

**Harry Ainlay High School
School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2011**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cheryl Belyea, Eric Burnett, Chris Douglas, Anna Johnson, Dave Jones, Rosanne Konrad, Akshata Kulkarni, Susan O'Neil, Darren Oskoboiny, Gloria Strathern, Heather Tansem, Bill & Cheryl Teo, Debbie Walker, Pat Wong,

Regrets: Liana Haynes

1. **WELCOME:** Susan welcomed everyone & the meeting commenced at 7:03 p.m.
2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Motion to adopt minutes from October 24, 2011 (Gloria, Heather). Carried.
3. **STUDENT'S COUNCIL REPORT:** Akshata Kulkarni, President of the Student Council provided the following information:
 - Scary Ainlay is complete
 - Remembrance Day Ceremonies
 - Dodgeball - Staff began Nov. 16, students Nov. 21 - it goes until Dec. 9th,
 - "Me-to-we" provide the concession during the games
 - Helping Hampers has begun and will be distributed Dec. 23
 - working with Geomeer (Mr. Heidt's organization)
 - worked on posters & began fundraising today
 - each class is assigned a family and is given a list of supplies needed
 - Christmas Planning has begun:
 - Dec. 19 Bingo
 - Dec. 20 - cookie decorating
 - Dec. 21 - cafeteria is providing a turkey dinner there won't be a rotunda activity that day so we'll avoid any competition with the cafeteria activity
 - Dec. 22 - Movie Day & Warm & Fuzzy PJ Day
 - Planning has started for the Blood Donor Clinic in February.
 - It was noted by Rosanne Konrad that the age requirement for giving blood without a permission form has recently increased. Staff & students will look into the details.
4. **CHAIR'S REPORT:**
 - Susan & Gloria reported that they hosted a "School Council" table at Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday, November 3 from 5:00 - 7:30, to create an awareness among parents. It was noted that they felt very supported by the staff in this endeavor. Additionally, they had good interactions with parents during the evening.
 - Cheryl Belyea suggested they have a presence (table) at other big evening events, i.e. The IB night for incoming students.

5. PARENTS AS PARTNERS REPORT:

- Since the School Council Training event in October, there has not been any other organized sessions..

6. HAMP REPORT - Gloria reported that everything is going well as per usual, new instruments have been purchased and camps are taking place.

- Current Events: Nov. 29 - Band & Choir Concert, Nov. 30 - Jazz Concert
- Planning for the Big Band Bash.

7. ADVOCACY – Heather began the discussion about the six provincial meetings currently taking place with the new education minister, Thomas Lukaszuk. The first was held this weekend in Edmonton. Susan added that if you missed it, there are two other opportunities to give input. Go to the provincial government website for:

- A teleconference - Tues. Nov. 29 at 7:45 p.m.
The main agenda item is to discuss education priorities for the future.
- An online survey/questionnaire - parents are encouraged to do so

8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Principal, Dave Jones spoke on many items:

- District recognition awards - a parent from last year at Ainlay, Brian Nolan, is receiving an award for his work as a key communicator.
Other award recipients - George Hoyt, Danny Boily, etc.
- Parent - Teacher interviews were up in numbers. One initiative they had this year is for each teacher to invite 3-5 parents to attend.
- Football team won provincials, Volleyball teams had a good showing last weekend at provincials also, Reach for the Top - Ainlay defeated Old Scona in several categories. They will now attend regionals in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Dodge ball - Big event at Ainlay.
- Current Initiative - building relationships with our elementary feeder schools:
 - Meetings with grade 9 and 10 teachers, sharing curriculum ideas, etc.
 - Greenfield School - culinary club is providing soup & sandwiches for teachers as a surprise (one day in December).

9. PRESENTATION - "Preparing for Post-Secondary" by Eric Burnett, Department Head of the Career Centre.

- Mr. Burnett began his presentation by thanking the masterminds behind their new career centre; Mr. Jones for designing and initiating the renovation and to Mrs. Johnson in the office for managing issues at her end.
- He introduced the rest of his department, by alpha groups:
A-E AP - Mrs. C. Belyea, Counsellor - Mrs. A Melnychuk
F-K AP - Mr. G. Hornland, Counsellor - Mrs. P. Skolski
L- R AP - Mr. G.Hoyt, Counsellor - Mr. E. Burnett
S-Z AP - Mr. D. Oskoboiny, Counsellor - Mrs. J. Crowell-Bour *new
(Corrie Yusypchuk has recently been seconded to Edmonton Public)

- A career - new definition includes all unpaid work & formal education, as well as the 'trained' work that you do.
- This department takes care of many activities & programs
 - Presentations to all grades: gr. 10's in Octpber, gr. 11 & 12's in Spring
 - Work Experience
 - RAP
 - Post Secondary Night
 - Scholarship Night - in addition to this night, a new brochure is coming out this week that will assist students and parents to sift through the websites
 - Guest Institutions
 - Student Services
 - Career Centre - Job/volunteer opportunities displayed
 - CALM 20
 - A.C.T. (Ainlay Career Thursdays) - every single Thursday there is a presentation in the Career Centre with a variety of topics, i.e. guest speaker for all institutions across Canada, exam prep, scholarships, apprentice programs.
 - Open House Events for Post Secondary
- It was an excellent presentation and after Mr. Burnett was finished, there were several positive comments made:
 - The A.C.T is a fabulous initiative that keeps career planning ongoing all year round for students.
 - Great to have repeated exposures for intitutions.
 - The powerpoint presentation from this eveing is excellent information for students and parents, could it be uploaded to school zone for all to see?

10. NEW BUSINESS - After some discussion about a presentation for the January meeting, we decided to invite the school resource officer, Cst. Scott Plesuk, to speak on safety and advice for parents of Ainlay students. Mr. Jones will invite him and do promotion for the event. Parents are asked to network & bring along other interested parents.

11. OTHER - Heather Tansem recommended that all Ainlay news, deadlines, etc. be on one location, i.e. Schoolzone. Otherwise parents and students miss important information if they are just checking schoolzone and not Ainlays' website. Suggestion noted.

12. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting dates include February 27, March 19, April 30, and May 28, 2012