

Woodman School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Location: Virtual (MS Teams)
Date: 28 November, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Attendance*:

Brian M (assistant principal), Alice H (secretary), Tara S (student services), Tara W (Chair), Dave M (Vice Chair), Cinnamon B (key communicator), Mark M (member at large), Medeana M, Abdulfasal, Arundel S, Edward, James S, Jason E, Kavita J, Kerry, Maly L, Melissa M, Nancy, Neamtu, Nicole, Phil, Riley, Ralusha S, Phil & Cindy, Sateesh, Andrea

Regrets: Marlene K (principal), Olivier A (treasurer)

** Please note: online attendance is based on participant names on Microsoft Teams and might not be accurate; last names are omitted for privacy*

1. **Call to Order** 7:03 pm
2. **Welcome/Introductions/Land Acknowledgement**
3. **Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2023 meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on 2023-10-24 (moved by Tara seconded by Dave); all in favour, motion carried.

4. **Key communicator Report, Cinnamon**

COSC - Council of School Councils Meeting Summary

- COSC invites representatives of all CBE school councils to meet with CBE board, chief superintendent, and elected school trustees.

Topics covered in October meeting:

- Roles of CBE superintendant, trustees, area office, school admin, parents.
- Role of school councils - advise principal & trustees on school matters; school council handbook, information and resources available on the COSC [website](#)
- Current Challenges - CBE has 138 000 students, growing +7000 students every year, students are more complex; increase in students to 29% needing English language support (ELAL); 10% of CBE schools are *Overflowed* (sending students to other schools who have spots); half of CBE schools are >50 years old
- CBE is not able to meet student needs with current public school funding - has requested Alberta Education to fund 16 projects (7 new schools, repairs/updates to schools); also asked for at least 80 portables/modular classrooms for an immediate fix for capacity issues
- Student Safety - discussion of active and safe routes to school - encouraging healthy ways of travel, ensuring routes to school have safe crossings; student

- safe travel advisory group created to make recommendations
 - Next COSC meeting February 22, online.
- 5. Staff Appreciation Coordinator Report (Nicole)**
- Volunteers needed to provide coffee and treats to teachers at their staff meetings. Sign up genius coming up for the next staff meeting, Fri Dec 1 @ 8:00 am
- 6. Woodman Music Parents Association WMPA Report**
- Coco Brooks fundraiser is ongoing
<https://fundraising.cocobrooks.com/invite/verify?code=tonks-daffs>
 - Winter Concert is Thursday Dec 7
 - Thank you from Mr. Bains for the drums for the band, they are very pleased
- 7. Playground Committee Report (Tara)**
- preparing options for a donor acknowledgement for next meeting
- 8. Fundraiser Report - Purdy's (Dave)**
- this is a fundraiser for the Council; closes on Sat Dec 2
 - we have raised \$900 so far
 - <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1843749-112945>
- 9. Treasurer Report (Tara for Olivier)**
- no change from last month \$700
- 10. Principal's Report (Tara for Marlene)**
- note two documents coming to parents soon: *School Development Plan* and the *Annual Fee Report to Parents*
- 11. High School Transition (Brian and Tara)**
- Support for students and parents from Brian - French program students, Tara - English program students
 - Designated Schools: Wisewood, Scarlett, Western, Central - differ by programs offered (see appendix); also refer to slides, available to parents through D2L
 - International Baccalaureate & Advanced Placement - IB, AP students do an enriched program; they can earn university credits, provides enrichment for students who seek it; high schools are having parent info session for IB, AP
 - Grade 9's are visiting the high schools in January
 - High Schools also offering *High School 101* for parents - Q & A, how to navigate high school, how to support your student; happening @ E.P. Scarlett HS
 - Sign onto your child's D2L shell for information, important dates, documents, meeting links related to high school, today's slide show

- Tips to help your child with the transition - attend open houses, visit the school website, support them self-advocate, talk to grade 9 teachers to help guide what courses are best for those students - important to have some success right away
- IB, AP Open Houses are happening now; general open houses are in January

Q & A

- Re: French Immersion options - recommend that students keep going in French; students who have done early or late French immersion and FSL between K-9 can challenge French 10 & 20 and be eligible for French 30 (likely to get a great mark and boost their average, counts for university applications)
- Re: alternate new ways to do courses - CALM camp, PE credits, summer school online <https://olc.crps.ca/programs/calm>
- email Brian or Tara with any questions

12. New Business

No new business

13. Adjournment: 8:07 pm

Next Meeting: January 16th, 2024 7:00 pm via *MS Teams*

Appendix:

High Schools that Woodman Students attend:

Henry Wise Wood

Language Programs

- English
- French as a Second Language (FSL)

Enrichment Programs

- International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) in English and FSL
- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

Other Opportunities

- CBE Fine Arts Certificate
- Full range of athletic and extracurricular programs



Dr. EP Scarlett

Language Programs

- English
- French Language Arts (FLA)
- French as a Second Language (FSL)

Enrichment Programs

- Advanced Placement (AP) in English, FLA and FSL

Other Opportunities

- CBE Fine Arts Certificate
- Full range of athletic and extracurricular programs



Western Canada

Language Programs

- English
- French Language Arts (FLA)
- French as a Second Language (FSL)

Enrichment Programs

- International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) in English, FLA, and FSL

Other Opportunities

- International Languages Certificate
- Full range of athletic and extracurricular programs



Central Memorial

Language Programs

- English
- French as a Second Language (FSL)

Enrichment Programs

- Centre for Performing and Visual Arts (PVA)
- Advanced Placement (AP) in English and FSL

Other Opportunities

- CBE Fine Arts Certificate
- Full range of athletic and extracurricular programs

