

Meeting Minutes

Woodman School Council

Tuesday Jan 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm

In person and online via *Microsoft Teams*

Attendance*: Marlene, Brian, Alice, Tara, Dave, Mark, Guenther, Anastasia, Jasminka, Jad, Michelle, Sirong, Melinda, Lowther, Ryan, Hala, Laura, Wayne.

*Note: for those attending via *MS Teams*, names taken from screen displays may not be accurate
Guests : Martin Poirier, Lise and Ron May.

Call to order: 7:04 pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement Tara

Special Presentation: Martin Poirier

French study options at U of A.

Presentation will be available on D2L

Special Presentation: Lise and Ron May

Belcanfran Exchange program between AB – Belgium and France – exchange program for Jr & Sr high school students. See www.belcanfran.com

Presentation will be available on D2L

Approval of previous minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from Nov 2024 - Tara, seconded by Alice; minutes approved.

Chair Report - Tara

- Council positions that are still accepting nominations – Secretary & staff appreciation coordinator.
- Staff appreciation event on December 6 went very well, the staff were very appreciative of all the goodies that were brought in.
- Motion to acknowledge Alice as a member at large. Tara motioned, seconded by Dave, motion passed.

Volunteer Report – Cinnamon

- No updates this month.

WMPA Report - Tara

- Jr. band concerts taking place in February.
- 2024 Coco Brooks fundraiser went well.

Treasurer's Report - Mark

- Account balance: \$0
- Agreed we will not receive routine Treasurer updates for the Parents *Council* going forward, given that all business is being transacted within the Parent *Society*

Key Communicator Report– Michelle

- No updates this month.

Principal's Report

- Report Card season is upon the school.
 - Self-Assessment worksheet students are using is going well.
 - There is an awareness that certain assessment words used by teachers might not be familiar to students.
 - Assessment numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4. – Understanding the difference between each is important.
 - Report card indicators: be sure to understand the different words and acronyms that are used in report cards (e.g. IPP, ADP and so on).
 - Parents should be sure to set time aside to go through the report card with students and to celebrate students strengths.
 - If parents have any questions about what they see in the report cards please reach out to teachers.
- Language course challenges – question from last council meeting.
 - There have been changes to process and rules aimed at high school students challenging language courses. The desire is to ensure that students have enough credits to graduate.
- Additional funding that has recently arrived for english language learners has had positive impacts at Woodman, this has included reducing class sizes.

Discussion:

- No questions.

Next Council Meeting: February 11, 2024, 7:00 pm in person & online

Meeting dates for 2024/2025

September 24, October 29, November 26, 2024

January 14, February 11, March TBD, April 22, May 27, 2025.

Meetings will follow a hybrid format this year

Meeting Adjournment: 8:25 pm

Motioned by Tara, seconded by Mark