

AY Jackson Secondary School Council

Monday, May 30, 2016

6:30 p.m. in the Library

Present: Lillian Neitzel, Susan Wehrmann, Sandra Blakely, Jasmine Larocque, Nicolas d'Entremont, Srikar Thungathurti, Diane McFaulFreeman, Cathy MacDonell, Kim Lovett, Carla Kirby, Michele Mylrea, Deb Hickey, Mike Hickey.

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

Website – Carla Kirby

All schools were given direction by the board to get new websites that are accessible. Our new school website will not be launched until after the school year is done. Ms. Kirby and Ms. Verner will take over the task of keeping the website up-to-date.

There will be JTV link on the main page and a link to the guidance calendar.

Unfortunately the pictures on the main page cannot be resized to fill in the blue space.

The google calendar is a live calendar (meeting, field trips, ...) but there will not be individual class information. We are going to add the teachers google calendars twith their name and phone extension.

Parent asked if the old web page could direct parents to the new website – Mrs. Blakely will ask them to.

School Climate Survey

Getting student feedback on school climate so that they feel safe and have a structured place to learn. We'd like parents feedback now, as well as students.

The survey was prepared by the Learning Bar. The survey will take approximately 15 mins (14-15 questions). June 1-15 it will be available. A synervice was sent out today with the information on how to access the survey. A letter is available upon request and it will be posted on the website.

Example of questions – homework – how often, how much; how does school support child in regards to communication home; are students aware of expectations; bullying; safety; parent involvement; number of activities we attend for our child; best way for parents to be communicated with via school.

School Learning Plan

Collaborative Inquiry. Continued along same plans as last year – different departments working together on a lesson and then observe it in a class.

The target group is Grade 9 and 10 applied students including ELL.

Grade 9 science, math, English

Grade 10 history, tech

Teachers come to table with learning expectation and idea. During lesson have observation sheets, teachers ask the student questions in a non evasive way. They take lots of pictures and video.

After teachers debrief- What worked? What didn't? Were the students engaged?

Student Council Report – Nicolas d'Entremont

Recap – everything is all wrapped up. The year long grade wars ended at the beginning of May. The last spirit week the Grade 9's and 12's were only 2 points apart but the Grade 12's ended up winning! The prize was a sundae party.

This past Thursday was the elections for the executive positions. Sept 29th the grade reps will be voted in. Old council will transition with the new council. The new council will start planning for next year.

Teacher Report – Jasmine Larocque

150 kids from the community were brought into the school (2 groups of 75) for PAW Patrol.

Parenting class wants to purchase new babies.

The Dance Showcase will be held May 31st from 7-9 p.m. This is a free event.

Athletic awards banquet is Tuesday. The girls soccer team went undefeated (no goals were scored on them).

The National Bank of Canada gave a \$4000 grant to Alter Reality.

Our students came back Saturday from Nova Scotia. Parents say kids had a wonderful trip.

Grade 9 math EQAO will be next week, June 9th.

Exams will be as follows: Period 3; Period 2; Period 4 and Period 1.

Principal's Report – Sandra Blakely

Prom was amazing! Overall it was well liked. It was all wrapped up by 11. Next year we will have a different DJ.

This year – there were parameter surrounding prom. For the last 9 or so years we had non sanctioned school proms where an outside company ran it. Safety was an issue (alcohol consumption was a problem). After the success of this year's prom we do not

want to go back to non sanctioned proms. About ½ of OCDSB high schools had a school sanctioned prom this year. The school paid for the staff chaperones dinners and for the police. The school also offered assistance to 6 students who were not able to pay. For some others the school offered a payment plan. Tickets were sold in a 2 week period.

We have a new Chief Custodian – Tony Falace

During the summer the dead trees will be coming down from the front of the school and we will be getting more cameras (an upgrade).

In the Fall we will have an Autism class. There will be a new teacher for this class coming from Sir Guy. We will also be getting 2 new EAs (one already a staff member at AY and hiring another). We will be upgrading a classroom with funding we have been given.

After report cards are done I will be doing the Greening application. We are looking at getting metal seating for students.

Gym equipment usage during lunch breaks – unfortunately students cannot use it do to liability issues. Chris Layer, the new Phys Ed head, and Mrs. Blakely will look into outdoor supervision on nice days.

The last day of classes is June 17. Exams start June 20.

Capital Projects put forward by the board:

- extension to AY
- new high school in Stittsville

Thank you to Jasmine for serving as our Staff rep for this year. Jasmine has taken a teach job at Longfields Davidson Heights for next year. You will be missed.

Round Table

Why are the portables so hot? The a/c in portables are on a motion sensor so it will take a bit to cool down once the students get it.

Term teachers for Tech and French go out in June.

Meet was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

This was our last meeting of the year. Have a great break and see you in September.