

**RESULTS OF
Harry Ainlay School Council Survey from November 26, 2007**

9 Responses were received.

1. What is your main reason for coming to the School Council Meetings:
 - To receive school information in advance of situations/events.
 - To keep informed about Harry Ainlay and Titan events.
 - Be informed about happenings at the school.
 - Find out what's happening at school. I really enjoy hearing directly from the principal and/or other educators.
 - To learn about what is going on at my teen's school.
 - To gain knowledge of what is going on at the school at an administrative level.
 - To connect with school personnel.
 - To be informed of what is happening at the school and provide input by meeting monthly with the school administration.
 - If I wasn't coaching soccer, I would attend school council meetings so that I knew what was going on in the school.

2. Rank the following items in importance to you. Rate each item between 1 and 5, with **1 being the highest (most positive) rating**

Principal's report

8 Rated this as 1 (most positive)

1 Rated this as 4

Student Council Report

5 Rated this as 2

1 Rated this as 3

1 Rated this as 4

1 Rated this as 5

Presentations on issues important to high school parents, i.e. Internet Safety, Drug Awareness, etc.

5 Rated this as 1

3 Rated this as 3

1 Rated this as 5

Suggested topics you would like to see presentations on:

- Internet safety again (or simply awareness)
- Mental health and teen development
- Making high school students aware of the many occupations for them to enter. Only one night designated for career awareness in November/07. For students unable to attend, there was no alternative given. Student Counselling Office said university presenters only designate one night per high school. Possible solution, post other high school career evenings on School Zone.
- Would like to see a career fair whereby parents who have interesting careers and who are willing to talk to high school students set up booths in our gym. These would not just be university graduates but parents who have many diverse occupations. I am willing to help organize such a night.

Presentations by School Departments.

2 Rated this as 1

2 Rated this as 2

5 Rated this as 4

Which areas would you be most interested in/or not interested in.

- Receive most of what I need at Parent Orientation.
- Any
- Interested in getting to know issues of teens and talking to parents
- Core subject information from faculty teachers, I appreciate learning what particular grades are studying in each subject and any suggestions on how to maintain/improve my child's grades in these subjects.

"Book Talks" by parents on literature interesting/relevant to high school parents.

3 Rated this as 2

1 Rated this as 4

3 Rated this as 5

Comments:

- if they're kept very brief

Interacting with other parents of teenagers/high school students.

2 Rated this as 1

1 Rated this as 2

1 Rated this as 3

1 Rated this as 4

1 Rated this as 6

1 Rated this as 7

Learn what is happening in the Edmonton School District

3 Rated this as 2

1 Rated this as 3

1 Rated this as 4

1 Rated this as 5

1 Rated this as 7

1 Rated this as 8

Parents as Partners program.

2 Rated this as 2

3 Rated this as 3

1 Rated this as 4

1 Rated this as 6

1 Rated this as 8

Other (No comments)

3. Time/Length of meetings

All answered "Good"

- Comments were:
- appreciate closure at 9:00 PM
 - not more than 2 hours is important

4. Do you have any suggestions for improving our meetings?

- No, they are informative, concise and well organized.
- Perhaps some activities throughout the year to get to know staff and parents better.
- A chance to discuss current issues for parents with high school students, be it book reviews or students services staff talking to us, I would like that, wouldn't have to be at every meeting.

5. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding the School Council meetings?
- Relationship building.

Comments Regarding Feedback:

Thank you to everyone who took time to participate in this survey!

- As Chair I felt it important to ask the people attending School Council meetings, in an anonymous way, if they were meeting their expectations for why they were coming.
- Response was positive from members to being asked for their input on what their expectations are for School Council Meetings.
- Unfortunately, there seemed to be a bit of confusion on the “ranking” / “rating” question. The wording should be changed to make that question clearer. (I guess that is why people are paid to create these type of surveys!) I think either way it was ranked/rated, it still gives an indication of what people felt was important.
- Top three items:
 - Principal's report
 - Presentations on issues important to high school parents
 - Student Council report / Presentations by School Departments
- I thought the survey affirmed that people are generally satisfied with the time and formatting of meetings. Suggestions will be followed up where possible, i.e. presentations.
- For another year it would be nice to be able to make the survey available to people who are not in attendance at the meetings.

Pat Sawatzky, Chairperson