



Planning & Process: Post-Secondary

ORDINARY MEETING OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 @ 6:30 PM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS



Agenda



- ▶ Meeting Facilitator: Natalia Sorokina, Acting Chairperson
- ▶ 1. “Post-Secondary Education”, presented by Kathie Coutts, Student Services
- ▶ 2. Welcome & Call to Order
 - ▶ Registration of Attendance
 - ▶ Explanation of voting
- ▶ 3. Approval of Agenda
- ▶ 4. Approval of minutes from May 11, 2022 Ordinary Meeting of School Council Meeting
- ▶ [WCHS General Council Meeting Minutes May 11 2022.docx](#)
- ▶ 5. Students’ Union Update



Agenda



6. Principal's Update and Q&A - Carma Cornea, Principal

7. School Council Reports:

- Chairperson Update
- Treasurer Update
- Key Communicator Update
- Volunteer Update
- Speaker Series Update
- Friends of Western and Casino Report

8. New Business

9. Adjournment



What do I want to do? Which path is best for me?

- ▶ If you are unsure, you are not alone!
- ▶ Research YOU:
 - ▶ Interest inventories, aptitude tests, personality tests, etc....
 - ▶ Online resources, including:
 - ▶ ALIS – Alberta Learning Information Service
 - ▶ Check the internet for free personality assessments
 - ▶ Students can access myBlueprint from the Western Website under Culture & Environment /Student Services/Career Centre
 - ▶ Talk to family & friends – *insights about you?*



Find Your Program

- Research which institutions have what interests you
- Check the entrance requirements
- Check the tuition fees
- Check the application dates and deadlines
- Ensure you have initiated your myPass Account
 - Students need their Alberta Student Number (ASN) to register for myPass



Apply

- ▶ Most applications open in October
 - ▶ Alberta: **Apply Alberta**
 - ▶ Specific Post-Secondary Institutions are listed: Universities, Colleges, Technical Institutes (e.g., SAIT, NAIT)
 - ▶ Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)
 - ▶ May apply for 3 programs
 - ▶ Fee: \$156
 - ▶ Additional programs - \$50 each



Dates & deadlines...

- ▶ deadlines vary
 - ▶ e.g., U of Calgary applications open October 1 & close March 1
 - ▶ Mount Royal University opens October 1,
 - ▶ but has deadlines for specific applications: e.g., Feb 1 for Nursing, Interior Design, Education, & Midwifery
 - ▶ other programs accept applications on an ongoing basis until programs are full (or until Aug 1)



University Programs: Required Courses

- ▶ Generally, five 30-level courses are required (ELA 30-1 always)
- ▶ In Alberta – many programs require 4, 30-level academic courses & 1 option course
- ▶ Outside of Alberta, some require 5 academic grade 12 subjects
- ▶ Program-dependent
 - ▶ E.g., Math 30-2 is generally accepted for Arts, Social Sciences, & Fine Arts
 - ▶ Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics - more restrictive:
 - ▶ e.g., Engineering: Math 30-1, Math 31, Physics 30, Chemistry 30 & English 30-1



College & Tech Institutions: Required Courses

- ▶ Course requirements differ depending on specific program
- ▶ E.g., SAIT – **wide variety of programs**
 - ▶ from Certificates, to 2-year Diplomas, to 4-year Bachelor Degrees
 - ▶ So, course requirements **vary widely**:
 - ▶ from English 10 and Math 10 (e.g., Professional Cooking Program) to 5-30 level courses, including English 30-1, to do the 4-yr Bachelor of Business Administration Program
- ▶ *Moral of the story: check course requirements carefully*



Scholarships & Awards

- ▶ Institutions have their own Scholarships & Awards
 - ▶ Some are automatic (e.g., entrance awards)
 - ▶ Some require an application (e.g., U of C's Prestige Awards, Dec. 1 deadline)
- ▶ **Many** Scholarship opportunities online, e.g.:
 - ▶ scholartree.ca;
 - ▶ scholarshipscanada.com;
 - ▶ studentaid.alberta.ca ...



Student Services Support



- Meet with your counsellor
 - Specific institution information
 - Program advising
 - Assistance deciphering application requirements
 - Scholarship application guidance
- Counsellors in Grade 12 classes with handout and short presentation between Oct. 4 and October 14



Fairs, Open Houses, and Presentations

- ▶ Study and Go Abroad Fair – BMO Centre September 29 – 2:00 – 6:00 register on website
- ▶ +IVY virtual event – information and link to register for September 28th
- ▶ In-Province University/College Fair at Western – October 5, Periods 3 & 4, Grade 11 & 12 classes will have an opportunity to meet various post-secondary representatives from Alberta Institutions
- ▶ Out-of-Province Post-Secondary Fair – October 25, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, students and parents will have the opportunity to meet with various university representatives from across Canada
- ▶ Individual university presentations – at Western over the next couple of months – students need to be checking daily bulletin e.g., U of C – Oct. 13, afterschool; U of T – November 3, lunchtime
- ▶ Universities will also host their own virtual events – check university websites
- ▶ U of C Open House – Oct 22; SAIT Open House – Oct. 28 & 29; MRU Open House Oct 29; Ambrose University & St. Mary's University – Oct 15



Support on Western's Website...

