



School Council Minutes

November 27, 2024

Attendance - in person

Mr. Monteith (principal), Roxane Dunmore, Joanne Thompson, Dileepa Wijesundera, Jen Haverty, Leslie Montreuil, Catherine Kronas, Amanda Fehrman, Maheen Shaikh, Umar Shaikh, Jen Turner (guidance teacher)

Attendance - virtual

Natalia Bourenane, Anna Rozenberg, Sachi Truant, Calvin Maifrini, Michelle, Joanne, Trish W.

Welcome Address - Joanne Thompson

Agenda Approval

- Catherine presented motion on adding the approval of April 2024 minutes
- no one wanted to second the motion. Dileepa seconded the motion with the hopes that we could table the motion in order to get the meeting going.
- Mr. Monteith suggested consulting with school board as to how to proceed. Catherine said that according to the Education Act, we have all the guidance we need.
- Discussion by members on how/why to bring back the April minutes. All council members are in agreement that we would like to follow the Education Act and provide transparency to the AHS community. Council would like to move forward with the 2024-2025 school year and discuss topics that focus on student achievement/health, etc. rather than policy/politics. If anyone would like to view the minutes from the April 2024 meeting, they can contact Mr. Monteith.
- Jen Haverty pointed out to Catherine that Catherine had spent 25 minutes of council's time discussing the April minutes and this discussion did not provide a good look for Catherine.

October Meeting Minutes

- Need to amend minutes, as per Catherine
1. Change Catherine's name
 2. Add Voting Members Names
 3. Add discussion of April minutes approval.

Student Council Report

- lots of cohesiveness, bonding, sense of community amongst council - brings council together, they work well together - this transfers to the rest of the school
- upcoming events
 1. Interschool Food Drive (HWDSB wide) - December 2-10
 2. Talent Show - last day before Winter Holidays

Teacher Report - Jen Turner (Art Dept., Guidance Counselor N-Z)

1. Midterms just finished. Guidance is focusing on students who are just passing or failing.
2. Grade 12's - applications for post secondary are due January 15 for university and February 1 for college
3. Students need to make appointments with guidance to review their applications.
4. Universities use 1st semester and 1st half of 2nd semester to give offers of acceptance. Grade 11 marks are only used for early offers. Schools in the GHTA do not send out early offers. Example, McMaster will not send out any offers until May 1
5. How to apply to OUAC (university) and OCAS (college) is on AHS website, under student services. Cost is \$150. OUAC - 3 programs only and each school only allows 3 programs. Each additional application is \$50. OCAS allows 5 programs on its application.
6. Look online for scholarships/grants. Ask family members if their employers offer company scholarships.
7. Is there coaching available for supplementary applications? Make an appointment with guidance.
8. Have students ask teachers for references.
9. Volunteer hours - 40 hours needed - students have until May of graduating year to complete. Hand in your hours to student services. AHS has new initiative to encourage early completion. 40 by 9 - complete 40 hours by the end of grade 9

Principal Report - Mr. Monteith

1. YMCA Peach Medal Award - received today by the Positive Space Club - promotes peace and belonging
2. 2nd floor washrooms will be completed by second week of December. Last washrooms (2nd floor female) will start.
3. Gym A/B changerooms nearly done.
4. Pizza days are once a week. Hosted by HOSA. Pizza can be paid with debit card (this is a HWDSB pilot project). Pizza profits go into fundraising plan. Mr. Monteith will bring the plan to the next meeting.
5. HAT want to host a 2nd day of pizza. Funds to go towards Petting Zoo day.
6. Driveway signage being put in. May put in new pavement lines. Flow of traffic on Jerseyville has improved greatly. Still have work to do in order to make safer. Possibility of returning a round about in front of the tunnel.
7. Staffing - we will be 1 less teacher next semester. Our enrollment went down slightly to 1157. 3 less classes will not be offered next semester. Staff are looking at which courses not to offer.
8. 2 new office staff members.
9. New guidance front staff. Kim Moon has left AHS.
10. PA Days topics covered - Nov 1 - antislamaphobia
 - Nov 22 - staff had instruction in their subject areas
 - Feb 28 - antisemitic racism
11. National Addictions Week coming up - Alternatives of Youth worker will be in school foyer to talk
12. Various drills to happen throughout school year. Please take seriously. No cell phones to be used while in drill. Cell phone use jams up the cell towers. Do not try to enter the building.

Chair Report - Joanne

- Ideas to focus on for this school year -
1. Addictions / substance abuse
 2. how to support kids learning in the digital age.
 3. Mental health / eating disorders

By-laws - will send out initial by-laws and get feedback from members via email

New Business - no new business

We will continue with an online option for meetings.

Next meeting - Wed. Feb. 12 6pm

Adjourn - 7:30pm.

Amendment (February 11, 2025)

April 2024 meeting minutes were not approved which is in violation of the Education Act.