

- The Teacher's Contract is now under negotiation before it expires in August.
- There has been no word on the South LRT traffic safety study. Mike Pankiw was invited to meet with Roland Labbe to strategize a response to the report once received.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Catherine Ripley has always been an advocate for public education and will once again run for trustee. She believes students, parents and teachers know where the problems exist and wanted to give us an opportunity to speak with her on issues in education in Alberta.

A round table discussion brought out the following points:

- Continuity in teacher's contracts so education is not disrupted
- Distribution of funds off schedule for planning. Sustainable resources
- Are the right people in the right places for negotiating? Is negotiator a professional or a teacher or what?
- Career planning for students. University choices
- Lifestyle planning
- Class sizes
- Where are schools needed? Public enterprises working together? P3's?
- Integrating international students. Separate ESL until specific level met – too hard on teachers to work with multi-level needs
- Cultural and special needs support
- Schools at the center of a community
- Reward teachers for extracurricular involvement
- Future planning for facilities, not reactive or essential only
- Cell phone and mp3 use – a board policy on technology in schools
- Centralize versus school controls – brainstorm issues

Catherine invites involvement. See her website at [www.catherineripley.ca](http://www.catherineripley.ca)

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Harry Ainlay School Council is April 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

- This committee is made up of Ben Chu and three others with the goal to raise school spirit. They generate weekly events for fun, like an egg toss, connect 4 relay race, ping pong, a pie eating contest and DDR in the rotunda
- Admin
  - The Class Executive Council meeting is on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Purva asked for and received ideas on how to reach out to students in the school.

Any comments or questions can be directed to [harryainlaysu@gmail.com](mailto:harryainlaysu@gmail.com)

**PARENTS AS PARTNERS:** Brian Nolan attended discussions on Healthier Kids on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The guest speakers were from Capital Health and talked about the issues of overweight children, poor nutrition, physical inactivity and the increased risk for chronic diseases. The solution is for home, school and Capital Health to work together.

Don Zabloski from Edmonton Public Schools talked about a new Division 1 – 3 Nutrition Education Teaching Unit for schools. In Phys Ed, there will be a variety of school programs to increase activities, Nutrition programs and staff wellness programs to act as role models for the children.

The next meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup> – topic to be determined

**HAMPA:** Sharon McKinnon reported on HAMPA activities. There has been no executive meeting. A Bingo chair is needed to run the program as well as a Treasurer.

**ADVOCACY:** No report.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** In Mark Liguori's absence, Bryan Radmanovich made the principal's report.

- The March 8<sup>th</sup> Open House was a success with over 1400 people attending.
- Registration is now open and ongoing till the end of April. Presentations are being made at junior high schools
- Guidelines for enrollment are in place with a minimal increase in student population expected for next year. As the District centre for IB and French Immersion, there will be room for those students. Grade 10 students within the boundaries will be accepted. Outside of school boundaries will be selected for open seats by random draw. Grade 11 and 12 students wishing to transfer will not be able to attend Harry Ainlay. Siblings are allowed for current students only.
- Roy Townend conducted the Night of Music which was another great success.
- Doug Green and Ebony retired as school resource officer so the drug dog program ended at HA. Doug is now working for Edmonton Catholic School. Our new resource officer, Constable Meyer will talk to ES to bring back the drug dog program.
- Mark Liguori will talk to the Chief Prosecutor for a presentation on child internet safety.
- The school's Improv team will be going to Ottawa to participate in the Nationals. We represent Northern Alberta.

**Harry Ainlay High School**  
School Council  
**Minutes**

**March 19, 2007**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Pat Sawatzky, Ruth Rampling, Linda Grisley, Helen Rusich, Catherine Ripley, George Hoyt, Bryan Radmanovich, Ben Chu, Purva Kapur, Cheryl Gerdes, Elaine Dunlop, Heather Tansem, Sharon McKinnon, Elizabeth Mustard, Deb Olmstead, Jennifer Purves-Masse

**CHAIR:** Pat Sawatzky opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and introduced Catherine Ripley

Pat thanked Linda Grisley for the School Council brochure handed out at the Open House, as well as Deb Olmstead for the parenting articles. In turn, Pat was thanked for (wo)manning the School Council booth at the Open House event.

Participants were reminded that April 4 is the newsletter deadline. The Staff Appreciation event will be highlighted.

**STUDENTS UNION:** Purva introduced Ben Chu – VP Titan Life and reported on the following activities:

- Athletics
  - The Athlete of the month are
    - Bethany Crouse – Cheerleading
    - Mike Soderberg – Indoor Soccer
  - The Harry Ainlay cheer team won the provincial championship
  - The wrestling team came second in the province
  - In Basketball, Sr. Men came 4<sup>th</sup> and Sr. women came 7<sup>th</sup> in the Province
- External
  - A multicultural event called A Walk Around the World is planned for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Questions may be directed to [sabina\\_choi@hotmail.com](mailto:sabina_choi@hotmail.com)
  - Purva asked for help obtaining media coverage. Several suggestions were made.
- Internal
  - Easter staff appreciation is being planned. Ideas can be emailed to [alyssa.gerling@hotmail.com](mailto:alyssa.gerling@hotmail.com)
- Public Relations
  - The website should be up soon for the Student Union
  - SU will be utilizing the display cases to advertize the theme “Just Connect”
- Titan Life