

Attendance - in person

Mr. Monteith (principal), Ms. Davey (VP)

Roxane Dunmore, Estrella Szakacs, Catherine Kronas, Joanne Thompson, Dileepa Wijesundera, Leah Rudolph, Colleen Kaus, Jen Haverty, Ms. Davy

Attendance - virtual

Natalia Bourenane, Trisha, Sachi

No agenda was sent prior to the meeting due to a breakdown in communication between Mr. Monteith and Catherine. Catherine followed the council agenda she created.

Catherine informed council of problems with getting the PRO Grant speaker approved. The process started in January and council is still waiting for the principal's response.

Joanne Thompson mentioned that the Land Acknowledgement was not read. Catherine didn't feel it was necessary at council meetings. Mr. Monteith mentioned that it is a board initiative out of respect.

Mr. Monteith addressed the communication problems. He is struggling to have the guest speaker speaking points align with the board policy/strategic direction. There is no clear picture on what the presentation will be about. He's been having many conversations.

Colleen pointed out that the PRO Grant had to be approved earlier to get money. She asked for clarification on where the breakdown happened.

The school board has new guest speaker guidelines that must be followed. Mr. Monteith is a new principal and has been asking colleagues on guidance on how to deal with this speaker. He would like a conversation on how the involvement with the parent community can be a positive experience. The guest speaker has many points that seem negative. Mr. Monteith likes the inclusiveness, equity points. Catherine feels parent engagement is lacking because parents don't have knowledge. This speaker will provide knowledge. Council members questioned what is the perspective of the speaker? We don't know... it could be positive. Mr. Monteith suggested Catherine and he meet with the guest speaker to discuss this week.

Catherine questioned Mr. Monteith on what the expectations of communication are with the administration. Mr. Monteith said a reasonable timeline on response is 48 hours.

Dileepa brought up the issue of parking lot safety. The roadway between the main doors (east entrance) and the west entrance is one way (west direction). Should arrows be painted on the ground? Mr. Monteith asked for input on eliminating the round about drop off. He will addressing this problem with the school community immediately.

Staff Report - none presented

Student Council Report - none presented

Principal Report

1. Student/Teacher basketball game a great success.
 2. DECA team - 13 students sent to California to compete
 3. Boys and Girls soccer doing well.
 4. Jr. Football is up and running.
 5. Badminton just finished.
 6. Arts - drama festival - AHS won awards
 7. SHSM competition - one AHS student is at the provincial level
 8. OFSAA day - AHS celebrated the 65th anniversary of OFSAA with events held in the field.
 9. May 10 - TedX - student led event from 5pm-7pm. 4 different speakers
 10. Mental Health/Spirit Week - petting zoo on May 8 (funded by student fundraising)
 11. April 8 was a PD Day - staff learned about neurodiverse brains and how to plan for them.
 12. Mid-term report cards when home April 26. Discussion with council on how parent-teacher interviews could be run differently.
- Difficult to get appointments and how to make it to appointments on time considering how large the building is.
13. Staffing and timetables are being worked on. Some Covid ministry funding has dried up and we are a bit short. Projected enrollment for 2024-25 is 1165.
 14. ASH will have a self contained autism class for 2024-2025. We will have more Ea's for this class.
 15. Cafeteria is scheduled to open September 2024. 2 washrooms were opened in March. No doors on the new washrooms due to fire regulations. Changerooms will open next week.
 16. Mr. Monteith is on parental leave for 5 weeks. Will return June 17.

Next council meeting is Monday, June 3. Colleen requested website be updated with meeting dates, minutes, agendas.

Catherine will be starting a school council Facebook group. Her email is ckronas@gmail.com. You are welcome to email her anytime.