

**A.Y. Jackson Parent Council**  
**January 30, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Sandra Blakely	Roxanne Venier	Susan Wehrmann
Diane McFaul Fredman	Paul Warner	Priya Sarwal

**With regrets:** Lillian Neitzel

Meeting brought to order at 6:32 pm by Susan

**Student Council Report** – Priya Sarwal

December was a busy month for Student Council

Holly Week – had the Giving Tree. Students donated winter clothing in 2<sup>nd</sup> period class. Point were given. The Grade 12's won with 600 points.

Spirit activities:

Monday-Red & Green day (Squirt game in Pit)

Tuesday-Holiday Hats (Musical chairs in the Pit)

Wednesday-Snowman Day where students wear white and dress up like a snowman (Snowflake game in Pit)

Thursday-Deck the Halls. Great participation by most grades. Each grade had to decorate a particular hall using their Grade color. Grade 10's had a lot of pink, a choir and a trumpeter. Grade 12's had stockings hung by the chimney, 2 Christmas Trees with presents. The Principal and Vice-Principals were the judges. The grade 12's won.

Friday-PJ day and pancake breakfast

The Grade 12's currently lead by over 600 points.

Not much happened in January due to exams.

In February we may revisit Song Battle – students will sing love songs.

Went to Presidents Club (group of Student Council Presidents)-looking into a Coffee House. Looking into a venue to hold a lot of people as they want to invite all schools. They may charge but not sure at this time.

Comfy week is next Spirit Week before the March Break.

## **Staff Report** – Roxanne Venier

The day before Remembrance Day, Master Warrant Officer Comeau came and talked to our grade 10 History students about his experiences in Afghanistan.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - The grade 12 Drama class wrote and performed for the Remembrance day assembly. This year the focus was on women's roles during War....as a mother, wife, daughter, nurse, soldier.

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - Many of our grade 12 students attended "Make the Cut...College University Transition....at Carleton. This is to introduce students with individual learning plans to the resources available to them at post-secondary university and college.

Delf testing took place during November. Delf testing provides students with diplomas - awarded by the French Ministry of Education-to prove the French-language skills of non-French candidates.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – A group of international certificate students from AYJ went to the Aga Khan Foundation headquarters in Ottawa on Sussex Drive for a workshop on global development. The focus was on projects that empower women. After the workshop they walked down to the Byward Market for an international lunch.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> was the Coffee house.

The week of Dec 5-9 was Stress Reduction Week. A number of activities and workshops were organized to help students deal with stress.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Was arts night. The school was filled with students art and ceramic projects and with students performing plays, dances and music.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> was the Semi Formal.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> was grade 9 sleep over followed by the annual pancake breakfast and Teacher "Talent Show". We had approximately 70 kids sleep over.

January we hit the ground running as we only had two weeks of school before Exams. The J-Crew ran cocoa and cram - where students come and study in the library with hot chocolate and cookies and older students are present to help with their studying.

The J-crew students also ran a workshop with the grade 9 students to help prepare them with strategies for surviving their first set of high school exams. We have still have one more day of exams with 2<sup>nd</sup> semester starting on

Wednesday. Students just need to come to school...it is like the first day of 1<sup>st</sup> semester. There are list of students first period class posted around the school. Students will receive their schedules from their first period teacher.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is meet the teacher and course selection night. The first half of the night we will be running through a school day and you can visit your child's classes by period. Make sure to take a picture of their schedule Wednesday when they get home from school. The second half of the night teachers will be available in the cafeteria for help with course selections.

Tuesdays through out Feb and March are Free spin classes at the end of the school day in the Spinning Room.

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> the AY Band will be performing at the feeder schools.

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> is Report Card day.

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> -Sources of Strength Training for interested students. The mission of Sources of Strength is to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and promoting connections between peers and caring adults.

#### Sports UPDATE

Currently the Junior and Senior Boys basket ball teams are finishing off their season. The Seniors should make the playoffs. The juniors are not sure if they will make the playoffs yet.

Senior girls volleyball is also coming to the end of their season and playoffs are still in question.

Girls hockey team...quote from the coach -"Great group of girls, having fun and learning a lot....in fact they won their last game!!!" Some of the girls had not played hockey before.

Upcoming sports....Junior Girls Volleyball, Badminton, Girls Rugby will start practice soon but their season doesn't starts until May.

#### **Principal Report – Sandra Blakely**

We would like to do the CPR course again. We will be running it Feb 11/12 with a cost of \$55. We can up to 20 students. 2 council parents will be supervising.

New courses we will be offering next year-

- reintroducing Grade 12 International Business
- Grade 12 Philosophy
- Grade 12 Immersion Geography
- Environment and Resource Management
- more offerings in Personal Fitness – Grade 10 and Grade 12 girls personal fitness

Advance Placement (AP) courses

- Grade 12 French Immersion (Mme Brutus)
- Advanced Functions, Calculus and Vectors (Mr. Thickett)

To get credit as AP course the students challenge the exam (cost is approximately \$100). They must score a 4 or 5 on the AP exam in order to get the credit at University.

