

A.Y. Jackson Parent Council
May 1st, 2017

Attendees:

Sandra Blakely	Roxanne Venier	Lillian Neitzel
Susan Wehrmann	Paul Warner	Diane McFaul-Freeman

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

Student Council Report – No report

Staff Report – Roxanne Venier

- March 1 Multicultural buffet - all money raised went to Free the Children (this is through Me to We initiative), the focus is on Health Care in India.
- March Break Italy Trip - Students and teachers arrived back from Italy jet lagged, talking about what a great experience it was.

Upcoming trips:

- May 12&13 Stratford - 33 students are heading for the Stratford Festival. They will be seeing three plays- Romeo & Juliette, 12th Night and Guys and Dolls. This trip is open to the whole school.
- May 25 Wonderland Trip - 46 students are heading to Wonderland to participate in a program run by Wonderland where the students will be making math and physics connections.
- The Toronto/Niagara Falls trip was unfortunately cancelled.
- March 22 to April 3, 2018 (approximate dates) China – There is room for a few more students on the China trip. The tour includes the Great Wall, Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. This is an exchange where students live with Chinese families.
- March 8 to 17, 2018 (March Break 2018) Battlefields Tour – Tour of London, Vimy, Normandy and Paris.
- The AY Jazz Band competed in the Jazz band division of the Capital Region Music Festival. The Jazz Band is made up of students in Gr. 9-12. As we only have 1 Jazz Band, we participated in the Gr. 12 and under class despite the fact that 14 of the 18 member are in Gr 9 & 10. The Band played well and was awarded the silver standard by all 3 adjudicators. Gr. 10 student, Sarah Chow was awarded a special certificate of musical achievement and the band had a ½ hour clinic with one of the adjudicators.
- On Friday, March 24th the Sr. Band braved a snowstorm on the 417 and arrived

safely at the Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne Park to take part in Ignite 150. Ignite 150 brought together an estimated 1300 students from 26 different high schools in the National Capital Region to perform O Canada and Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah. Maestro Shelley of the NAC orchestra led the rehearsal and performance. The school received a \$1000 grant to go towards the music program.

- The Spring Music Concert is planned for May 18th.

Drama:

- April 3rd One Act Play – At the Sears One Act Play Festival, AY performed a play called “Tracks”. Brooklyn Lalonde, a grade 12 student, won best director and Melody Khamphannoulith, a grade 10 student, won an Award of Merit in acting.
- April 6th-8th All My Sons – AY's full length play was a great success. We are waiting to hear about the Cappie Nominations (due to come out May 5).
- April 12th was the International Day of Pink. It is a day where communities across the country, and across the world, unit in celebrating diversity and raising awareness to stop homophobia, transphobia and all forms of bullying.
- April 21st was the MADD Assembly
- April 21st the Outer's Club went indoor Rock climbing. A hike and bike trip are planned for May and June respectively.
- April 5th & 6th Canadian Blood Services were at the school where a number of students had the opportunity to discover their blood type during 2 lunch hours.
- April 27th 27 students travelled to the Canadian Blood Services to donate blood. AY accounted for 30% of their total donations for the day. AY's donations would be able to support treatment for 3 leukemia patients for a week. No other school in Ottawa has had as many successful donations as AY! Canadian Blood Services would like to make it a bi-yearly event, with a group of students donating in the fall and in the spring.
- May 13th Parenting Class Event – The Paw Patrol Show and Characters are coming to AY! The event is to raise money for the parenting class to help pay for the new “babies”. The event is aimed at children 2-5 years old. The cost is \$10 for one child and \$5 for any additional children. There will be lots of fun activities!
- May 3rd Make the Cut – Students with an IEP are invited to go to Algonquin College to learn about the accommodations available at University and College. Free bus and food!
- April 25th All the Grade 9 students taking Physical Education this semester took the day and became certified in CPR.
- Delf Testing – The test involves 2 parts: written and oral. It assesses reading, writing, listening and speaking. This gives students and internationally recognized certificate from the Ministry of Education in France.
- May 9th a group of students are taking the Advanced Placement exam. This

provides students with a university credit.

