day Ceremony – students were excellent. English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Ukrainian, sign language interpreter very inclusive.

Sports – Boys soccer won provincial yesterday, Girls are in the finals this Saturday, November 19th
Upcoming Trips:

Boys Hockey December 9-11 Leo Hayes in Fredericton

Boys Basketball December 1-3 Moncton Classic

Girls Hockey December 2-4 Windsor Tournament

Coming Up

November 17 PD/Parent Teacher

November 2 Professional Development

Emergency Management Plan

Fire Drill: November 8th

Blinds for windows – ground floor classrooms will be receiving new blinds January 2023.

7. Student Rep Input & Discussion

Brea spoke about supports for post secondary. Enjoyed the AARO fair which showcased a variety of different post secondary opportunities. Ms. de la Chevotiere posted links for University open houses for students to be aware.

Student Government

Fall Yard Cleanup - World Involvement & Environment Committee

- Collected Garbage around school grounds including, top lot, parking lot, fields, basketball court, front of the School and pond.
- Class with the most garbage collected won a prize

Volunteerism Committee

Terry Fox Walk

- Classes went on a walk with their teacher with student government guides
- Classes Raised money (One Class raised \$110)
- Raised about \$400 for the Terry fox Foundation

Grocery Bagging

- At No Frills Spryfield
- Raised \$680 for the Terry fox Foundation

Scare Away Cancer

- Candy bags
- Raised About \$200 - \$300

OktoberFest - Spirit Committee

- 25th - Twin day, Pumpkin Painting at Lunch
- 26th - Adam Sandler Day, Movie in a Classroom at Lunch
- 27th - Flannel Day/ Socks, Crocs and Birkenstocks, Virtual Bingo
- 31st - Costume Day, Costume show at Lunch

October Coffee House - Arts Promotions Committee

- Performances in the Bella Rose Art Theatre

- Snack Table outside
- Many came to watch

AST Conference

- Took place at HWHS
- Science Conference for Teachers, Science-Engaged professionals and Leaders
- Students helped to guide/show directions, carry in equipment, hand out schedules and clean up classrooms

Mi'kmaq History Month

- Had announcements/short presentations in the morning about the Indigenous Community
- Activities for Students related to Mi'kmaq History Month
 - Scavenger Hunt/ Riddles
 - Spell the word.... in Mi'kmaq Language

Remembrance Day Assembly

- HWHS acknowledged and remember those who were and are in the army
 - Poems read
 - Highway of Heroes sung by grade 11 student, Anna Martin
 - Bagpipes, The Last post, Moment of Silence

Prom Committee

- Happening on June 27, 2023
- Sub-Committees are being organized to plan fundraisers to bring the cost down for prom

Athletics

- Boys Hockey Home Opener happened on October 22, lots of attendance from West students
- Girls Volleyball consistently taking the win, recently won over JL Iisley and Dartmouth High
- Boys Basketball Home Opener against Sackville High happened on November 10th
- Girls Basketball also started, played in a tournament and won their first games against North Nova and CEC
- Boys and Girls Soccer both beat CPA and have each advanced to Provincial Finals

This year's School Musical is..Matilda May 11-13

Upcoming Events

- Multicultural Show - November 24th
- Floor Hockey Tournament - November 21st - 24th, Finals: 28th
- Custodial Staff Appreciation Day - 31st
- Hot Chocolate Mornings Begin - December 1st
- Bowlathon - December 1st

8. Student Success Plan Update:

- Reviewed Student Success Data from May 2022. 524 Students participated. There was many positive aspects of the data that was shared.

9. Finance:

- SAC funding (\$5000 + \$1 per student).
- Some have approached Lee Anne to speak about submitting ideas for the funding. One idea was the Aboriginal display for the front entrance.

10. Policy Input

- There was no policy input to report at this time.

11. New Business:

Reviewed By-Laws

Selection of the members:

Chair: Tanya Skelhorn

Parent (Vice Chair): Julie Gibson (Clayton Park Junior High Parent Rep)

Parent: Allison Lawlor (Brookside Junior High & French Immersion Parent Rep)

Parent: Natasha Williams (Fairview Junior High Parent Rep)

Parent: Sheetal Ajay (Park West Junior High Parent Rep)

Community Member: John Nisbet

Community Member: vacant

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Staff: Shelley Drake

Staff: Nancie de la Chevotiere

Staff: Jen Fougere

Staff: Tanya Skelhorn

Student: Sehej Bhasin (Grade 10 Rep)

Student: Tasnima Fabiha (Grade 11 Rep)

Student: Brea Roe (Grade 12 Rep)

Student: Chloe Carabbacan (Student Government Co-President)

Modulars –

- 12 classroom with washrooms
- will be constructed behind the gym
- will impact the parking lot
- scheduled to open September 2023
- site prep will start early spring

Parking lot concerns with parents and students speeding in the parking lot. Lee Anne will include another blurb in her email and investigate the possibility of speed bumps.

Transportation – buses are late due to traffic around the school causing students to be late for school. Any concerns should be forwarded to transportation. Lee Anne will include this in her email home as well.

Next Meeting: January 31, 2023

Adjournment: