



WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL
School Council 2024 AGM & Ordinary Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 21, 2024 6:30PM

ATTENDEES: Karen Savoy, Maureen Scharf (Assistant Principal), Natalia Sorokina, Sonny Mottahed, Jeff Leroux, Osaro Ezomo, Jessie Zou (Student Union), Barry Smith (Special Presenter), Helga Vanthournout, Rhona Cui, Edward Ling, Amina Jomaa, Desiree Hao, Yolanda Rivas, Kim Anthony

(SLIDE PRESENTATION OF MEETING)

Meeting Facilitator: Karen Savoy (Chairperson)

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Meeting called to order at 18:32

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by: Natalia Sorokina

Seconded by: Osaro Ezomo

Opposed by: none

Motion passed: yes

3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2023 AGM MINUTES

[2023 AGM minutes.docx](#)

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

[2024_09_19 General Council Meeting Minutes](#)

5. PRESENTATION: “UNIQUE PATHWAYS AND WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS” BY BARRY SMITH, LEARNING LEADER

Mr. Smith presented about Off-Campus Education

- Work experience
 - may earn up to 30 credits w/ 15 counted towards HS diploma
 - have to be employed but can't be hired by a family business
 - collaboration between the school and employer

- Internships
 - more for trades than professional areas like medicine or legal
 - ICE, Health, Skilled Trades
- Registered Apprenticeship
 - for students interested in a registered trade
 - recommended for G11 to G12 as they will most likely need a learners license
- Dual Credit
 - Through CBE Unique Pathways
 - Partnered with post secondary institutions, earning both HS and University credits
 - In-person online or blended
- Exploratory Programs
 - Grade 11 & 12 with age requirement
 - Learn through mentors/instructors
- Green Certificate
 - In collaboration with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

Link to the CBE website:

[Unique Pathways & Off-campus Education](#)

6. STUDENTS' UNION REPORT

Presented by Jessie Zou (grade 12 student)

- Halloween bake sale raised approx \$1000
- Jacket racket fundraiser - approx 30 jackets
- Movie night for all students this Friday
- Student Senate (focused around wellness)
- Food for Thought - Dec 3rd
 - Theme is communication on information
- Spirit Week - end of Nov
- Giving Tree Dec - raising food
- Candygrams - buy and send to anyone in the school

7. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE AND Q&A BY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MAUREEN SCHARF

- IB Info night - Nov 25
- Regular open house for feeder schools - Jan 27
- Student Population currently at 2240 students
 - Demographics continues to evolve, more english learners than ever before
 - Providing a variety of programming to all students

- 588 students in regular IB, 232 students in french immersion IB, 720 students in regular french immersion
- Anticipate to be at population cap of 2250 for the 2025-26 school, no lottery is expected
- IB cap anticipated to be reduced by 20 students
- Football, soccer, track & field all wrapped up.
- City Champs in Jr Girls and Sr Boys Volleyball
- Provincial Champs in Girls Golf
- Swim & Dive Cities are coming up
- Basketball tryouts are ongoing
- Wrestling is underway
- Choir - Knox United Church - Dec 9
- Band - Jack Singer - Dec 11
- Drama - Les Miserables in house production starting end of Nov
- Partnership with Westgate Elementary and Bishop Pinkom to collaborate on French Immersion transition from elementary to high school
- Wellbeing Symposium
 - Working on a plan for well being and stress management within the school

8. SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORTS

[Link to the reports via presentation deck:](#)

[WCHS 2024-11 AGM Presentation](#)

(a) Chairperson's Report (Karen Savoy)

- special thank you to departing executive members
- 2 financial accounts (1 for staff appreciation and 1 for SC general operations)
- [see link to presentation deck](#)

(b) Introduction of the proposed slate for WCHS Council Executive and Members-at-Large 2024-2025 and Call for Nominations (Karen Savoy)

[WCHS Council Executive and Members-at-Large Slate 2024-25.docx](#)

- Nominees for elected positions introduced themselves

(c) Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget (Rhona Cui)

[Proposed Budget 2024-2025](#)

[WCHS Treasurer Report September 2024.docx](#)

- Motion to accept and adopt the budget as proposed and presented by: Helga Vanthournout
- Seconded by: Edward Ling
- Opposed by: none
- Motion passed: Yes

(d) Key Communicator Report (Osaro Ezomo)

- 2 meetings per year, 143,000 students and increasing by 5000 year or year
- [see link to presentation deck](#)

(e) Volunteer Coordinator Report (Ruby Bolar-Sait)

- Karen Savoy presented in place of Ruby Bolar-Sait
- [see link to presentation deck](#)

(f) Grant Writer Report (Donna Forrest)

- no update provided

(g) Friends of Western Report

- Karen Savoy presented
- Celebrate Western Fundraiser Update
- Casino Fundraiser Update
- [see link to presentation deck](#)

(h) IB Sub-Committee Report (Natalia Sorokina)

- [see link to presentation deck](#)

8. ELECTION OF SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE ELECTED POSITIONS

Elected Positions

Executive Members

Chairperson: Shahin (Sonny) Mottahed

Vice Chairperson: Maude Ramsay

Secretary: Chris Le Bihan

Treasurer: Rhona Cui

Motion to elect the proposed slate for WCHS Council Executive by: Helga Vanthournout

Seconded by: Edward Ling

Opposed by: none

Motion passed: yes

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- no other business was discussed

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion made by Karen Savoy to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 19:48