

**Student Advisory Council**  
*Meeting minutes - January 31st, 2023*

**Attendance:**

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

**Regrets:**

Sehej Bhasin, Grade 10 Rep  
Tasnima Fabiha, Grade 11 Rep

1. **Call to Order:** At 6:05pm by Julie Gibson
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Jennifer Fougere and Seconded by Craig Poirier
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved by Shelley Drake and Seconded by Craig Poirier
4. **Business arising from minutes:** No business arising

5. **Principal's Report**

Current Enrollment: 1547 students (527 Grade 10, 522 Grade 11, 488 Grade 12)

2<sup>nd</sup> semester start went smoothly

Leaving

Wayne Rodgers – VP

Nancy MacBain – Guidance  
Jeremy MacDonald – Resource  
Colleen Owen – Math (retiring)  
Martha Winterhalt – Social Studies (pregnancy leave)  
Scott Sullivan – English (deferred)  
Alexie Kay - Science (deferred)

### Welcome

Karen Williams who will be VP for students last name A – F  
Leah Ann Cameron who is Guidance for last name A – D  
Maggie Spicer who is our Student Service Department Head and Resource Teacher  
Leah Bacich who is returning to our Math Department.  
Jessica Goora who is returning to our Science Department.  
Leanne Bodicharla who is joining the English Department.  
Connor Hancey who is joining the Social Studies and Languages Department

New hall monitor starting soon

Constable Dawn Perreault will be based out of Halifax West to service the Halifax West family of school.

### Past and Upcoming Overnight Trips:

Boys Basketball – Moncton Dec. 1-3  
Girls Hockey – Windsor Dec. 2-4  
Boys Hockey – Fredericton Dec. 8-11  
Girls Basketball – New Glasgow Dec. 16-17  
Girls Basketball – Truro Jan 6-7  
Girls Basketball – PEI Feb. 2-4  
Girls Hockey Provincials Feb. 24-26  
Boys Hockey Provincials March 3-5  
Girls Basketball Provincials March 3-5

### Cancelled overnights

Boys Basketball – PEI Dec. 16-18 due to player sickness  
Girls Basketball – Moncton Jan. 14-15 due to bad weather

### African Heritage Month

Student Led activities  
Daily announcements (staff and student)  
Spirit Week  
Video - opportunity for students body to ask questions and have them answered

### Registration Month February

Visits to the junior highs by guidance, O2 and IB

Information session at the school for parents (grade 9, grade 10/11)

IB sessions (Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> for current grade 10 students)

Registration begins Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – guidance will meet with individual classes to help register students

### School updates

Blinds installed on ground level

New lighting in classrooms

### Coming Up

Family Day – Monday Feb. 20

### Emergency Management Plan

Lockdown Feb 13-16

### **Student Rep Input and Discussion**

Brea spoke about the impact of the 7 of 8 on students; need for support, academic performance. Chloe and Rebekah also supported the discussion, and the idea for Student Government to write and send a letter expressing their concern to HRCE was discussed.

### **Student Government**

Presented by co-president's Chloe and Rebekah

### **Multicultural Show**

- Teaser performances during the first 3 blocks of the day
- Show began at 6:30 with an intermission and lots of diverse acts + highlight of the provincial champions soccer teams

### **Floor Hockey Tournament - Sports Promotions Committee**

- Fundraiser for HWHS Pink in the Rink (In support of breast cancer research)
- 3 teams of 6 players
- Around \$200 raised!

### **Appreciation Committee**

- **Custodial Appreciation**
  - Planned a luncheon for our custodial team
    - \*Took place in the afternoon during rotation switch
  - Swiss Chalet + Desert
- **Hot Chocolate Morning**

- One before winter break and one in the new year
- Free hot chocolate for students + encouragement to bring own mug

### **Bowlathon - World Involvement & Environment Committee**

- Fundraiser for the Womens for Women's foundation  
→ Supporting women's education in south Sudan
- 14 teams of up to 6 people, each player raised a minimum of \$50, total amounted to \$1800
- December 1st - Bowlarama on Bayers Road

### **Winter Wonderland - Spirit Committee**

- 14th - Ghost of Christmas Past (Decades Day) / Karaoke
- 15th - Sweater Weather / Cookie Decorating
- 16th - Candy Cane Day (Gr 10 = Green, Gr 11 = White, Gr 12 = Red, Teachers = Combination) / Candy Cane Hunt
- 19th - Holiday Headwear / Reindeer Ring Toss
- 20th - Pyjama Day / Polar Express Movie

\* Goosechase - School Wide Scavenger Hunt

### **December Coffee House - Arts Promotions Committee**

- Performances in the Cafeteria which allows for it to be less formal (Preferred from now on)
- Tables set up and opportunity for snacks etc

### **Warrior Wellness Week**

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 9 - PHYSICAL WELLNESS**

Keynote speaker - Athlete Mindset Coach

Breakfast Club - Smoothies and granola breakfast

Activities at lunch:

Zumba Instructor 40 min long session, GYM

Sports documentary

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 - OCCUPATIONAL & INTELLECTUAL WELLNESS**

Keynote speaker - School Work Liaison Officer & YMCA Coordinator, Careers, Scholarships

Grade vs Grade trivia - classes to sign up, during C block (like virtual Bingo)

Activities at lunch:

Coding class with Warriors Live

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 - SPIRITUAL & EMOTIONAL WELLNESS**

**Keynote speaker - Jessica Bower, Phoenix House**

Activities at lunch:

Journaling session (Chris Rogers & Andrew Moses, Teen Specialists, Keshen Goodman)

Tea & Coloring room

St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs

Prayer space

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 - FINANCIAL WELLNESS**

**Keynote speaker - RBC Student Financial Advisors**

Links for students - scholarship resources

Activities at lunch:

The Price is Right game at lunch

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 - SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL WELLNESS**

Environmental wellness announcement, followed by video links sent to teachers

Activities at lunch:

Board games

Spin the wheel trivia game

Aren Morris - HRCE Fine Arts Specialist - Social dance session

### **Entrepreneurship 12**

- Business fair on January 18th
- Booths set up in the cafeteria
- Students were in charge of their own concept/promoting

### **Prom Committee**

- June 27, 2023
- Hypnotist Ian Stewart in December

### **Athletics**

- Both soccer teams were the 2022-2023 Provincial champions
- Girls hockey team is undefeated this season
- Boys hockey is getting ready for regionals
- Girls basketball have won 3 tournaments and are ranked the top team going into week 5 of 2023 regular season play

### **Upcoming Events**

Graduation Pictures Jan 30 - Feb. 17

African Heritage Month

Curriculum Night (Feb 7th)

Community BINGO (March 1st)

Winter Carnival

### **6. Finance:**

- SAC funding (\$5000 + \$1 for every student).
- SAC discussed the idea of improvements to the library. The library has become a safe, welcoming place for all Halifax West students, and could certainly use improvements such as additional seating, new tables, technology and more.
- SAC agreed to give SAC funds to the library this year

### **7. Policy Input**

There was no policy input to report at this time

There was an email to the SAC Chair looking for feedback regarding the qualities needed for the new Regional Executive Director of HRCE. The Chair gathered feedback from the members and will respond before this Friday's deadline.

### **8. New Business**

Julie Gibson now Chair of the SAC, as previously selected member Tanya Skelhorn could not take on this position as a member of the Halifax West staff.

### **Modulars**

- 12 classroom with washrooms
- To be constructed behind the gym
- Scheduled to open September 2023
- Construction to begin early spring

**Next meeting:** February 28th, 2023

**Adjournment:** 7:21 pm