Graduates:

- Be sure community hours are complete and handed in.
- Continue to refer to the guidance section of the AY web page for scholarship opportunities.
- Students need to go onto Career Cruising or drop into guidance to let us know plans for next year – world of work, college, university or coming back to AY.
- If a Grade 12 student is planning on coming back to AY next year they should fill in an option sheet.

- April 21st National Capital History Day - “Science Fair for History”. An Honorable Mention went to Matthew Rorwick for his essay on a World War 1 Soldier.
- PAN-Planning and Assessment Network – Teachers are provided with highly developed lesson plans and assessment tools for a specific course. Two teachers are using material develop by PAN. In anthropology, Sarah Kelsey is teaching a unit called “Why are People Mean?” and in geography Heather Holmes is teaching a unit called “Love your Hood” which is about urban land use.

Sports:

- Boys Varsity Lacrosse season is underway.
- Girls Varsity Soccer team has started. They had a game today at West in the deluge.
- Girls Touch football – first game is tomorrow night.
- Track and Field – practice is ongoing. First meet is May 11th.
- Boys Baseball tryouts are underway.
- Lunchtime intramurals: 3 on 3 Basketball starts this week.

Principal Report – Sandra Blakely

Enrolment – 753 which is up 32 from last (this) year. We will be hiring 2.33 FTE’s in Art, History and English.

Student Climate Survey – we hope to finish by the end of the week. I will have the results at the next meeting.

Prom – going to bring the Grade 11’s together and will present to them what a school sanctioned Prom would be. There are already some teachers on board to help and it would be run by committee.

For this years non-school sanctioned Prom Mrs. Blakely will do a presentation to remind them to take care of themselves, their friends, to make sure they have a ride home.

There is a group of students in a leadership role that discuss the drug program in Ottawa

Schools. They are talking about how to get the students to know who the School Resource Officer, school Public Health Nurse and the schools Rideauwood counsellor are. We will be discussing and event for September to keep this going.

May 26th the Principal and Vice Principals will be going on a day retreat to do planning for the 17/18 school year.

Susan Swettenham will be retiring this year and Jonathan Cappello will be coming to AY.

Mrs. Blakely will also be leaving us and going to Sir Guy Carleton S.S. Kristin Riddell will be our new Principal in September.

OCASC - no report

OCDSB – Lillian Neitzel

At the last meeting of Kanata Schools with our trustee Christine Boothby there was a lot of discussion of Facilities and Student Equity.

1. There are opportunities at AY to build a learning commons or maker space without too much adjustment - one space could be in the library where the outdated computer lab is. The library is trying to make a shift from the old "hush" space to one of more gentle conversation and socializing. Mrs. Blakely envisions charging stations and comfy chairs vs. couches since they seem to attract snooze-ers vs. Socialize-ers. Another option is where the locker bay is upstairs right now. It's often been a space of contention since the lockers are so close together with little alley ways, that one thought is to rip them out and just have an open gathering space for students.

2. AY has been promised a few updates, like a science lab, for a few years now (since approximately 2011), each time having it delayed. No one could say why or when that will happen. There have been other update requests, like a newly paved parking lot and some green space trees/garden boxes, but they also get delayed due to AY being promised some renovations that never seem to come.

3. AY's spending money is doing ok. The OT funds will have a carryover of \$16 this year. Sports are more expensive than they'd like but the high costs are due to the high cost of tournaments, busing to games and referees. Transportation being the most expensive. Mrs. Blakely was a little shocked to hear that Bell had only charged ~\$50 for a sport, even if it was 4 years ago. She was going to consider this further and see what more could be done. Hockey had the added expense of rink rental time which also directly impacts the cost of hockey as a school sport.

4. Commencement. Schools have been solicited - adult high school and EOM for this year's commencement, both citing no availability. I did confirm the church rental is \$1,800. Of course, cake and flowers were a constant expense regardless of facility. I presented the idea of twining schools to leverage extra space when needed.

