

HWHS SAC Minutes for Dec 16th, 2014

Present: John Nisbet, Tim Simony, Angela McCarthy, Lori Welsh, Scott Guthrie, Trish Belliveau, Ken Smith, Seokho Lim, Shawn Sheehan, Victoria Best

Regrets: Sherry Robinson, Lamia Chowdhury, John Keith, Dolly Hayden

1. Welcome
2. Corrections to minutes from Nov 25th
3. Approval of minutes after adjustment
4. John stated we can run a step up program at our school
5. John attended the multicultural event was very impressed with students and talent.

6) Principal's Report:

- Undertaking a school grounds clean up. Have equipment from Big Eric's to pick up garbage. New Years resolution is to have indoor and outdoor clean up. Tim was cleaning up and had students helping, he had spoke to them about a week ago. They clean from the path to the culvert at the end. There has been pressure from neighbours, councillors regarding the garbage. There are problems with the parking lot on the road, it was never suppose to be there, there was talk about putting boulders there, which will not work. They are looking at solutions hope to have it cleaned up and finished before Christmas. Will be interesting to see how the garbage is over the 2 week spell with no students present.

Lori asked about the pond and mentioned how stagnant it is and how it is not used, she pointed out how it is on school property and not being utilized. Tim agreed, something could be done. Lori suggested maybe the learning center could be involved in it for example gardening.

Tim stated a concern is the garbage, Trish asked about more garbage cans. Another issue is the cigarette butts, Lori pointed out how it is a small percentage who are littering and not the whole school. Lori asked about more monitoring with possibly a video camera in the area.

Tim is also willing to offer incentives for the kids to help.

Scott asked about a student school beautification committee, that way the students could own it, he asked about the pond area and mentioned about funding with the councillor for community beautification, he will look into the details.

- Tim brought up the discussion on report cards to be on the agenda for January's meeting. The school board has been looking at data on different strategies for student success and what is impeding.
90/92 % of class for each grade where in a passing grade
52 % had 80/90 marks
Looked at success rates at students with EASL, academic support list where not up with average. They took the info back to classes/teachers to see the issues and how to find out why the marks are down and what can be done when they go back in January there will be more specific info on what has been found.
- Multicultural Event- was very successful. The students seen the event in the day and parents and etc in the evening.
- IB- Grade 12 drama performances gone very well
- Music concert tonight
- Successful coffee house with over 200 parents and students in attendance
- Basketball season is half way through.
- Hockey is now underway
- Volleyball has ended

7) Student Report:

No student report tonight

8) Chair Report :

- John talked about scholarships, two options for criteria, Academic or leadership. Do we want one big scholarship or various smaller ones. Ken asked for clarification differences between bursary and scholarships. Bursaries are based on numerous criteria not academics where scholarships are based on academics.
Scott asked if possible to send notifications to not only local businesses but feeder school businesses to donate to the scholarships.
Lori said that HWHS gives out about 60 bursaries to help with financial needs, and that there are business that help with these, like McDonald's, RBC and etc. She said we could use their data base to help with the scholarship.
John mentioned that ideas to look at would be bursaries to help also with courses to better themselves for example WHIMIS, Red Cross.
We could possibly have a fund to help with support with teams, sports and etc Trish asked about possibly helping with student fees. Lori mentioned corporate sponsorship and Trish pointed out how the issue is that corporations are being bombarded.
John asked for us to think all this over and what we would like the SAC to do or if it is something we would like to see the SAC to do.
Tim suggested we could look at way to tap in to our Alumni.
We could show appreciation to businesses by advertisements.

Lori expressed concern about it all being so time consuming; John said we could divide up the work load.

This is to be carried over to the next meeting.

9) Discipline Committee:

The standard typical response by all schools for students is 5 days in all violent incidents.

Tim asked if we would like to have a discipline committee meeting. Scott likes the idea and asked if there could be a training session.

Scott also asked if the committee could have guiding principals at future discipline committee meetings along with possible other relevant material when they meet.

There will be a discipline committee meeting on January 20th in the office at 430pm Please note that SAC is moved to a 530 start time.

10) Other Buisness:

- Harassment policy to be referred to January meeting. Tim will circulate the document to everyone
- Lori mentioned we need a rep from Park west
- Scott asked about the councillors. He asked if he can have a list of the councillors who represent our school body. Suggested that maybe the school website could list who our government and school board reps are and for what area. Lori said that Sherry may have that list.

John thanked staff and volunteers for coming.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next meeting January 20th

Submitted by:

Angela McCarthy