

**AY Jackson Secondary School Council**

Monday, January 25, 2016

6:30 p.m. in the Library

**Present:** Lillian Neitzel, Susan Wehrmann, Sandra Blakely, Jasmine Larocque, Kathy Scheepers, Robert Barter, Diane McFaul, Linda Wong, Mike Hickey, Diane d'Entremont, Kelly Wiebe, Ann Lawrence, Kristine Belanger, Kathryn Tranter Abt.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Agenda amendment – Ms. Scheepers and Mr. Barter to present first.

**International Certificate Program (ICP) – Kathy Scheepers, Robert Barter**

Mr. Barter: has been with AY for 16 years and is the lead for the ICP. He helps to organize the exchanges and trips that happen at AY. Unfortunately our China exchange was cancelled (not enough students signed up). In the fall the students did a Boston trip and in Spring there is a Peru trip scheduled.

In 2016/2017 the exchange will be to Zaragoza, Spain, and the International trip is to Italy. Both happen in Spring. In the fall students have the opportunity to go to New York City.

In 2017/2018 the exchange is again to Suzhou, China and the International trip is to the Canadian Battlefields in France, Germany and Belgium, both in spring. In the fall the students have the opportunity to go to Washington.

In 2018/2019 the exchange will be to Zaragoza, Spain, and the International trip is to France, both in Spring. In the fall students have the opportunity to go to Boston.

Please see Mr. Barter for more details on trips.

AY loves to celebrate its diversity and for 13 years we have been doing just that. You may have noticed in the pit and cafeteria international flags. These countries are represented at AY in our student body. We also hold successful multicultural buffets, Alter Reality Club is an activist club that raises money for various ventures. In the past they helped build a school in Kenya. Currently they are raising money for a Syrian refugee family.

10 years ago AY was voted Global Learning Centre.

The purpose of the ICP is to recognize and honour students who demonstrate a commitment to being motivated, engaged and active global citizens.

AY was selected by the ICP as one of the 6 pilot schools in 2012/2013. There are currently 40 students at AY in the ICP and 700 board wide. Students must be self disciplined.

OCENET got the program from the Calgary Board of Education who pioneered it. OCDSB now mentors other school boards. OCENET offers scholarships and bursaries.

There are 3 components to this program:

Component 1 – students must complete one credit in a language other than English or French and participate in an intercultural awareness workshop.

Component 2 – International coursework – students must complete four Grade 11 or 12 level courses with a specified international focus and they must complete at least two major summative tasks with a specific focus in any other courses between grades 9-12.

Component 3 – International experience and engagement – students must commit to an international experience and engagement of at least 100 hours (locally or abroad) between grades 9-12. This experience can occur as a one time experience or through a series of experiences spread throughout your high school years.

Students who are enrolled get access to DESIRE2LEARN. Students can register at any grade but it is best to get in before Grade 11.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> there is an International Education Fair at Confederation Education Center. There will be 30+ information booths and embassies.

For more information visit [OCDSB.ca](http://OCDSB.ca) ->Programs->International->International Certificate Program.

**Teacher Report** – Jasmine Larocque

May 21-28 there is a student exchange to Northumberland, N.S.

Foods students cooked a chili lunch for staff. \$400 was raised for food security in Northern Canada.

The Prom committee had a bottle drive and raised \$1100. Well done.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> is Toonie Tuesday. Students in all OCDSB schools are asked to bring \$2 for the Education Foundation. All money raised goes to students in crisis in our communities. Students get grade war points.

The China exchange has been cancelled due to lack of enrolment.

Exams start tomorrow, January 26<sup>th</sup>. February 1<sup>st</sup> is a new PD day that has been added due to the teachers new contract. February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the start of Term 2 and is a Day 2.

February 11<sup>th</sup> Term 1 report cards are sent home. There will be an assembly for course selection for next year.

February 25<sup>th</sup> is parent course kiosk night from 7-9 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to attend the kiosk the following day as well.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> course selection sheets are due.

### **Student Council Report** – Mrs. Blakely on behalf of Student Council

School council took a hiatus for the month due to exams and summatives.

Before the break we hosted our Holiday Spirit Week and had great participation all week long, we had five spirit days and four games in the pit for the week.

We did a holiday photo booth project in the front of the school where students could come take pictures with a student Santa.

The Giving Tree clothing and food drive saw a lot of donations from classes with grade 9 and 11 donating the most. The food was all donated to the Kanata Food Cupboard and the snowsuits, hats, gloves and other winter wear (all gently used) went to the Snowsuit Foundation.

At the beginning of December we held our Winter Wonderland semi formal dance which was enjoyed by the 160+ attendees. For future dances we may look into having a student DJ to cut costs and we think that a student DJ would be more in turn with students music tastes.

In the coming months we will be amping up our activities for Grade Wars, and will be planning more regular spirit days and pit games. We have two spirit weeks remaining the our year. Comfy week (blankets, Pjs, snuggies, etc...) will be the week prior to the March Break and our huge Grade War Finale week will occur at the end of May. We have yet to determine the prize for the winning grade.

### **Principal's Report** – Sandra Blakely

The board will be adding a day onto exams in June – 6 days in total. 4 days for exams and 2 days to allow Guidance to get marks in. (June 20-27 is exam week).

We will be offering some new courses next year – Leadership and Peer support (french and english), Biology in french, Literature in place of Writers Craft, Investing and Personal Finance, Entrepreneurship (grade 11 & 12).

Staffing – we have a new VP, Steve Jackson and a new Chief Custodian Nick Poirier, who is here on an LTO.