5. Lunch space. It was agreed that the multicultural buffet did close the cafeteria, when it didn't need to. The teaching staff has been advised that in future if the cafeteria needs to be closed over lunch for whatever reason that microwaves be brought to a classroom for student use. Mrs. Blakely indicated that she did purchase a few more cafeteria tables to allot more space to students who wanted to eat their lunch and would consider buying a few more. She did also remind us that there is the lunch time classroom, Rm 236, where students could bring their lunch and play board games, etc.

6. Picnic tables. While a great fundraising idea, there was some concern raised that if we put out picnic tables in front of the AY library, that there is a risk in doing so. Since AY is close to a public field that is often rented out in the evenings and weekends to various sports teams, the fear is they would gather here, drink alcohol, leave behind their trash, etc. In addition, it could serve as a meeting ground for students after hours who may get rowdy and possibly lead to vandalism at the school, like throwing things breaking the library windows, etc. It could also attract smokers making other students not interested in utilizing the space. She liked the spirit of the idea and would talk to the staff to get more input. In the meantime, she did state that the concrete benches in front of the school were getting old and falling apart. One had already been removed due to safety issues and the other two should go as well. She was going to consider getting some new ones added, ones with arms per seating space to detract from anyone trying to lie down on the benches.

7. Cafeteria. Mrs. Blakely has had run ins with the cafeteria staff complaining about napkins and how many were being used. She did offer to replace napkins a few times. This was the first she heard about a fee for utensils and debit purchases. She said the office transfers debit machine costs onto students but at the rate of .25 cents, equal to what the bank charges, never for a profit. Mrs. Blakely will report back her findings but stated that even if she finds this to be true, she has no control to have those fees removed. I told her I'd let you know what we find out. It was confirmed that the cafeteria does use all disposable containers.

Mrs. Blakely noted that some of our budget last year went to renovating the school office. This year it was allotted for new carpeting in the guidance office and possibly some new lighting. The question came up about what could we do for the kids where they would have some benefit. Mrs. Blakely said she would consider the learning commons/maker space ideas and let us know. Challenge for her is that she is being replaced with a new principal. What her thoughts are may not align with what the new

principal will want to do, but she will share our ideas and we'll have to work with the new principal moving forward.

May 1-5 is Education Week

May 1st -5th is Education Week in Ontario. It is a time for students, teachers and parents to celebrate teaching excellence and student achievement. This year's theme is "Ontario 150". We encourage everyone to take a few minutes to visit a neighbourhood school to witness first-hand the amazing things happening in OCDSB schools. To learn more about Education Week events please [click here](#).

Speaking of great things happening...this week across the district our OCDSB students shone. There were so many amazing student stories, it is hard to know what to share. Here are just a few highlights:

Student Trustee Kayvon Mihan was a guest on TVO's The Agenda this week. Kayvon, a grade 12 student at AY Jackson Secondary School is the President of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association. Take a few minutes to watch Kayvon's interview with Steve Paikin - [Giving a Voice to Students](#). Kayvon is a true role model of the characteristics and skills we want for our graduates - an innovative, critical thinker who is globally aware and a really effective communicator. Congratulations Kayvon!

Another exceptional graduating student was profiled in this [Ottawa Citizen article](#) last weekend. **Katie Clarke, grade 12 student at Glebe Collegiate** was one of 33 Canadian students to receive the prestigious [Loran Scholarship](#) this year. Congratulations Katie - you are a demonstration of what it means to be goal oriented and academically diverse!

Congratulations also goes out to **students at Hillcrest High School**. The "Hawks" held their annual cancer drive this week and **raised an amazing \$14,500 for the Canadian Cancer Society**. If you want to support their great commitment to community, there is still time to contribute - [donate now](#).

Finally, several OCDSB students, including **grade 4 student Roman from Roberta Bondar Public School** recently entered the Mayor's Poetry Contest. The Ottawa Public Library has chosen Roman's poem as one of the winners of the Mayor's Poetry Contest. Roman and several other lucky winners will be recognized at a special ceremony at the Ottawa Public Library next week.

