

Ecole Secondaire Highwood High School
AGM School Council Meeting Minutes
Sept 18, 2023

Attendees: Martha Klassen, Jenn Murray, Anne Gray, Dave Roberts, Carolyn Lenstra, John Evans, Angela Morris, Ian Whitworth, Roazlie Hiahiquiz, Tanya Franklin, Cathy King, Adrienne Lockton, Ryan Bossy, Susan Russell

Regrets: Phil Irwin

Meeting Commenced -6:35pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes for Sept 2022 AGM: Jen Murray, Second- Adrienne Lockton
3. Additions: The waterfall schedule- Will be added to the Principals Update
4. Motion to pass addition to agenda with approvals as it stands-Cathy King/ Second- Susan Russell
5. 1st Call for Nominations:

Chair-Martha Klassen
Vice Chair-Tanya Franklin
Secretary-Nicole Warin
Treasurer- Ian Whitworth

6. School Trustee Report (given by John Evans on behalf of Phil Irwin)- September Report

https://media.foothillsschooldivision.ca/media/Default/medialib/footnotes-2023-09_final.3110c516030.pdf

June Report

<https://media.foothillsschooldivision.ca/media/Default/medialib/footnotes-june-2023.b8eb9d14552.pdf>

Taken from the Advocacy Page on Foothills School Division Website-

<https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/page/9977/advocacy>

[Why an advocacy section on the FSD website?](#)

We are often asked how you can engage in Foothills School Division goals and objectives. We appreciate this offer of help and are happy to invite you, our community, to support these advocacy efforts.

7. 2nd Call for Nominations:

Chair- Martha
Vice Chair- Tanya Franklin
Secretary- Nicole Warin
Treasurer- Ian Whitworth

8. Upcoming Meeting dates for approval -Oct 16, Nov 20, Jan 15, Feb 26, March 18, April 15, May 27- all approved.

9. Mr. Roberts/ Carolyn Lenstra Update:

-Early start, up student numbers and down staff with over 550 students now.

-Timetables have been a challenge and settling on the new waterfall schedule-this has been student generated, concerns from a parent on how this new schedule will affect the RAP program. RAP is all trades: Welding, hairstyling, etc. High River, Okotoks, Nanton.

-Some concerns on class sizes and reduction of teachers-need advocacy on class size caps, and how classroom space and school size is calculated.

-Grad meeting on Sept 20th

-Calendar is up to date and website has been updated. Check on school website for 2 calendars.

Academic Calendar-Containing holidays, exam breaks and other important dates:

<https://media.foothillsschooldivision.ca/media/Default/fgg/2106/HHS Master Calendar 2023-2024-1.pdf>

School Events Calendar- <https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/highwood/page/2152/calendar>

-Drop in teacher night Sept 21

-Sept 22 PD day

-Terry Fox coming up and Sept 29th orange shirt day, 29th @ 1:30pm Teepee transfer and set up ceremony. Grade 12 will take part in the set up in Sept and take down in June as a part of them moving on.

-Sports update- Volleyball is in full swing, success on football field with a win 38 to 12 for the game opener, golf zones where Sept 18th hoping to have a few qualifiers for provincials, cross country coming up, students are talking about a pep rally Oct 2nd.

-Sept 25-27 Band Camp at SABC

-No cellphone policy-most children have complied, and it is going very well-Principal Roberts has observed more student interactions in the classroom and face to face conversations in the hallway.

10. Highwood Fundraising Society- (AGM will be before the School Council Meeting on Oct 16 @ 6:00pm)

11. Final Call for Nominations:

Chair- Marth Klassen

Vice Chair-Tanya Franklin

Secretary-Nicole Warin

Treasurer- Ian Whitworth

12. New Business- Casino Nov 15, 16- need parent volunteers. Money goes into casino account and School Council manages this account. Sign up for spots on the School Council Facebook page.

New School Council Email is highwoodhigh@gmail.com if you wish to email the School Council Chair Martha Klassen.

13. Oct 16 is next meeting

14. Meeting adjourned 8:00pm