

John Ware School Council Agenda - Bring a Friend February
Tuesday, February 18 2025, 6:30 p.m.
In-person and online via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

School admin: Tanis Greenlaw, Principal, and Stephanie Brugos, Assistant Principal
Parent Attendees: Melanie M, Vidhya, Katherine S, Haley, Stefanie A, Leanne B, Sarah K, Erin C, Kondilenia K, Keith C, Dione C, Amanda E, Ryan M
Council Members: Keitha Thompson, Iain Kelly, Gary Gevorgyan, Tara Montenegro, Jacky Robinson
Call to Order: 6:34pm – Erin and Kondelinia

Welcome and housekeeping:

Land Acknowledgement (Tanis) – a renewed land acknowledgement.

- Renaming Fort Calgary = The Confluence, representing the coming together of the Bow and Elbow rivers. Before this place was named for Calgary, there were traditional Blackfoot, Tsuut'ina, Îyârhe Nakoda, Métis and Cree place names for the landscape. These names translate in English to "elbow" to describe the gathering place where the Bow and Elbow rivers meet.

- Blackfoot: Moh'kinstsis (Moh-gihn-s-tis)
- Tsuut'ina: Guts'ists'i (Goo-sist-seh)
- Îyârhe Nakoda: Wîchîspa (Win-cheese-pah)
- Northern Michif & Cree: otôskwanihk (oh-TUSS'-kwanee)

- Approval of Agenda: Iain and Tara approved
- Approve Minutes from January 20, 2025 meeting: Iain and Tara approved

Principal Update:



Presentation, Christine Little, Henry Wise Wood High School

- Wednesday evening there is an info night for students going into Grade 10. This is open to all, not just families with children going into grade 10 this coming September.

- Wise Wood is changing/growing, this year the school is just over 1900 students. The only way for students to go to Henry Wise Wood not in the catchment area is for them to go into a specific program i.e. GATE program or IB program.
- With more students comes a greater diversity of students. Some of the things available outside of the classroom allow students to connect that are like-minded.
 - Full complement of athletics and clubs – football, cross-country, girls' soccer start on day one of the new school year. All help to remove the anonymity. Many other clubs for non-athletic interests as well.

ATHLETICS	SCHOOL CLUBS:
- Football - Cross Country - Volleyball - Swimming - Basketball - Badminton - Curling - Rugby - Field Hockey - Soccer - Track and Field	Examples have included - Skills - Agents for Change - Art - Debate - Modell UN - Interact - Robotics - STEM - Yearbook - Chess

- Moving from Junior High to High School – changes in structure, changes in grading (moving from the 1-4 grading to percentage grading). Want students to be successful.

Many students have been looking forward to the move to high school and we recognize this can be a big adjustment for students and families as they encounter changes such as:

- more demands on personal responsibility, and self-advocacy
- Possible shifting in peer connections
- Increased number and diversity of learners
- Emphasis on the importance of attendance due to the pacing of classes
- A shift in preparation for life after high school

- All grade 10 students must take PhysEd 10, 4 Cores (Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies) and 3 possible options. Grade 10 students not allowed to have spares, maximum of one spare in grade 11. Fifty (50) percent must be reached to go to the next course and receive credits.
- Difference in pathways for students entering into the workforce, and pathways for students wanting to go onto some form of training / post-secondary schooling

My Blueprint – allows you to look at different careers and understand what is required to attain entrance to programs

So what needs to get done by the end of grade 12....

Alberta High School Diploma

♦ **Minimum Requirements:**

- ♦ 100 credits
- ♦ Grade 12 English (30-1 or 30-2)
- ♦ Grade 12 Social Studies (30-1 or 30-2)
- ♦ Grade 11 Math (20-1, 20-1, 20-3)
- ♦ Grade 11 Science (5 possibilities)
- ♦ PE 10
- ♦ CALM
- ♦ 10 Credits at the 30 level in addition to English and Social Studies
- ♦ 10 Credits in any combination from: Career and Technology Studies (CTS), Fine Arts, PE 20/30, Second Language



Alberta Certificate of Completion (K&E)

♦ **Minimum requirements:**

- ♦ 80 Credits
- ♦ English 20-2 or 30-4
- ♦ Math 10-3 or 20-4
- ♦ Science 14 or 20-4
- ♦ Social Studies 10-2 or 20-4
- ♦ PE 10
- ♦ CALM
- ♦ 5 Credits in 30 level CTS & Work Experience OR
- ♦ 5 Credits in 30 level Registered Apprenticeship Program



- See PPT for information. Contact school with any further questions.

Evidence-based Selections

- ◆ We want to make sure you are placed in appropriate classes as we want you to thrive
- ◆ Input from Jr High teachers
- ◆ Performance in Jr High Courses
- ◆ Balance – maintaining an academics while exploring interests and extracurricular opportunities
- ◆ Looking ahead – planning on exploring courses that would be potential for future study to the 30 level, to meet diploma requirements and potential post secondary entrance requirements



Principal update:

School Planning Survey 2025 | John Ware School



- Survey - sending out a link for school budget and fees – gaining an understanding about where the fees go to and what funding comes from CBE, how are they spent. The link is below – should take maximum 15 mins to complete.

https://engage.zencity.io/cbeschools/en/engagements/656718d1-604e-4386-80b5-5fa2e3206979?utm_medium=email

- Parent project proposal – Kondelinia



- Purchase of materials to build two Gaga Ball Pits – there are several schools around who have these. You don't need to be athletic to play this, kids love this game, currently they are using wooden benches in the gym to play this, and it is not necessarily the safest way to play.

- What is Gaga Ball?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cix6Ylt2rn4>

- Built from composite wood – for quantity 2 we are looking at just over \$10,000. Only require one ball to play – does not need to be a specific type of ball. These have to install on concrete – CBE

approved vendor is Coach Cliff Gaga Ball Pit; payment is in USD.

- We would need volunteers to assemble once received.

Treasurers Report:

- General Account and Casino Account
 - i. The reason for the two accounts is the limitations on spending of Casino account.

- ii. Budget for 2025 – vast majority of funds come from the Casino fundraiser – next years Casino dates will be April/May or June 2025
- iii. Healthy Hunger is the second most profitable event.
- iv. Vast majority of our funds go to Technology
- v. There is a \$5000 yearly fee to use Southland Leisure Center (SLC)
- vi. General balance = \$7000, awaiting Casino check but we are expecting about \$70,000 to be spent over 2 years.
- vii. Yearly audits – bank reconciliation

New Business / Open Discussion:

- Welcome to all the new attendees to today's meeting – thank you for attending. We request families to attend further meetings: we have some open positions and will have more next year as we have several members moving out of the school in 2025/26.
- INFORMATION: SLC is closing the pool in the fall to do some renovations, looking for opportunities to use SLC in new ways. There is a free after school program offered that does afford the kids access to the pool.
- Suggested way to raise funds for the Gaga Ball Pits – Texas Donut Day
- Are there any other topics that Parents/Guardians are interested in learning more about? We can tailor the meetings to what people are interested in learning about Junior High School
- Request to get more Artists in Residence
- Grade 9 Farewell – June 19

Adjournment: 8:20 pm – Gary motioned, Keitha seconds

Next meeting: Monday, March 17, 2025

Future Meetings:

- Monday, March 17th, 2025
- Tuesday, April 15th, 2025
- Tuesday, May 20th, 2025