Information for Families about 13 Reasons Why

There was a lot of media coverage this week about a television series called 13 Reasons Why. The series depicts the story of a high school student who dies by suicide, leaving behind 13 cassette recordings that share the events that she perceives led to her death. Many parents have expressed concern that the series is graphic and sensationalizes the act of suicide, which may lead to vulnerable students misinterpreting its message. The OCDSB, like several school districts in Ontario, has posted [Information for families](#) about how to speak to your child about the complex issues in this type of show.

Speaker Series: Gender Identity and Gender Expression Presentation - May 4

Thursday, May 4 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sir Robert Borden High School - Auditorium, 131 Greenbank Road

Please join Beck Hood of Family Services Ottawa and Carol Ann Burrow Instructional Coach with OCDSB's Inclusive Safe and Caring Programs for a conversation about the diversity of gender identity and gender expression. Find out about community resources supporting gender diverse children and youth. For more information please visit [our website](#).

Speaker Series/Annual OCDSB Parent Conference - Is there something you want to learn more about?

We are starting to plan for next year's Speaker Series events and for our annual Parent Conference and School Council Training Day. If there are topics that you would like to learn more about, please send us your ideas. Email pic@ocdsb.ca with your suggestions!

Date with Diversity: Lessons from Canada and Ontario's 150th for the Next Generation - May 9

Tuesday May 9 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Confederation Education Centre - Cafetorium - 1645 Woodroffe Avenue

Parents/guardians, staff, students, and general public are invited to come together and explore how we can foster a more equitable and inclusive culture to support learning, well-being and a sense of belonging for the entire OCDSB community. In this community conversation about diversity, there will be an opportunity to ask colleagues and community guests any questions you may have about their experiences and insights. Join this timely conversation! Free parking. Light refreshments.

Register [here](#) and visit our [website](#) for more information.

Regina Street Alternative Program Open House - May 10

Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Regina Street Public School - 2599 Regina Street.

Regina Street Public School will offer the Alternative Program for elementary students beginning this September 2017. Parents/guardians are invited to learn more about the program.

Can't make it to the event? Visit [our website](#) for more information on the Alternative Program.

Community Awards and Volunteer Appreciation Reception - May 31

Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Confederation Education Centre - 1645 Woodroffe Avenue

There are so many people who make an incredible difference in our school communities. The District has several awards to recognize the work of parent and community volunteers. [Register here](#) to attend the 2017 Community Awards and Volunteer Appreciation Event. And learn more about the award categories [here](#).

School Climate Survey

Starting next week, students in grades 4 to 12 will have an opportunity to complete the "OurSCHOOL" Survey about school climate. The purpose of the survey is to better understand students' perceptions about bullying, safety at school, and student engagement. We know that when students feel safe and welcomed at school that they are more likely to achieve at higher levels and have a stronger sense of well-being. Many students will be familiar with the OurSCHOOL survey as it has been in use at the OCDSB for several years.

The survey is voluntary, confidential, and takes approximately thirty to forty minutes to complete. Students are asked to answer questions related to school climate and safety, bullying, perception of school, sense of belonging, and their background, including age, gender, and ethnicity. The data from this survey will be used to help school staff develop strategies to prevent bullying and to promote safe and inclusive schools. The survey will be conducted between April 24th and May 12th, 2017. More information was sent home by schools and is also on our [website](#)

Managing School Closures, Transitions and Changes

Many parents have asked questions related to school closures and transitions as a result of the

accommodation review decisions. Transition planning committees comprised of parents and staff have been established and all of the committees have had at least one meeting. As these committees continue to meet over the next few months, regular updates will be provided through school newsletters and at school council meetings. Every transition plan is unique to the school situation, however, there are [transition planning guidelines](#) which inform the work of these committees.

Here are some additional questions and answers. The questions about school council finances have been repeated in the school council tips section below.

Q. - Where can I get more information about supporting my child through transitions?
The OCDSB has a [Transition Guide](#) designed to help navigate the transition for students from elementary to secondary school. However, the guide has helpful information to assist with any transition.

Q - When will the new walk zones be done for students who have been redirected to other schools?

A. - The Ottawa Student Transport Authority (OSTA) hopes to have established the new walk zones by the first week in May. These zones will outline who is eligible for transportation. Schools will have the new detailed maps in early May.

