

**Harry Ainlay High School
School Council Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2008**

In attendance: Pat Sawatzky (chair), Helen Rusich (secretary), Rosalind Smith (Principal), Deb Olmstead, Joanne Jette, Brian Nolan (Key Communicator), Habib Khan, Garry Parasynchuk, Christine Peters, Heather Tansem, Amy Heidelbrecht, Sharon

1. Welcome: Happy St. Patrick's Day
2. Reports:

Student Report: Amy provided a written report indicating February Activities (Aloha Ainlay, Guest Speaker and Musical Chairs), March, (Culture Fest, CTS Week, Pie Day, Easter Activities, Karaoke, Staff Appreciation). April will bring the process of selecting new Student Council President and other members.

Staff Appreciation – Joanne Jette will coordinate and asked about whom to connect with re: finances; Ms Sutley. The date of the Staff Appreciation is Friday, June 6. Joanne will ensure a reminder for donations is submitted in the next newsletter. Student Council is preparing recipe books for the staff.

Chairperson Report – Pat circulated information from the Superintendent of Schools re: Information for Parents and Students about Diploma Examinations. Pamphlets are available on the website at:

http://www.education.gov.ab.ca/k_12/testing/diploma

Additional copies or need further information, contact John Rymer, Director, Examinations Administration, 422 – 6579.

Pat circulated the Winter 2007 newsletter, The Learning Team

Key Communicator – Brian informed parents of the School Trustee information evening, March 20 at Earl Buxton School, with the Superintendent in attendance. The next Parents as Partners meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23 from 7 – 9 at the Centre for Education. The topic is Social Studies and Math curriculum. The last meeting of this school season is May 28, the topic is TBA. Adult Literacy and Learning Day is Saturday, April 19 at NAIT, go to www.literacyday.ca to register.

HAMPA – Sharon reported that the School Band is taking a bus to Seattle on for Spring Tour on April 16 – 23 for a music competition. Symphonic Competition was last Wednesday and the Band placed very well. The Big Band Bash was a success.

Advocacy – Pat attended the Royal Museum Election Forum, and noted there was no representative from the Conservative Party.

Principal's Report – Ros commented that Dave Hancock, is now the Minister of Education and is receptive and interesting in hearing from educators. The Open

House on March 6 was attended by 1420 people, some grade 8 students attended as well.

She spoke about Lillian Osborne High School (first female administrator to EPSB).

Grad preparations are in full swing with Pat Baker coordinating.

She circulated the District Priorities and asked for input on things that the school is doing that should continue for the next year. A number of items were mentioned including, Leadership program, flexible schedules for students, Link Crew, etc.

The 5 year review indicated positive feedback. There were some concerns with some students not understanding the Canadian system.

Dan Gross and five other teachers have implemented a program where students struggling with a class can for extra support.

3. Old Business - not much to report on South LRT, School received some correspondence on February 19. Some changes to school special busing. This half million dollar parking lot will allow buses to park for school activities.

4. Parents at Ainlay – Understanding Our Teens – A booklet written by Deb Olmstead and formatted by Linda Grisley was circulated and is available in the office and in School Zone. The next topic is Substance Use and this will appear in the next newsletter due April 15.

Helen attended a workshop on Lesbian/Gay and Transgender Youth. She was to speak with Eric Burnett to learn of the support students of this persuasion could receive.

5. Next Meeting: Monday, April 28.

6. Adjournment: 8:05 pm

Last newsletter submission is June 4.