



AHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 20th, 2021

Present: George Voumvakis, Paull Simmons, Cecilia Piques, Lori Freitas, Melek, Cyndy D., Ameerah V., Kimiya Shafaghi, & Jane Casey

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME: ROUNDTABLE OF INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable introductions took place.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – approved

3. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING’S MINUTES – approved

4. Administration Report, George Voumvakis

Reminder that agenda and minutes are posted online on the school website. Course verification forms have been submitted by students. Course selection is imperative as staffing requirements are based on submissions. Graduation books for grade 12 students are on sale. Unfortunately, graduation photos were not able to occur due to Covid restrictions. Students submitted their own pictures. Caps & gowns are on sale. May 25th all grad photos are due. Keepsakes for grads will be distributed, including pins, bags, and lawn signs. June 29th is a PA day. Grad video will be posted the week of July 8th as well as semester 2 report cards will be available. September 2021/22 school year is Ministry directed with the hope of in person attendance. More information will be announced by the school district as it becomes available. A reminder that AHS is closed to transfers out of catchment.

5. Planning for September 2021, Cecilia Piques

Calculating staffing numbers and managing student timetables are two very important undertakings for administration. Section allocations based on student interest include:

Business 21
Drama 6
Computer Science 6
Geography 12
History 27.5
P.E. 19
Student Services 4
Visual Arts 8
Co-op 11
English 32
Family Studies 11
Guidance 4.5
Math 44
Music 7
Science 44
Technology 16



In terms of staffing, there are 65-70 staff members this year. However, AHS will experience several maternity leaves within the school, 9 in total. Also 3 retirements will occur.

6. Equity and Inclusivity at AHS, Paul Simmons

Administration is working with teachers and students analyzing the appreciation of culture, addressing barriers and blocks at a systemic level, providing resources and data on students based on responses to survey questions. Asking what needs to be changed and challenging beliefs is key to moving forward. Engaging departments to utilize space for displays of racism, trans gender youths etc. will highlight student awareness. Growing and evolving is not stagnant. Mistakes will be made but we will correct them. It's important for students, staff, parents, and our community to know we are listening, we are doing, we are changing – we are going to face any challenges.

Those who were present applauded the reports and commented how unfortunate it was that attendance was low and many would not hear the presentations. The information shared is instrumental in the operation of AHS and it was recommended that Cecilia and Paul re-present during the first school council of 2021/22 as a larger number usually attends.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, everyone was thanked for attending and wished a safe and happy summer.

Future School Council Meeting: