

**HARRY AINLAY HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**MARCH 23, 2009**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jim Weir, Kem Singh, Daniella Batres, George Heidt, Garry Parasynchuk, Chris Morris, Glen Hornland, Cheryl Belyea, Anna Johnson, Judy Whittaker, Deb Olmstead, Heather Tansem, Habib Khan, Roxanne Weibenga, Karen Hann

**Recording Secretary** – Pam Lali

**WELCOME:** Jim 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:** Daniella Batres, Vice President of Public Relations provided the following information:
- School open house held in early March went well. Positive feedback was received.
  - Culture Fest held last week. Food was great, and good participation this year.
  - Mr. George Heidt distributed fundraising booklets for magazine subscriptions. The school will receive forty-percent of the subscription cost for each magazine. Top sellers of these magazines will receive incentive gifts. This fundraiser will be held for one week.
- b. **CHAIRPERSON:** No update.
- c. **KEY COMMUNICATOR:** No Update. Brian Nolan was unable to attend.
- 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. Dave Jones presented the following:

- Mrs. Anna Johnson was introduced. She is the Business Manager for Harry Ainlay and will be assisting with budget and expenses.
- The School Administration has been taking initiatives to continue to improve teaching practices over the past few weeks. Twenty-three staff went with Mr. Jones to Queen Elizabeth High School to look at differentiated instruction strategies. Also looked at use of technology (smartboard/tablets/video conferencing) at other schools to aid teaching.
- Have been using a "no-zero" policy which means that teachers use an assessment strategy to try to get students to write exams and hand in all assignments. Purpose is to enhance the culture that work needs to be completed.
- The "no kid-left-behind program" for early intervention for "at risk" students was a success during the first semester. Outstanding assignments will be completed once a week (Wednesday), when teachers will be available to assist students.
- The Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. (3:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
- Parents at Ainlay program is being presented at the Learning and Literacy Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Cheerleading Team won a 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive Provincial title. Nathalie Brady won a Provincial Gold Medal in wrestling. Provincial Volleyball title was won by our Senior Boys team. Fourth in

province for Senior Boys Basketball. Twelfth place in province for Senior Girls Basketball. Our Indoor Soccer team were semi-finalist in the City. A number of additional athletic activities are starting now.

- Edge School gymnasium example was presented by Mr. Jones and Mr. Garry Parasynchuk. This is in the Springbank area of Calgary. Meeting with company (Sprung) on April 7<sup>th</sup> to get some additional information. This type of potential project would need community support.

#### **PARENTS AT AINLAY REPORT:**

The Parents at Ainlay articles will be published as a resource.

The Leadership group, School Council and Student Council will meet to organize the Staff Appreciation Breakfast tentatively scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>. Information will be posted on school zone for parents who may want to donate for this function.

A letter was drafted by Pat Baker and approved by the Chairperson and Pat Sawatzky providing information to parents who's son/daughter will be graduating this year. The letter was posted on school zone.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No update

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Harry Ainlay School Council is Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No update.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.