Q. - When will parents meet the teachers at their new home schools?

A. The staffing process for the next school year is usually finished at the beginning of May. Principals in each of the receiving schools will decide how best to arrange a meeting where parents are able to meet the new teachers.

Q - How do I find out about the Extended Day Program (EDP) at the new school?

A. - An individualized letter from the EDP department will be going home with every student in each school to describe the program in their new receiving school.

Q. - When will my child's school records be moved to the new school? Will that include information regarding life threatening conditions such as anaphylaxis?

A. Your children's school records and all information pertinent to your child's health will be at the new home school by the time that the school year starts in September.

Q. - If my child is in a specialized program class, when will those decisions be made?

A. The Board's accommodation review decision redirected the location for a number of specialized program classes ([insert link here](#)). Every year Learning Support Services reviews referrals for specialized program classes and makes final placements based on the students' needs and home locations. Those decisions will be made by the end of May.

Q- When will be able to apply for the International Baccalaureate Program at Merivale High School?

A. The application process for certification for this program will begin in the near future but it could take up to two years to achieve final certification. It is hoped that the Grade 9 preIB program would be implemented in September, 2019.

Q - Will there be any changes to the location of Continuing Education courses and programs?

A. Every year the Continuing Education advertises its programs and locations. Any changes would be identified in these annual publications. For example, when students register for summer school, the

locations are indicated on the registration form.

If you have additional school council transition questions which you would like addressed, please send them to me so that we can capture them all. We will include some questions and answers in the newsletter and posting them to the district website. Questions that are unique to your school should be directed to the school principal.

Math Facts - Doing Mathematics with Your Child (Kindergarten to Grade 6)

Today, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. "[Doing Mathematics with Your Child](#)" is a guide available for parents of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. This guide offers ways to engage their child in thinking and talking about mathematics around the four strands: number sense and numeration, measurement, patterning and algebra, and data management and probability.

Please use [this link](#) to access the guide in English and 13 other languages!

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants 2017-2018 - Deadline May 25th

Great news, the Ministry has announced the 2017-2018 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants program. This year, special consideration will be given to proposals that promote increased access and awareness of math strategies and resources for parents to support their children's learning at home and at school. Special consideration will be given to eligible projects from school councils that promote increased access to and awareness of math strategies and resources for parents to support their children's learning at home and at school, or support the engagement of parents from Indigenous or racialized communities, or encourage parent engagement in promoting the value of arts, in support of student success. The deadline for the 2017-2018 PRO grant submissions is May 25, 2017. Applications must be submitted online. For more information, please visit the Ministry [website](#).

School Council - Insurance Coverage for Bouncy Castles

The District has purchased school council insurance on behalf of all OCDSB school councils. However, if your school council is planning to use a bouncy castle, you must ensure the vendor has liability insurance and that they are Technical Safety Standards Authority (TSSA) certified. The vendor should be the only persons responsible for installing and running the bouncy castle. Principals and school council representatives are cautioned not to sign any agreement accepting all liability. Dunk tanks should not be used.

School Council Business

This week, the district completed a review of issues relating to the loss of school council funds. While much of this information applies to the schools directly involved in the review, all school councils will be interested in the lessons learned from this review and the next steps. The following things were identified:

- There is a need for more training, resources and supports for school administrators and school councils, including chairs and treasurers, on overseeing school council financial practices;
- The district should consider strategies to reduce cash handling in schools;
- The current school council finance policy assigns an oversight responsibilities to principals, which is difficult if the school council banks separate from the district. This could

be addressed through a review of the current school council financial policy to consider a requirement that all schools bank through the district;

- There is a need for more consistent practice in how suspected thefts are investigated once reported. This could be addressed by the development of a procedure on the steps to be taken when a loss of school council funds is reported - this would include process, roles, responsibilities, communications, conditions for restitution, etcetera;

Over the next few months as we consider next steps, more details will be provided.

School Council Finance Transition Questions

What happens to the school council in a school that is scheduled to close?

