



AHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 7, 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, Jane Casey, Carolyn Viny Shelley Xie, Joanne Ayanaglou

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: ROUNDTABLE OF INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approved by Liz and seconded by Jill

3. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Approved by Rosalba and seconded Jill

4. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Presentation: Michael

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

- Pumpkin Fundraiser
- Halloween for Hunger
- Kindness Tree

Lots of request for events and meetings by students – Student Council are feeding through the ideas and will have a plan ready for January 2020. A parent reached out to see if there is anything the Student Council needs from parents to support their endeavours.

5. PRINCIPAL REPORT

There have been some difficult situations recently at the school. School process escalation: Contact the board office, call the police and take all necessary precautions even though they might not have significant evidence. Suspect is strong enough where the elaborate process kicks in in order to keep the school community safe.

Mr. Vouvakis reviewed support services that are provided to the students and teachers when these challenging situations happen. There is plenty of opportunity for students and teachers to grieve and be supported.

There was some discussion amongst the parents who attended School Council that they would request better communication for parents and students in school lock-down events.



Mr. Voumvakis reiterated that AHS is closed to transfers and compromised students cannot transfer into our school from other schools and boards from outside the district.

A parent expressed the need for activities, clubs and things to do during lunch because lunch period is long and sometimes when kids get bored, they get into trouble. Mr. Voumvakis took note of this and wants to make it a priority. This would require volunteering by teachers.

Officer Ricky and Officer Greg made very aliquant speeches to the parents about their concern for our students and how student engagement is paramount.

Superintendent attended the meeting and he vocalized that he will share parent concerns and comments back to his superior(s). This School Council meeting generated respectful discussion over their concern for the school environment.

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Other Ideas for Future School Council Presentations:

- Police officers to come back and speak to the parents about relevant issues like Vaping and Sex Trafficking.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. Next meeting is scheduled January 16, 2020 at 6:30pm.