

AY Jackson Secondary School Council

Monday, September 28, 2015

6:30 p.m. in the Library

Present: April Boomer, Susan Wehrmann, Sandra Blakely, Jasmine Larocque, Kelly Wiebe, Diane d'Entremont, Kathryn Tranter, Danny MD Ervin, Lillian Neitzel, Michelle Mylrea, Deb Hickey, Nick d'Entremont.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Vote for new council

Marjorie Snider resigned at the end of last year so a new Chair is needed. Lillian Neitzel was acclaimed as Chair. No one was interested in Vice Chair or Secretary so April Boomer and Susan Wehrmann stayed in the positions.

Student Council Report – Nick d'Entremont

First Spirit Days went well with about 45% participation.

There are 10 people running for Grade reps on council. Election is Thursday. We are currently updating the student council constitution. We meet with Mrs. Blakely every other Monday, before school at 8:00 a.m.

First dance is October 8th, theme is “Go with the Glo”.

October 26-30 we will have Hallow Week.

Teacher Report – Jasmine Larocque

We have a lot going on so far this school year. We have a concussion assembly Tuesday, September 29th.

October 6&7 all grade 9 students in Phys Ed will get CPR training. This will repeat next term for those who get Phys Ed in the second semester.

University and Colleges will be visiting over the next 2 months. Make sure to keep checking the school website under Student Success.

October 9 – PD day

October 19 – Progress reports

October 22 – Parent/teacher interviews

October 22-25 – Boston trip, 48 students and 5 staff will be going

November 4 – Take your kids to work day for grade 9 students

November 20 – Report cards

November 20 – Fall Coffee House performance. Runs approximately 7-10, depending on the number of participants.

In December will be a Semi-formal dance and dance showcase

Principal's Report – Sandra Blakely

Lots of new staff, lots hired in french immersion. French immersion is growing which is not surprising considering the amount of students in elementary french programs.

School council submitted a Pro Grant. An arborist came from the city to take a look around. Looks good to get the grant but we won't know for sure until January. The school board will remove 11 Ash trees July 2016. Grant money will go to replacing these trees. The Arborist gave us some good suggestions for replacements.

We have ordered a new sign. It will have space to put events on it. Garden will be built around it in the spring.

We are making the school more accessible: will have a ramp to parking lot by bringing sidewalk to asphalt level. The girls washrooms are wheelchair accessible but the boys are not. We will be making a Gender neutral washroom.

Concussion protocol was rolled out last year. Check out AY's website for more information on the policy. For students awareness is very important and getting them to tell an Adult. A concussion group in Kanata will come in to talk to students – includes Kids talking to Kids. The presentation is for all grades.

November 19 is Parent info night. Preparing students and parents for after grade 12.

The office now accepts Visa and MC.

We have 4 new vending machines in the Cafe.

Prom – 80% of grade 11 students voted in favor of school sanctioned Prom. Possible date is Friday of the May long weekend. They have narrowed it down to 2 venues. We will not be organizing After Prom but we understand that there likely will be one. We want to make Prom awesome for the students. At this time the price looks to be \$80-\$100 but fundraising will reduce this.

OCASC – no report

OCDSB Update - Lillian Neitzel

October 3 is the Parent Council training – Annie Kidder will be the key note speaker.

Labour – ratification for local level will be tomorrow.

Budget has been set.

Round Table

- Grade 11 schedules are not good – Options are done online in a data management system. In June there was a high number of conflicts. Period 4 classes all were full. It took the first 3 weeks to get everything worked out. Grade 9 & 10 students have less options so they are the priority. Grade 11 and 12 students are normally more independent learners, they can do online classes whereas grades 9 & 10 cannot.

Mr. Horn and Mrs. Collins are working hard to eliminate all conflicts.

-Thumbs up to J Crew both for grade 9 and 11 students.

- Why did we not do Terry Fox Run? We can do it. Students need to find a staff member to support it.

- The field hockey team needs new uniforms. Why do they not get them when other sports do? They also need new sticks.
BCA may sponser, also the Kanata Sports Association will give money to help purchase the items.

Meet was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting

Monday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome!