

A.Y. Jackson Parent Council
October 24, 2016

Attendees:

Sandra Blakely	Lillian Neitzel	Wendy Clee
Cherie Douglas	Paul Warner	Diane McFaul-Freeman
Tome Jewett	Bonnie MacLean	Hala Al-Shaer
Kim Lambert	Lorraine Piegeon	Tania Nefedov

With regrets: Susan Werhmann

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm by Lillian N

Student Council Report – Hala Al-Shaer

Has been a busy month since our last meeting

- school dance was cancelled due to lack of interest – perhaps in the future this dance will focus on the grade 9s and making them feel more a part of A.Y
- Oct 25-31 – Hallow Week
- Haunted House Period 2 for grade 9s and then open to all
- co – president mtg – focused on school budgets, Rideau HS closing in 2017, student learning, IEPs and student opinion on dress code. A survey either in person or online (or both) will take place for feedback (both parents and students will have input).
- Oct 25 will start filming for J-TV, hopefully first broadcast will happen this Friday, and monthly moving forward
- November – a few events/activities planned for the grade 9s

Staff Report – Roxanne Venier

There is so much going on in our school.

- Sept 29 – Terry Fox Run..raised just under \$1000.00
- Sept 30 – Orange T-shirt Day (Gr 10s participated in a very emotional blanket ceremony)
- Oct 3rd – Together Ensemble – focus Global Development took place
- Early October, Gr9s visited Old Quarry Trail (Geography classes)
- Early October students participated in Capital Clean Up Campaign
- Oct 24 – Varsity hockey team suffered a loss to Colonel By
- Oct 25 – Fall Concert
- Oct 25 – Gr 11/12 assembly “Drop It and Drive” focuses on distraction & driving
- Oct 27 – University Information Night 6:15-8:30pm for Gr 12 students – Most Universities in the province will be there (Grade 11 also invited to attend)

Staff Report con'd

- Nov 1-15 Christmas Box Initiative, all grades, to sponsor a child in need at Christmas (receive a box, fill with age appropriate items, and boxes will be mailed to children in Winnipeg)
- Nov 2 – Take your child to work day. If your child is not able to attend their parents workplace please contact the office for assistance.
- Nov 17th – Report Cards going home (positive feedback on Progress Reports from parents at meeting)
- Nov 17th – Coffee House Auditions (date of event TBA)
- Some gr 9s are attending workshops on CPR, Social Media etc

Lots of Fall Sports going on:

Tennis, Golf , cross country, Sr Girls Basketball, Sr Girl/Boy Volleyball, Boys Varsity soccer, Jr Boys Basketball Tryouts, Girls Varsity hockey

- Intramural Sports taking place at lunch
- FREE Yoga and Spin classes – Tuesday's after school – until the end of October
- FREE Yoga and Kickbox classes – Tuesday's after school during the month of November

Clubs at A.Y

- Wed at lunch – Dance
- Thurs at lunch – Art (going to work on one new mural and repair 1 mural)
- Outers Club – went caving and planning on a night hike
- Astronomy

Principal Report – Sandra Blakely

Our Total Operating Budget (TOB) \$150,716

The break down:

- \$84,764 (shares with Depts, office supplies,school admin,professional development,some furniture purchases)
- \$6,196 (for temporary assistance – supply costs for office staff, tech support and EA's)
- \$59,756 (Supply teacher budget)
- we have extracurricular budgets (athletics,Tech,drama) and school generated funds (vending machines,photo rebate and cafeteria)

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Principal's Report con'd

NEW: Staff Project (book club) - "Growth Mindset" by Carol Dweck

A book that "explains that it is not just our abilities and talent that bring success, but how we approach them, with a fixed or growth mindset. With the right mindset we can motivate our kids and help them raise their grades as well as reach goals" Great read for parents, educators, students and coaches. Will use as the school/teachers set the tone for School Improvement Plan.

Sources of Strength

A few teachers are being trained and approximately 25 students (all grade levels will be considered) will be chosen as well to participate in creating a safe place for help/hope/conversation of today's teens (ie: suicide prevention) These students will be chosen from groups in the school like J-Crew, Man-Up, Peer Leadership class, Mr Tarrent's class.

PROM Update

As mentioned in the last meeting there are students in the Gr 12 graduating class organizing a Non-School Sanctioned Prom. Mrs Blakely took parents concerns from last meeting and other parental feedback to the students – (parental concerns are about the safety and well being of the students, underage drinking – pre and post prom events being held in Quebec-where the legal drinking age is lower, receiving what they paid for, not sharing a venue with other schools, no official contract with Event Coordinator)

A meeting was held, the students had a presentation from the Prom organizers and then students were asked to vote FOR or AGAINST a School Sanctioned Prom. Almost three-quarters, 73%, of the Grade 12 graduating class voted for a NON-School Sanctioned Prom.

So what do we do in the future to ensure the safety of our children at prom?

(1) set up an Early Prom Committee before PromNight.ca representatives can contact our students (2) require (accept) early deposit on Prom tickets (3) how can we keep this Event Coordinator away from our students – maybe action from the board is needed

OCASC - no report

OCDSB – We're Looking for Parent Volunteers for the Parent Involvement Committee

Are you a parent of an OCDSB student? Are you interested in public education, student achievement and well-being? Do you want to volunteer your time to make a difference in public education? We'd like to work with you. Apply to be a member of the OCDSB's Parent Involvement Committee. The Committee meets approximately 6 times per year. Persons interested in serving in this volunteer position on the PIC are invited to submit an [online application](#) by 23 November 2016.

Getting ready for Post Secondary?

Parents of grade 12 students - it is time to start exploring pathways beyond secondary school. There are some great resources available to help you and your child research future pathways. Think about attending one of the college or university fairs that are happening in town between October 24 and October 27. Check out the schedule for the Ottawa Region Ontario Universities Fair or visit the [website](#). You might also want to explore [eINFO](#) - a comprehensive web resource that provides information about university programs, admission requirements, scholarships, residence and more for all 20 Ontario universities. For information on college programs, www.ontariocolleges.ca is a comprehensive web resource that provides information about college programs, admission requirements and more.

Secondary Parents - Scholarship/Bursaries

Did you know that there are many free resources available to assist you in your search for scholarships, bursaries and awards? Check out our [website](#) for more information or talk to your child's guidance counsellor for more information. Several deadlines are coming up. A few are listed below: The Horatio Alger Scholarship Program (\$5000.00) is accepting applications until October 25th. TD Scholarship for Community Leadership. Apply by November 28th. The Loran Scholarship is accepting applications until October 22nd.

ROUNDTABLE: To learn more about “TIPS” (Thinking Inquiry Problem Solving) in math class. It was mentioned that there are certain number of students in Gr11 math struggling with not being able to discuss grade given, receive feedback about their work or grade. Mrs Blakely to follow up

Meeting adjourned 8:32pm