



AHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Present: Liz Holtby, Jill Anderson, Elena Parfenov, George Voumvakis, Lori Freitas, Ceciia Piques, Humera Khan, Dina Paraskevopoulos, Dawn Beal-Nacevski, Kerri Thompson, Lesley Wilson, Donya Daneshmand, Mary Berwick Clowater, Cindy Dul, Romina Della Pia, Rosalba DiCaro, Michelle Primeau, Mustafa Baloadagi, Scott Green, Jane Casey, Carolyn Viny Shelley Xie, Joanne Ayanaglou

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: ROUNDTABLE OF INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved by Rosalba and seconded by Romina

3. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Approved by Rosalba and seconded Romina

4. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

5. GUIDANCE PRESENTATION:

Presentation by: Jason Roberts

There are four guidance teachers/councillors that handle approx. 450 students each. This is Jason's 2nd year at AHS. Twitter is the main communication tool along with Instagram. It is important for students to check their GAP school email accounts.

Within the first 5 days of school, Guidance helped over 500 students with timetable changes.

Guidance has a "pop-up" shop where they set-up in various places in the school on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

There is a mental health nurse that spends Fridays at AHS.

AHS has strengthened their partnership and opportunity with 360kids to help students within this organization.

"Addiction Services" and "Bereaved Families" are helpful organizations that AHS Guidance helps to support students who need these services.

AHS Website has a section on post secondary education. They do spend time with the grade 11 students in the Spring to get them prepared and ready for grade 12.

October 11 – period 1 & 2 - Sean Aiken (BC) – "52 jobs in 52 weeks" – find out what your passion is and use that to foster your direction.



MY PATHWAY PLANNER (replacing Career Cruising): INTERACTIVE ONLINE EDUCATION & CAREER/LIFE PLANNING PLATFORMS

The software – Canadian based (vs. North American based) – when the student logs in, they land on the home page. There are “4 key inquiry questions” that are asked – you are recommended to revisit these questions twice per year. “Who am I” – lots of survey questions which in turn generate reports. There have been great improvements with this on-line tool in comparison to the previous, Career Cruising software.

“High School Planner” – it generates multiple plans. i.e. “If I take Math and Science, or if I don’t take Math in grade 12 - where does that opportunity take me”? You can see based on the course selection and the marks one inputs, the software provides names of universities/colleges and programs that qualify. There is a budgeting planner, bank links, etc. You can flag favourites based on the output match.

Course selection – it is a course selection tool as well which will be used in the month of February. This is a way to reduce the immense amount of paper.

6. SERT PRESENTATION

Presentation: Scott Green

Student Success Department – Room 334 (they wear many different hats) – every teacher tries to be a student success teacher. The goal is for every student to graduate and have success. SERT students are identified as having a learning disability, or out of the blue have troubles at home or have experienced some recent changes. This department works very closely with teachers, guidance, admin. Room 334 is Mr. Green’s office (shared with Donna Ludlow). Mr. Green’s background – taught in the elementary French Immersion system in both Math & Science, Geography subjects. Both Mr. Green and Ms. Ludlow have both taken courses in mental health. Part of the portfolio is dealing with transition: elementary to grade 9, also, 10 & 11 to grade 12. His department took over 200 grade 9 students on the Green Acres field trip and also assisted with the Grade 9 day - the first day of school. He also coordinates the “take your kid to work day” in November for grade 9s. This department also supports the Credit Recovery program and ESL. They are a busy team working hard for the betterment of our students.

7. PRINCIPAL REPORT

Important Dates

Sept 3 – grade 9 day

Sept 6 – photo day

Sept 10 & 11 – safe school’s assembly

Sept 16 – green acres event

Sept 19 – WE day

Sep 20 – volleyball tournament

Rugby female & male has started



Sep 23 – PA Day
Sept 26 – Golf Try outs
Sept 27 – University Fair (Toronto)
September 30 – Rasha
October 4 – Scholarship workshop
October 8 – Terry Fox Run
October 9 – Yum Kippur
October 14 – Thanksgiving Monday
October 15 – Photo Retake

On the AHS website – there are important dates and information on the left-hand side.

8. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND ITS ROLE

Principals are responsible:

- to attend the meetings
- to represent the community
- to communicate and collaborate with school council
- to actively seek representation
- to make known the names of the school council members
- to forward information on community resources to school council
- to provide written notice of the dates, times and location of the meetings
- to solicit the views of school council
- to ensure any fundraising carried out by the school council aligns with the school improvement plan

Code of Ethics:

- to consider the best interest of the students
- to be guided by the school and the board's mission statements
- to become familiar with the school's policies and operating practices
- to follow the Board's Equity and inclusivity
- to treat all member with respect
- to not disclose confidential information
- to use established communication channels
- to declare any conflict of interest
- to not accept any payment of benefit financially through school council involvement

School Council is responsible:

- to supporting parents, family and community
- to participate
- to collaborate
- to hold elections



- to ensure that a parent qualifies
- to meet at least 4 times per year
- to take minutes for each meeting

Future School Council Meetings:

November 7

January 16

March 26

May 21

Topics of Discussion (for future School Council Meetings):

- Department Heads
 - Curriculum
 - Pathways
 - Evaluation
 - How to Succeed
 - How to help students at home
- Guidance/Student Success/Coop
- School Plan/Technology
- Police
 - Online bullying
 - Drugs/Vapes

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Other Ideas for Future School Council Presentations:

- Next meeting a police officer will come in and speak to the parents about relevant issues like Vaping and Sex Trafficking.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reporting Absences – send an email: aurora.hs@yrdsb.ca

Motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. Next meeting is scheduled November 7, 2019 at 6:30pm.