



**Calgary Board  
of Education**

**Henry Wise Wood  
High School**

Henry Wise Wood Senior High School, School Council Meeting

Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Staffroom: Chair, Lidia Serpas

In attendance: Michelle Howell, Tony Barile, Lidia Serpas, Janet Haegedorn, Lynn Panasiuk-Thomas, Linda Zimmermann, Ajay Kumar, Susan Ohman, Scott Garen, Karen Feldcher

1. Call to order: 6:35 p.m. Lidia Serpas
2. Motion to approve School Council minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Linda Zimmerman, seconded by Ajay Kumar, motion carried
3. Chair Report: Lidia Serpas The AARC presentation in January on alcohol and drugs was excellent! There was a lot of very valuable information and some great guest speakers. Unfortunately there weren't a lot of parents that showed up.
4. Treasurer's Report: Ajay Kumar At present we have \$1994.07 in the School Council account and \$84,377.46 from casino funds.
5. Special Presentation: Scott Garrett Scott is the Learning Leader of languages and the IB program at Henry Wise Wood. He explained that the IB program has 2 routes, the diploma route where you take all your courses in IB, and course IB, where you can take one or more courses that are of interest to you. At present, 32% of the students (about 4-500 students) take one or more courses at the school and 25 students take the full time program. In Area 5, Henry Wise Wood is the only high school that offers the IB program. The IB curriculum moves quicker than the "normal" route and students are required to do some active community service within and outside of the school. Over the past 4 years, the interest and enrollment in the IB programs has increased.
6. Principal Presentation: Michelle Howell and Tony Barile February 22<sup>nd</sup> is National Pink Day and the school is doing a lot of work around that. There will be an assembly and Alvin Law will be speaking to the students about the power of language. There will

also be posters up around the school where offensive words will be written down that the students have heard at school. Students will be given a postcard at the assembly and after the presentation, they will be invited to write a word or words that are offensive and that they will not say again. Hopefully students will become more aware of the language, good and bad that is spoken at the school. Pink 'Words Have Power' t-shirts will also be sold for a \$5 charge. It is also Black History Month, and 10 biographies of 10 black individuals will be shown on the TV screen in the foyer on a regular basis throughout the month to recognize this. Another objective at the school will be to track student success this semester. There will be a focus on where the students are in their learning and students will be tracked after the first month of February, March and April dates as well. (An example of this is how the math department is helping students. Students that are having difficulties in their math programs will have the opportunity to take a skills class offered after school in J block if they choose to. Henry's Help is also available for extra help in math.)

7. Other Business: The Fuel Your Brain initiative in January proved successful as many students stopped by to grab a snack before hitting their final exams of the semester. The school is looking for parent volunteers to pick up day old bread from COBBS bakery every second Thursday evening. Stay tuned for more details through the Wise Wood Warrior emails. The next meeting will be on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

8. Motion to adjourn, Linda Zimmermann, seconded by Lynn Panasiuk-Thomas