



William Aberhart High School School Council



William Aberhart High School School Council Meeting Minutes: Monday, September 23, 2024

Chair: Farouk Gillani	Principal: Christos Sagriotis	Assistant Principals: Sebastien Fournier, Michael Scott, Jocelyn Vryenhoek
Vice-Chair: Olga Tourin	Secretary: Tracy Duncan	Student rep: Rotating
Key Communicators: Gitte Julien, Tanis James	Teacher Rep: Rotating	Members at Large: Shelley Wiart, Lisa Gibson, Mike Van Wensem, Nicole Rossi

Attendees: Nicole Rossi, Tracy Duncan, Lisa Gibson, Lara Mack, Syed Ayub, Sehar Rettman, Gitte Julien, Josh Orzech, Mike Van Wensem, Shelley Wiart, Tanis James, Dawna Morrow, Farouk Gillani, Christos Sagriotis (principal)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Farouk G.
2. Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda and April 2023 meeting minutes by Lara M, seconded by Tracy Duncan. All in favour. Approved.
3. Student Leadership: Sam O'Keefe discussing peer tutoring.
 - Timetable: Tutorials 8:20-9 am, Well Time 3:04 – 3:24 pm.
 - Sam did private tutoring in his community and noted how helpful peer tutoring can be.
 - Peer tutoring club meets every Tuesday in room 305, 3:04-4pm
 - Free of charge
 - English, Social, Math, Science, French Language Arts, Bonus: computer science.
 - Miss Elena George is the teacher sponsor
 - Nine tutors
 - First meeting happened, went well
 - Support with course work, indirectly supports student wellness.
 - Potential tutors can visit room 305 to sign up. Weekly commitment not necessary
 - Students who want help can just drop in (first come first serve).
 - All grades welcome
4. Principal/Administration update (Christos Sagriotis):
 - Students: 1301. 433/433/434 in grades 10/11/12. 63.5 teachers.
 - Celebrations: Revamped student leadership. Welcome back bbq for all students. Terry Fox run and fundraiser raised \$3251(!) and had 50+ students involved. M. Belan is the teacher in charge of leadership this year.



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- Homerooms: Enhanced time and support in homeroom at the start of semester. Once a month after that.
 - Culinary space / program and lunch service. Continuing to revamp the space to accommodate future plans. Pilot program with 10-15 students working in the cafeteria for commercial foods credits. Lunch service – ABE students now preparing sandwiches for our students. Trying for a more affordable lunch offering than across the street.
 - Athletics: Football, Volleyball, girls soccer, cross country. Fine arts: band, choir, strings, and drama. Whole School: debate, robotics, leadership starting.
 - Calendar: Truth and Reconciliation: Sept 26 well time: discussion and reflection. Oct 7 well time: further work in 40-minute block.
 - Parent teacher conferences:
 - In person Thursday Oct 24 4pm-8pm.
 - Online Friday Oct 25 9am-1pm
5. School Council Update (Farouk G.): Not much.
6. Key Communicator update (Gitte Julien and Tanis James):
- No updates from Travis M from last year.
 - Next COSC meeting will be in October.
7. New Business:
- School council doesn't have a newsletter. Could potentially add more things to add to Abe Weekly Update and put things on the school council web page.
 - Discussion of parent recruitment and online vs in-person meetings.
 - Parent council is free to invite any guest speakers that we would like. Sometimes trustees visit.
 - Next FOA meeting: add discussion of new fundraising opportunities (grant writing etc) (put this in FOA new business in agenda).
8. Next meeting:
- October 28, 2024 at 7 pm and will be a hybrid meeting.
See School Council page on school website for dates and details [William Aberhart High School \(cbe.ab.ca\)](https://www.cbe.ab.ca/WilliamAberhartHighSchool)
9. Motion to adjourn by at 7:58 PM by Nicole R, seconded by Tracy D. All in Favour.
Adjourned.