In 2018/2019 school year hoping to add an AP Literature course.

Course selections are due February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Over 200 Grade 8 students have registered for next year. Only 10 have also applied for specialized programs at other high schools (Canterbury/Colonel By). The Grade 8 information night was packed with parents and students.

A couple of Field Hockey students applied for, and received, a grant of \$3000 to pay for new sticks and uniforms. Way to go girls!

**OCASC** - no report

**OCDSB**

### School Accommodation Reviews - UPDATE

Today, the District released the final staff recommendations for both the Western Area and the Eastern Secondary Pupil Accommodation Reviews. In September, the school board released a proposed plan for change. That plan was circulated for consultation. The feedback from the consultation was considered and that led to some changes between what was proposed and the final staff recommendations. In some cases, it was possible to make changes that were asked for by the community. Unfortunately, that was not always possible.

The final reports are very detailed and you can read either the [Western Area Review - Final Report](#) or the [Eastern Area Review - Final Report](#) from these links. There is more information on the district website at [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca). There is also an executive summary for both the Western Area and the Eastern Secondary reviews which summarizes the report and recommendations and these are also on the website.

### Elementary School Program Framework Update

Many parents were interested in the Elementary School Program Framework. As a result of the excellent feedback received during consultation, many changes were made to the draft document. It was discussed at Committee of the Whole this week and additional amendments were made. The Board is scheduled to approve the final version on Tuesday, January 31st - you can read more about the discussion in the [minutes](#) which are posted on the agenda.

## Adult High School

If you or someone you know is thinking of going back to school - Registration for semester 2 takes place in January and classes begin on Friday, February 3, 2017. Adult High School is open to residents of the City of Ottawa who are 18 years old or older. It is a full-time high school. Classes are held Monday to Friday from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. All of the courses are credit courses that can be used towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Call [613-239-2707](tel:613-239-2707) - to register for second semester early in the new year.

[ear calendars.](#)

## 2017-2018 Student Transfer Application Period: February 6-17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

If your child wishes to submit a student transfer request, the application period is between February 6 and the 17th for next school year. Making a transfer request does not mean that your request will be approved but following the process is essential for consideration. Check [here](#) for the 4 basic steps to the process.

## Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC) applications are open

Students in grades 7-12 can apply to advise Ontario's Education Minister. [Apply online](#) today. Deadline: February 9, 2017.

## Ottawa Public Health (OPH) Immunization

A reminder that parents are required to report all immunizations done at the doctor's office to OPH. Under this Act, OPH has the authority to suspend students from school. Due to the size of our District, OPH is dividing its surveillance campaign into two phases. The first phase of notification letters to parents alerting them of missing documentation was sent out on November 15, 2016 and the second on November 22, 2016. Suspensions for the first group will commence on February 8, 2017 and for the second group on February 22, 2017 so it is very important to ensure your child's immunizations are up to date. Immunization protects children from many serious diseases that are easily spread in schools. Learn more [here](#).

## Updating your child's immunization record

Any time your child gets a vaccination or booster shot you need to update their record with Ottawa Public Health by:

- Completing the [Online Immunization Reporting](#) to Ottawa Public Health
- Fax: [613-580-9660](tel:613-580-9660)
- Mail: Immunization Program, 100 Constellation Dr., Ottawa, ON, K2G 6J8, 7th floor, mail code 26-44
- Phone [613-580-6744](tel:613-580-6744) Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm
- ImmunizeCA App: [appottawa.immunize.ca](http://appottawa.immunize.ca)

## EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Places to Go...Things to Remember

## Kindness Week 2017

Be a part of the growing movement of Kindness in Ottawa! Kindness Week will be celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2017 and there are many ways for schools to get involved. This initiative has become a vibrant movement in our community, encouraging people to "choose to be kind" and recognizing those in our community who engage in everyday acts of kindness. Kindness Week 2017 takes place from February 17 to 24.

Students can volunteer their time, energy and talents to help a worthy cause. Some activities can be done alone; others should be done in groups or with a parent/guardian.

- \* Shovel a driveway
- \* Walk a dog

- \* Carry someone's groceries
- \* Send cards or art to kids in the hospital
- \* The possibilities are endless

For more ideas or opportunities, contact 211 or Volunteer Ottawa.

## Speaker Series 2017

Parents, guardians and caregivers are invited to join us for our [free Speaker Series Presentations](#). The presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please save the date; more details will be added to our website in the near future.

First Nations, Métis, Inuit event  
Thursday, March 2nd  
Rideau High School auditorium, 815 St. Laurent Boulevard

Gender Identity and Expression  
Thursday, May 8th  
Sir Robert Borden High School auditorium, 131 Greenbank Road.

**ROUNDTABLE** – no roundtable items.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm

Next meeting Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.