The Prom committee will be having 2 other fundraising events – a raffle and a Bake sale in April (hoping parents and parent council will help). May also try another bottle drive in March.

Due to accessibility requirements we are required to change our website. The Board has made one for each school but we will not be launching it until March. We will also try and get a board email for school council. Ms. Kirby will be taking on the website which we want to mirror our current website. The new site will go well with Google classroom. I will have more information at our next meeting.

Last year we started a greening project. We applied for a \$10,000 grant with the city (still waiting to see if we get it). We are getting a new sign. We also applied for a Board grant of \$25,000 for garden improvements. We will know by the next meeting if we get it.

Next meeting Mrs. Collins will give a presentation on the AY co-op program and the dual credit program.

As we move into 2<sup>nd</sup> semester some students are on the waiting list for classes. 9's and 10's all have courses (Guidance started the process in December) but 11's and 12's come in at this time to change classes which opens up spots. Students on the wait list now get in. This is the reason for what is considered last minute entry.

11's and 12's have more options but not in french. We have some new EFI teachers we'd like to see do other classes.

We no longer have extended french for grade 9 students. This class was for the LFI students but that program no longer exists.

Feb 20 & 21 we will be offering a First Aid course for students. Cost is \$55 and the course runs 8:30-4:30 each day. Students who pass will get full certification. There are only 17 spots.

**OCASC – no report**

**OCDSB Update - Lillian Neitzel**

**Important dates:**

Official Kindergarten Registration week - January 25-29, 2016

Middle French Immersion Registration Period - February 16-22, 2016

Cross Boundary Student Transfer Application Period - February 8-19th, 2016

Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test: March 31, 2016

Upcoming PA days: February 1 & 12

Family Day holiday: February 15

March Break holiday: March 14-18

Easter Holiday: March 25 & 28

## **Labour Relations Update:**

### **New**

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board is pleased to announce that a tentative local agreement has been reached with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation - Educational Support Professionals.

The terms of the agreement will remain confidential until ratified by both parties. Ratification is scheduled to be completed by or before February 12, 2016.

Negotiations with three OSSTF support staff bargaining units which represent early childhood educators, educational assistants, psychologists, social workers and speech language pathologists, Adult ESL Instructors and childcare workers are ongoing.

### **Other Agreements:**

A tentative local agreement has been reached with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation - Plant Support Staff Unit representing custodial and maintenance staff. The terms of the agreement will remain confidential until ratified by both parties. Ratification is scheduled to be completed by or before February 12, 2016.

The local tentative agreement between the Board and ETFO, representing OCDSB elementary teachers, was ratified on Monday, December 7, 2015. This means that the new collective agreement, including both the central and local settlements, is now in effect.

A tentative settlement has been reached at the central table with OSSTF Educational Support Workers. Ratification was completed in December 2015.

A tentative local agreement has been reached with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and its Ottawa Teacher Local representing elementary occasional school teachers. The terms of the agreement will remain confidential until ratified by both parties. Ratification is scheduled to be completed by or before January 31, 2016.

### **2016-2017 Budget Development**

School districts operate on a fiscal year that runs from 01 September to 31 August. The District's budget for the upcoming fiscal year must be approved by the Board before the end of June of the current year. To meet this timeline, a staff recommended budget will be presented to Committee of the Whole (Budget) on 10 May 2016 and several meetings are scheduled to obtain comment from the public, to provide the Board with an opportunity to establish the District's priorities and to refine the allocation of resources. It is expected that the 2016-2017 Budget will be approved at the 27 June 2016 Board meeting.

The following resources are available online at [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca) for reference as part of the District's consultation process.

11 Jan 2016 - 2016-2017 Budget Process Update (Presentation)

11 Jan 2016 - 2016-2017 Budget Process Update (Report 16-015)

10 Nov 2015 - 2016-2017 Budget Process and Overview (Presentation)

10 Nov 2015 - 2016-2017 Budget Process and Overview (Report 15-145)

#### Upcoming Meetings

09 February - Budget development update

04 April - Budget development update (GSN)

10 May - Presentation of the staff recommended budget

30 May - Delegations and questions

06 June - Budget Debate

13 June - Budget Debate, if required

20 June - Budget Debate, if required

27 June - Board Meeting (Budget approval)

Questions and comments can be sent by e-mail to [budgetinfo@ocdsb.ca](mailto:budgetinfo@ocdsb.ca) . Questions will be responded to as part of a Question and Answer document prepared in support of the 2016-2017 budget. Comments will be shared with senior staff

#### **Immunizations**

Ottawa Public Health (OPH) is reviewing the immunization records of 150,000 students attending elementary and secondary schools in Ottawa to make sure the information is up-to-date. Updates on immunizations are crucial information to protect the health of students during an infectious disease outbreak, such as measles.

To avoid school suspensions, parents who receive a letter requesting immunization information can contact OPH by phone at 613-580-6744 or submit immunization information online, by fax (613-580-9660), by mail or by the ImmunizeCA app. Parents can visit [parentinginottawa.ca/immunization](http://parentinginottawa.ca/immunization) for more details about how to submit their child's immunization information to Ottawa Public Health. Suspension letters for OCDSB students will be sent home starting in January 2016.

NOTE: translated letters in various languages are available online at [ocdsb.ca](http://ocdsb.ca)

#### **Round Table**

Grad – June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. There is a limited number of tickets.

Course selections – do they get interest test to help them decide on what to take? Yes but in Civics/Careers class. If students do not get this class until 2<sup>nd</sup> term they can come to Guidance for help.

Meet was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome!