

Student Advisory Council

Meeting minutes – April 25th, 2023

Attendance:

Craig Poirier, Parent
Sheetal Ajay, Parent
Nancie de la Chevotiere, Teacher
Lee Anne Amaral, Principal
Sarah Miles, Vice Principal
Natasha Williams, Parent
John Nisbet, Community Member
Leah Bacich, Teacher
Colleen Rollings, Parent
Karen Williams, Vice Principal
Allyza Atieniza, Student Government
Shabad Kaur, Student Government
Sehej Bhasin, Grade 10 Rep
Tanya Skelhorn, Teacher
Julie Gibson, Parent and Chair
Shelley Drake, Support Staff
Allison Lawlor, Parent

Regrets:

Chloe Carabbacan, Student Government Co-President
Rebekah Hart, Student Government Co-President
Jen Fougere, Teacher
Leslie Phillmore, Parent
Tasnima Fabiha, Grade 11 Rep
Brea Roe, Grade 12 Rep

- 1. Call to Order:** At 6:02pm by Julie Gibson
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Tanya Skelhorn and Seconded by Sheetal Ajay
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Approved by Sheetal Ajay and Seconded by Craig Poirier
- 4. Business arising from minutes:** No business arising
- 5. Principal's Report**

Current Enrollment: 1533 students (530 Grade 10, 511 Grade 11, 481 Grade 12)

Overnight Trips:

Leadership Class – Dollar Lake June 4-6
Band Trip to Ottawa & Montreal – May 31 – June 4
Europe Trip to Italy, France & Spain – March 22 – 31
Europe Trip to Italy & Greece (tentative) – March 7 – 17

School Updates:

Fire Marshall Visit (covering on door windows, ceiling tiles, 18" from ceiling, Flags/materials in classroom)

Blinds installed

Gym was painted over March Break

Investigating Gym floor for the summer

Need bleachers soon - \$110,000 estimate

Mural – looking at installing a mural in the cafeteria. Artist is connecting with students for input.

65 year anniversary next year – looking to celebrate past grads possible fundraisers

Registration – next year 1615 student registered. Out of area have not been contacts yet

Student Success Survey – all students during A block will complete the survey. Survey link is in the google classroom. Must be done in school. There were questions around the identity questions (feedback from teacher and students to me) that I will communicate to HRCE/EECD

Coming Up

Matilda Play – May 11th -13th

Tickets though Eventbrite

Emergency Management

Fire Drill – April 4th went well with the filed blocked off for modular

Next drill – May 16th and June 7th

Student Government Report

March 1st - Bingo : Community Involvement

- Donated prizes (Jackpot valued at \$350)
- 1 book included 3 cards per game (15 games total)
- Canteen, 50/50, West Wear, Yearbook pre-order
- Raised over \$3000 for Brunswick Street Mission / Student government

March 7th - African Heritage Assembly

- Readings / Performances from students
- Q & A style video earlier in the month with responses at the assembly

March 22nd-24th - Winter Carnival : Spirit

- Tropical Vacation
- Dress to Impress
- Pyjama Day

March 29th - Admin appreciation :

- Cards / Treats delivered to all admin staff at

lunch

2023-2024 Co-Presidents : Executive

- Two applications = Acclamative win / No election
- Jane Elliot & Ashton McNamara

April 12th-17th - Henna in the caf : World & Environment

- 3 student henna artists each picked out different designs for students
- Fundraiser for earthquake relief

April 13th - HWHS Job Fair : O2 Program

- Cafeteria from 10-2 allowing for all students to look around
- Booths with on site hiring for students with resumes

April 19th - Head For A Cure : Volunteerism

- Caf = Tape Mr. Aidoo, Knock out cancer game & Canteen
- Bella Rose = Broadcasted Assembly including hair cuts
- Co-Presidents / Ms. Amaral got pied & Mr. McDuff got his hair dyed
- Raised over \$7000 and we reached the \$100 000 mark - our total over the last 14 years!

April 20th - Parent Teacher : Full gov

- Students acted as guides + Handing out maps of the school

April 21st - School Yard Cleanup

- Rafah De Constanza + team
- Teachers signed up their classes to clean a certain area of the school grounds

April 24th-28 - 3V3 Basketball : Sports

- 7 teams registered
- Fundraiser for earthquake relief

Other:

- West wear spring order / Class of 2023 grad wear are both available online
- HWHS student teams came 2nd & 3rd in the Nova Scotia Skills Canada “2D Character Computer Animation”

Athletics:

- Girls hockey team = 2023 Provincial Champions
- Intermediate badminton = 2023 Provincial Champions

Current Sports = Softball / Field Hockey / Rugby / Lacrosse / Track & Field

Upcoming :

- April 26 - Secretary Appreciation
- April 28th - Apple Crumble Bake Sale: Feed NS

- May 5th - Executive interviews for 2023-2024 student government
- May 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th - Matilda musical (Tickets on sale right now at lunch and online!)

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 and furniture has arrived and is installed. The sofa was damaged and waiting for a replacement back.

7. Policy Input

There was no policy input to report at this time

8. New Business

Modular – June 29th is the estimated date for completion giving time over the summer to complete classroom set up etc.

Washroom – concern brought forward re: safety

Admin shared that they are continuously walking into washrooms. There are students who gather and sit on the floor to do work and we move them. There are 6 washrooms and only 4 of us and students use their phones to communicate. Mrs. Amaral will get on the announcements and reiterate the expectations.

Mrs. Amaral – invited the SAC to join a virtual meeting for Monday May 1 at 6:30pm to discuss the rapid growth within our area. Link will follow.

Next meeting: May 30th, 2023

Adjournment: 7:35 pm