- ▶ WCHS Grade 12 Graduation Information
- ▶ Scholarships websites list and links
- ▶ 5 Steps to Winning Scholarships
- ▶ Link to ALIS: excellent site for career exploration & information, and for scholarships & loan information



Call to order and approval of Agenda

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Student Union Update





Principal Update- Carma Cornea



Chairperson Update – Natalia Sorokina

- ▶ THANK YOU TO THE WCHS ADMINISTRATION, STAFF AND TEACHERS FOR WORKING SO HARD TO KEEP WESTERN STUDENTS SAFE AND WELL EDUCATED
- ▶ THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS FOR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TEACHER APPRECIATION FUNDRAISING EFFORTS - E-TRANSFER CAMPAIN (April-May 2022)
- ▶ ANY PARENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE EXECUTIVE OF SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR THE 2022/23 SCHOOLYEAR, PLEASE EMAIL WCHSEXEC@GMAIL.COM
- ▶ FACEBOOK AT:
 - SEARCH "WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT COMMUNITY"
 - [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/2651871125054120/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2651871125054120/)
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Treasurer Update- Veronica M

Western Canada High School Parent Council

Proposed Budget for September 2021-August 2022			Actual Spending for September 2021-August : 8/31/2022		
Opening Balance		\$ 3,963.28	Opening Balance		\$ 3,963.28
Contributions			Contributions		
Donations	Revenue	\$ -	Donations	Revenue	\$ 500.00
Parent Contributions	Revenue	\$ -	Parent Contributions	Revenue	\$ 10,105.00
Total Income from Contributions		\$ -	Total Income from Contributions		\$ 10,605.00
Spending			Spending		
Staff Appreciation June 2022		\$ (2,500.00)	Staff Appreciation June 2022		\$ (4,457.17)
Staff Appreciation December '21		\$ (700.00)	Staff Appreciation December '21		\$ (698.68)
Gifts/Thank yous/ Speaker Series		\$ (300.00)	Speaker Series Feb 2022		\$ (500.00)
Meeting supplies (water,etc)		\$ (200.00)	Meeting supplies (water,etc)		\$ -
Bank Fees		\$ (100.00)	Bank Fees		\$ (20.00)
Registration Fees (ASCA, etc.)		\$ (50.00)	Registration Fees (ASCA, etc.)		\$ -
Monthly Meeting Expenses		\$ -	Monthly Meeting Expenses		\$ -
Future School Needs		\$ -	Future School Needs		\$ -
Other		\$ -	Other		\$ -
Total Spending		\$ (3,850.00)	Total Spending		\$ (5,675.85)
Proposed Closing Balance August 2022		\$ 113.28	Closing Balance August 2022		\$ 8,892.43



Key Communicator Update

► COSC Meeting June 2, 2022

- Link to Presentation: <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Documents/20220602-COSC-Presentation.pdf>
- The 2022-23 Budget - <https://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/budget-and-finance/Documents/Budget-2022-23.pdf>
- Budget aligns with Board's priorities / approved on May 24, 2022
- Reserve levels are 3% (11 days of CBE operation)
- Flat funding and increased enrollment means lower per student funding
- Education Plan <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Education-Plan.pdf>
- Student success is at the centre of the plan
- Other components of the plan are: - Learning excellence/ People excellence/ Collaborative partnerships/ Strategic Resourcing
- Curriculum Update
 - Board wants significant change to curriculum
 - Concerns remain regarding design and content
 - There are still opportunities for feedback
 - Timeline for implementation (mostly fall 2022 - see slides)
 - New curriculum supports are in place



Volunteer Coordinator Report – Ruby B

- An online volunteer interest form was sent to all families on 22 September 2022
- This form is the starting point to begin your annual volunteering role at Western
- Based on the volunteer role you are interested in, you will be contacted with next steps
- We have received 75 responses so far and we thank everyone who filled the form
- We will be in touch with each one of you this October
- Looking forward to connecting with you



Speaker Series Update – Jody R

- ▶ Throughout the school year, School Council coordinates with Alberta Health Services and brings in experts to discuss topics and share the latest research on topics such as teen mental health and stress management. Additionally, we work with Western staff to communicate timely news on the topics of work experience, the post-secondary process, plus everything you need to know about graduation.
- ▶ If there are any topics of particular interest, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can drop your suggestions during this meeting in the comment section, comment on our Facebook page: Western Canada High School Parent Community or email us at: wchsexec@gmail.com.

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Friends of Western and Casino Report- Wendy W

- ▶ The annual Celebrate Western fundraiser will be held as an online auction this November
- ▶ Celebrate Western is one of the main fundraisers which provides funding to sports and extracurricular activities at WCHS
- ▶ The Celebrate Western committee is currently looking for volunteers to help with the organization of Celebrate Western
- ▶ Anyone interested in joining the committee or helping to solicit for auction items, please email celebratwestern2022@gmail.com
- ▶ Anyone interested in donating items or funds to the auction, please contact celebratwestern2022@gmail.com



Adjournment

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- ▶ NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Annual General Meeting on November 16, 2022
This meeting will take place on Microsoft Teams
Login details are located in the invitation email