

Ecole Secondaire Highwood High School
School Council Minutes
March 17, 2025

Attendees: Tanya Franklin, Arianna Okoye, River Rommens, Dmitri Krys, Carolyn Lenstra, Nicole Warin

Welcome and Introductions

- 1) Land Acknowledgement-Tanya Franklin
- 2) Approval of minutes from last meeting- Motion of Approval -Nicole Warin, Second Tanya Franklin
- 3) Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda- No additions

Motion of approval of agenda- Tanya Franklin, Second Nicole Warin

- 4) Reports:

Student Matters Report

- New goals from Xmas break. Highwood Student Matters attended the Foothills Comp Conference-Student Matters Division Collaboration. 6 students from each school met in one common area to share ideas and challenges that they have experienced. Main topics were - comprehensive school health, holistic health, students voicing opinions/suggestions and equal partnerships between teachers and students.
- Improving school spaces-challenges are some school spaces are very negative. Student Matters would like to improve these areas, so students feel safer. They looked at the 10-minute break between classes and have proposed that the school make the time shorter between classes. This relates to CSH and students ask "What would Maverick do?" during announcements.
- Student Matters wants to increase collaboration with other clubs in the school. They will be promoting clubs on the daily announcements or highlighting them around the school.
- Future short term goal April 8- Spirit Week
- April 10 Pep Rally
- School Engagement and Community- school wide game "Rock, Paper, Scissor" with bead necklaces-details to be announced.
- "What would Maverick do?" Encourages students to do the right thing.

Highwood High School Admin-Carolyn Lenstra/Dave Roberts:

- Administration-**Athletics**: basketball is over - JV boys League Champions and hosted JV Girls Zone Championships
- Badminton competition - seniors are April 7, 10th
- Rugby has started, practices are ongoing
- Track team will have an info meeting in early April
- **Academics**: ENG 30-2 half semester exam is on April 3, 8
- FI Exchange students are home
- French for the Future - Highwood students were excellent ambassadors for FSD at U of C today!
- DELF exams for FI students - April 7, 8 and individually thereafter
- CUPE is meeting with the board for mediation within the next week
- Parent teacher conferences on April 15 and 16

- **Band** students were in Edmonton for competition. Adjudicator awarded them a perfect score and gold standards
- Band going to Anaheim on April 13-17
- **Advanced acting** - One act plays - May 1-3 in Okotoks
- One act provincials - May 8-10
- Highwood students participated in the Health Care Skills day at the High River Hospital on Thursday March 13th.

5) Alberta School Council Engagement- (ASCE) Grant of \$500 to each school council is eligible for learning opportunities. Highwood School Council has decided to book the workshop "School Council Purpose" which takes place on May 5 @ 7pm.

6) Next Meeting -April 28, 2025

7) Adjournment- 7:08pm