

**HARRY AINLAY HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

APRIL 27, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE: Marie Weir, Habib Khan, Pat Sawatzky, Judy Whittaker, Barb Greenlaw, Deb Olmstead, George Hoyt, Dave Jones, Brian Nolan, Karen Hann

Recording Secretary – Pam Lali

WELCOME: Marie Weir (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if any changes were needed to the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

REPORTS:

- a. **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:** Sonam Kang, President of Student Council provided the following information:
- The fundraising booklets for magazine subscriptions raised close to \$3000. The goal is to build on this fundraiser in the upcoming years. It was suggested that information on this fundraiser be put on the website.
 - Me to We program has raised 75% of its fundraising goal, proceeds will go to build a new school in Ceylon
 - Karaoke is the last event being held in the rotunda this year.
 - Graduation commencement preparations are underway, selling banquet tickets. Graduation pictures are done.
 - Student Council elections are being held this Thursday. There are two candidates for President.
 - Alberta Student Leadership Council - A committee is being set up to exchange ideas for conference in May 2010. The theme will be Dr. Seuss.
 - IB exams will be in May
 - Staff Breakfast will be held on June 5th. Decorations will be done by Student Council on June 4th
 - A Walk Around the World will be held on May 21. Elementary school students will get a passport and stamp from different countries around the world.
- b. **CHAIRPERSON:** No update.
- c. **KEY COMMUNICATOR:** Brian Nolan distributed a copy of Parents as Partners newsletter. This program will start again in September.
- d. **HAMPA:** No update.

ADVOCACY POSITION: No update. This position is still vacant. If any one is interested, please contact Jim or Marie Weir. This position's responsibility would be to represent the School Council at various events/meetings.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Mr. Jones and approx 20 other teachers from the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) visited a private school (K-Grade 12, English as a second language) in Japan. The exchange

program is for students from Japan to spend 3 months here. If any parents are interested in accommodating students from Japan at their home should contact the school office.

- A School Plan was distributed for the parents to review. The plan reports on progress and assists in budgeting, delivering programs, curriculum and resources. Mr. Jones will be discussing the updated plan with Catherine Ripley before its finalized.
- Mr. Gane Olsen was successful applicant for Principal for Lillian Osbourne School. He also won the Robert Rutledge award.
- The Assistant Principal position for HA has been short listed to five candidates.
- An estimate of \$5-6M was received for new gymnasium, this would include land preparation and construction.

PARENTS AT AINLAY REPORT:

Deb Olmstead made a presentation on Saturday during Literacy day at NAIT. The presentation included information on Parents at Ainlay project and included articles and handouts. Parents from all school levels were present.

The Edmonton Journal also features an interview by Sarah O'Donnel on literacy. This project may be sponsored by EPSB at the teachers convention?

OLD BUSINESS: No update

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Harry Ainlay School Council is Monday, May 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

NEW BUSINESS: No update.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.