

**Harry Ainlay High School
School Council
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2011**

IN ATTENDANCE:

George Hoyt, Anna Johnson, Darren Oskoboiny, Glen Hornland, Liana Haynes, Pat Wong, Akshata Kulkarni, Gloria Strathern, Susan O'Neil, Danny Boily, Bill & Cheryl Teo, Rosanne Konrad, Heather Tansem

1. **WELCOME:** Principal Dave Jones was attending another school function and sent his regrets. Darren welcomed everyone and thanked parents for coming to the Annual General Meeting of the Harry Ainlay School Council (HASC). It was noted that HASC is not involved in any fundraising.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following positions were appointed to the School Council:

- Principal: Dave Jones
- Teacher Representative: Danny Boily and George Hoyt - take alternate months
- Student Representative: Akshata Kulkarni

After nominations and voting, the following individuals will comprise the Harry Ainlay School Council Executive for 2011-2012:

- Co-chairs: Gloria Strathern & Susan O'Neill
- Secretaries: Heather Tansem & Pat Wong
- Partners in Education Rep (aka Key Communicator): Liana Haynes
- Advocacy: vacant
- HAMP Rep: Gloria Strathern

CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS: This Council prefers a 'town hall' style of meeting where each attendee has the opportunity to bring forward a motion and to vote. Therefore, our bylaws require that at each Annual General Meeting, a motion be passed to recognize this structure.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: Council agreed to continue to meet the last Monday of each month, including October 24, November 28, January 30, February 27, March 19, April 30, May 28 and June 11? (dinner meeting). All parents were reminded that they are welcome to attend these meetings.

- Staff Appreciation is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 7
- Parents are encouraged to think of any presentations they might find useful for our meetings this year, i.e. new curriculum, technology, career planning presentation

3. STUDENT'S COUNCIL REPORT:

Akshata Kulkarni, President of the Student Council provided the following information:

- Completed activities:
 - Welcome back BBQ in beginning of September
 - Picked our new grade 10s

Root Beer (hug) last Wed.

- Planned activities:
 - Oct 6 Wii Games (rotunda)
 - Scary Ainlay (Halloween)
 - Dodge Ball beginning November
 - Dodge Ball staff mid-November
 - November (PR committee coming together)
 - QSP (Nov)
 - A few new events
 - Charity events
 - CSLC

4. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- 25 parents helped with the registration this year
- The Link Crew that welcomed and oriented Gr.10's was a success
- Enrollment this year is 2155 (Gr. 10 - 715, Gr. 11 - 718 and Gr. 12 - 722)
- There are approximately 150 staff including admin staff (a variance of around 5 from last year)
- Many activities/events have started: Sports, Leadership Retreat, TVT,
- Culinary Arts program starts at Harry Ainlay this year
- Post-secondary evening was held on Sept 22
- New library completed
- Course completion rate for Work Experience program was 103.4%
- Technology upgrade has begun. 154 new computers been installed
- Gr.10/11 Awards on Wed. Oct 5
- First PD day was Aug 29, 2nd PD is Nov 4
- The first parent teacher interviews is Thurs. Nov 3
- Teacher Corrie Yusypchuk was successful in winning an Excellence in Teaching Award last year.
- Mr. Theron Lund has been acknowledged among his peers for his excellence in teaching art.

Questions Generated for Staff:

- A proposal to add a couple of days off prior to Remembrance Day or divide between the week of November 7 and 14 was not approved this year.
- "Meet the teacher" night got cancelled due to low participating rate last year
- The one page major dates is useful and the school is looking into making it available for parents.
- Average class sizes in are 35 students and this is due to budget and staff constraints.
- Are there enough computers at Ainlay accommodate all students for the diplomas?
- How often can we expect to have marks updated by teachers on school zone? (approx. 1 x per month)

5. OLD BUSINESS -

There was no old business.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and was followed by a tour of the new library.

8. NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 24, 7:00 PM