



AHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Present: Liz Holtby, George Voumvakis, Lori Freitas, Ceciia Piques, Rosalba DiCaro, Rob McConkey, Cindy Du, Ameesh Vamvakaris, Jane Casey Cobbold

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: ROUNDTABLE OF INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved by Lori and seconded by Liz

3. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Approved by Rosalba and seconded by Rob

4. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Presentation: Michael

Initiatives that have taken place since the last School Council meeting:

- Movie Night
- Frost Week – “anti valentine’s” day and other activities that last for one week
- Planning a big Grade 9 day for next year

There are always lots of request for events and meetings by students – Student Council are filtering through these ideas to make school a fun and better place.

5. PRINCIPAL REPORT

These are the following Initiatives that have taken place since the last School Council meeting:

- Bands played at the school
- Remembrance Day
- Semi Formal
- PA Day – support counselors helped give advice for staff and students because of various situations that have recently happened at the school.
- Therapy Dogs have been in the school to assist students with anxiety. They will be coming back during exam week.
- Junior & Senior Volleyball tournaments
- STEM Conference
- Grade 8 Welcome Visit
- Grade 9 and 10 course assembly
- Grade 11 and 12 course assembly



- YRA Swim Championships in Markham
- Holiday Band Concert
- Holiday Week before the Break – Christmassy Hats (with prizes), Sports Jersey Day, Ugly Sweater Day, Dodge Ball Tournament, PJ Day
- Ontario University Applications were due mid January
- Exams are: January 23-29. January 30th exam review day with a PA on January 31st
- Report Cards February 6th

Mr. Voumvakis holds a focus group where he pools students to get ideas of what they want in the school. Examples include ideas such: stand-up desks, quiet area (but not as quiet as library), couches in guidance. Focus group is great opportunity to get ideas from students to make the school environment a better place.

Two representatives from CAMH visited AHS. We need help at the school to help support and access resource for students. CAMH will be making visits on Mondays starting in February. Other options being considered is accessing help from 360 kids. Group therapy and mindfulness is going to start after March break. This will include de-escalation strategies and reduction of anxiety. Mo Bus is another service that will be available as of September. It will be making the rounds to high schools in York Region to assist students with mental help support. Students jump on the bus to access this service.

Officer Greg made a presentation to the parents about his concern for our students and how student engagement is paramount. There was a lot of discussion about social networking.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Future School Council Meetings:

March 26

May 21

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. Next meeting is scheduled March 26, 2020 at 6:30pm.