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Meeting Minutes

Wetaskiwin Composite High School: School Council
Thursday, January 17th, 2019

Agenda

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. [Minutes from the November 2018 meeting – Review and Adopt](#)
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Reports
 - i. School Board Representative - Lynn Ware: The board will be meeting with various political parties at central office in the near future. They will have a member present from each political party to present their views on education.
 - ii. Student Council Representative – Emily Briand and Hoyi Ma

Since we parted, Student Council has been very busy. In the month of December, we had our 12 Days of Christmas that included the classroom door decorating contest, Locker Decorating, PJ and Hot Chocolate Day (that was made possible with our lovely coffee urn - thank you again), Coat the Cold clothing drive, Movie and Popcorn in the Cafeteria, Christmas Bake Sale, Ugly Sweater Day, Winter Feast at the Cafeteria, S'mores Day, Christmas Spirit Day, Candy Gram Selling, and Fancy Friday.

We had a lot of help from our staff and students and we are beyond grateful! Our communications team, Kyra and Michaela, also deserve a shout out for a wonderful job keeping our school up to date.

In January, we've had a smaller role as everyone is busy studying and stressing. Our one event for the month is Cookies, Coffee, and Cramming that takes place tomorrow. At lunch, we'll be





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giving away coffee and selling heart shaped cookies for \$1. Our cookie supplier is McDonald's and after a great conversation, they offered us a very generous discount. Now, not only can we make money for our Global Initiative, but they get to make money for Ronald McDonald Houses.

Starting in the new semester, Student Council will be working with Mr. Hetlinger to sell Sabres merchandise at lunch time... but more on that in the future.

- iii. Principal Evaluation - Kathy: Evaluation forms for members are available to fill out. These will be collected at the February meeting.
- iv. [Admin Report](#)
 - Staff Update: Mrs. Gare will be away for the remainder of the school year due to a medical issue. A teacher will be hired soon before Semester 2 begins. Mr. Fiveland will be coming back to teach with us full-time starting Semester 2.
 - Graduation Committee Update - Mr. Denney: A teacher-led committee with Mrs. McFeely at the head will be overseeing graduation (~10 teachers are participating). Various meetings will be taking place soon. Announcements will be made using the telephone dialer.
 - WCHS Surveys
 - a) Student Exit Interviews - January and February: Random students have been selected from each course who will be interviewed by administration. The purpose of this is to get feedback from each student regarding the quality of teaching and learning that is taking place in the classroom.
 - b) Online Student Survey - Start of February: Students will be asked to complete a survey by answering some general questions provided by administration.
 - c) Online Parent Survey - Start of February: Grade 10s only
 - Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Survey - February for all Grade 10s
 - Grade 9 ELA - Update to School Council: Our focus this year with Grade 9 was literacy - writing and comprehension skills. Benchmark testing was also done. From the test feedback, we placed students in various ability groups. Students worked on various language skills during Quarter 2. One of the biggest differences noted was reading





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endurance. Feedback from students was generally very good. During semester 2, a general Language Arts course will be provided to the Grade 9s.

- WCHS School Policies - Parent Discussions
 - a) School's Policy on Smoking and Vaping: Admin has updated school regulations on vaping. This information will be shared with students during admin visits to classrooms and on the school's web site. Admin also shared a presentation on this topic of concern.
 - b) School's Hat Policy: Consensus was in favor for no hats/hoods or bandannas being worn in the school. Explanation of why these rules are required was explained to parents. The council would like to be reported back to regarding student feedback from the admin visits to classes.
- Health Canada Survey - February 13th, 2019:
 - a) Permission letters have been mailed home. This survey is being conducted by Health Canada and the University of Alberta. These agencies will be providing the school valuable data on our students' health.

5. New Business - No new business
6. Meeting End: 8:30 pm
7. Time of future meeting
 - i. Next meeting.... February 21, 2019