A school council is associated with a particular school. When a school is scheduled to close, the school council plays a role in planning for the transition to the new school. Once the school closes, the school council ceases to exist. The council will need to document their decisions about closure related items by way of motion, close off their finances, and consolidate their records. The school council records can be consolidated with the school records and managed in accordance with the district retention schedule.

What happens with School Council Funds?

Generally speaking, school council funds follow students. For example, if school a is closing and all students are being redirected to school b, the school council funds would go from school a to school b. This becomes more complicated if students are being redirected to more than one school or if only some students are being redirected. In these cases, the school council funds follow the students on a proportionate basis. The Finance Department is working on a new section of the School Council Finance Guide which will bring greater clarity to these issues. Watch for more information about this in the next two weeks.

Are there limitations on what school councils can spend money on if the school is closing?

Funds are supposed to be used for the purpose for which they were collected. If this is no longer possible because of a pending closure, the council will need to have a school council discussion about how to use the funds and will need to document any decisions made. Decisions about spending or redirecting funds should be made by motion, documented in the minutes, and clearly accounted for in financial records.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings that Matter....

The next Committee of Whole Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at 133 Greenbank Road in the Boardroom. Read the full agenda [here](#). Watch the meeting [live here](#).

Board and Committee of the Whole Meetings

Please note there have been changes to the schedule for the Committee of the Whole Budget meetings. The new schedule is as follows:

30 May 2017 - Presentation of the staff recommended budget (new date)

05 June 2017 - Public delegations and committee questions

12 June 2017 - Budget debate commences

19 June 2017 - Budget debate (if required) and recommendation to the Board

Staff anticipates the 2017-2018 Budget will be approved at the Board meeting of 26 June 2017.

* The timelines for registering as a delegation (4 minutes) at Budget Committee have been extended to noon Monday, June 4, 2017. To register in advance, please contact nicole.guthrie@ocdsb.ca. Anyone can register just prior to the start of the meeting as a 2 minute delegation.

Questions and comments relating to the Budget can be sent by email to budgetinfo@ocdsb.ca.

Upcoming Meetings:

4/27/2017 [Advisory Committee on Equity](#)

6:00 PM

5/2/2017 [Committee of the Whole, Public](#)

7:30 PM

5/3/2017 [Tentative: Advisory Committee for Extended Day & Child Care Program](#)

7:00 PM

5/4/2017 [Student Senate](#)

6:30 PM

5/9/2017 [A Date with Diversity](#)

6:00 PM

Boardroom Highlights can be found [here](#).

EVENTS AND REMINDERS

Places to Go...Things to Remember

Clifford Bowey Public School: Parent and Caregiver Well-Being Presentation - May 2

Tuesday, May 2 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Clifford Bowey Public School -1300 Kitchener Avenue

Parent and caregiver well-being will be the featured topic by Donna Thomson on Tuesday May 2nd at Clifford Bowey Public School. Donna is an author, consultant and disability activist. She has presented at both the Skoll World Forum and the International Centre for Evidence in Disability. To attend the presentation please RSVP to: cbpsschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Social Networking and Online Security Talk with Paul Davis - May 2

Tuesday May 2 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School - 170 Stoneway Drive, Nepean

Topics include: Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Smartphones and Digital Trails, Cyberbullying, Texting/Sexting, Online Gaming, Online Security. This information session is brought to you by the ACES Parent Council. Registration: To register and get your FREE ticket please click here: <https://acespauldavispresentation.eventbrite.ca>

Should you need childcare, a limited number of childcare spots will be provided for school aged children free of charge during the event.

If you have any questions about the presentation or ticket ordering, please contact aceschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Free Webinar - Recognizing and Supporting Anxiety in Students with LDs - May

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Wednesday, May 3 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Online Webinar

This webinar will provide educators with an understanding of the relationship between anxiety and LDs. Practical strategies for supporting the student with anxiety and LDs in primary, elementary, and secondary school settings will be shared. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for this webinar.

Ridgemont's Mental Health Symposium and Multicultural Pot-luck Dinner - May 5

Friday, May 5 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Ridgemont High School - 2597 Alta Vista Drive

Ridgemont's School Council presents, "Happy Minds...Happy Families" - a Mental Health Symposium and Multicultural Pot-luck Dinner. Guest speakers include Mariam Meade (RN and Relationship Counsellor) and Caroline Aline (student). There will be student performers and student art exhibits will be on display.

Centennial Public School 50th Anniversary - May 6

Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Centennial Public School - 376 Gloucester Street

Join the celebration!

10:00 a.m. Open House

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Welcome address; Refreshments

Rideau High School's 60th Reunion - May 5 and 6

Friday May 5 and Saturday May 6

Rideau High School's 60th Reunion Committee (RHS60RC) would like to invite everyone to celebrate this milestone. On May 5th, we will be hosting a Pub and Memorabilia Night at Rideau High School to remember the good times that were shared within the Rideau High School community and have an opportunity for former students, teachers, support staff, and community members to remember and reconnect with one another. On May 6th, we will be hosting a Last Rideau Reunion Prom Night theme to celebrate and recognize Rideau High School's graduation from its current stage in its lifecycle and give a formal celebratory farewell.

Learn more [here](#). Join the Facebook group: [Rideau High School 60th Anniversary](#)

Le Phare Elementary School - Everyday Math Workshop - May 10

Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm

Le Phare Elementary School - 1965 Naskapi Drive

Math is a big part of our everyday lives, and because of that, "sneaking" Math into our children's lives is easy to do. This workshop will give you tips and tricks to incorporating Math into your daily routines. Interested in attending? Please **RSVP** at speakerlephare@gmail.com. Babysitting services are available. Please be sure to include number and age of children in RSVP.

CHEO Workshops on MindMasters 2 at Alta Vista P.S. - May 11

Thursday, May 11 from 7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

Alta Vista Public School - Main Gym - 1349 Randall Avenue

[MindMasters 2](#) is a free toolkit, developed by CHEO, for children from JK to Grade 3, to help children learn mindfulness, relaxation and positive thinking strategies that will help them manage emotions and

cope with stress. Learn about the toolkit (including the free app for iPad) at a 3-part workshop series. Attend any or all workshops. Child minding is available. These tools can be modified for all ages. More information can be found [here](#).

Fairy Godmother: Prom Attire - May 13

Saturday May 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Confederation Education Centre - 1645 Woodroffe Avenue

Graduating high school students who are unable to purchase their own prom attire are eligible to attend Fairy Godmother's Boutique Days. 1 Day Only - Saturday, May 13th. You must have an appointment to attend a fitting. Book a fitting by calling 613.232.PROM or online at <http://fairygodmotherottawa.com/>. More information [here](#).

Henry Larsen Elementary School Annual Fun Fair - May 13

Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Henry Larsen Elementary School - 1750 Sunview Drive

Everyone is welcome to attend our annual fun fair. We have activities planned for everyone in the family! There will be a BBQ, an ice cream truck, games, bouncy castles, a book sale, cake raffle and a silent auction. All proceeds from the fun fair are going to our ongoing school yard redevelopment project "Henry's Cool Yard". If you know any high school students looking for volunteer hours, please have them contact us at henrylarsensc@gmail.com.

Brookfield High School: Talking Mental Health and Addictions in Children and Youth - May 16

Tuesday, May 16 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Brookfield High School - 824 Brookfield Road

Brookfield High School's School Council invites you to attend an expert speaker's presentation on children and youth mental health and addictions. Speakers are Mary Alexandrou, CHEO, YouthNet and Natalie Markoff, PLEO. The event is free and open to all interested.

Free Webinar - Strategies to Support the Success of Students with LDs on Exams and Standardized Tests - May 25

Thursday, May 25 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

[Online Webinar](#)

Exams and standardized tests can be stressful for students and staff in general, and in particular, for students with learning disabilities (LDs). This webinar will focus on how educators can prepare students with LDs to write exams or standardized tests and assist educators in creating exams with content and formatting that is "necessary for some, and good for all".

ROUNDTABLE: No items.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

Next and last meeting for the 16/17 school year will be May 29th.