

A.Y. Jackson School Council  
Monday, September 25, 2017  
6:30pm in the Library

Attendees: Lillian Neitzel, Wendy Clee, Lisa Brownstein, Paul Warner, Kashyap Achar, Katherine Chow, Kathryn Tranter, Roxanne Venier, Kristin Riddell, David Thickett, and John Capello

Meeting called to order at 6:33 by Lillian.

May 29, 2017 minutes reviewed and approved

**Voting of new Council:**

- Council Chair: Lillian Neitzel
- Secretary: Wendy Clee
- Communications:
- Treasurer/Fundraising:
- Parent Involvement Committee:
- OCDSB Rep:
- OCASC Rep:
- Grade 12 Prom (parental assistant):

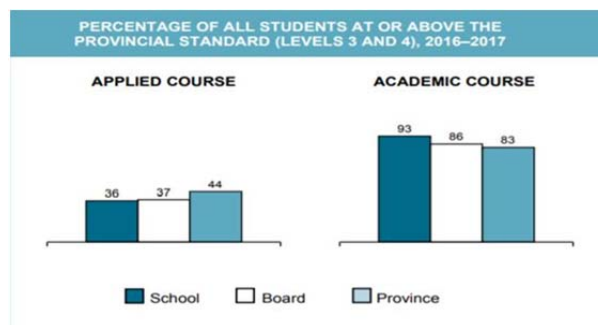
~Kristin will send out email to parents of Grade 9/10 and Grade 12 parents to see if there is any interest in joining parent council and taking on one of the roles above.

**Student Council Report:**

- Back to School spirit week was a success, great participation.
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, first dance, ticket sales moderate on sale until Oct 2. Need a minimum of 100 students to go ahead. Cost \$10.00. Need decorations
- Grade Reps: currently working on their videos. J-TV will play videos and encourage students to vote
- Halloween Spirit Week - perhaps 3-4 days .... plans underway

**Grade 9 EQAO (Math) - David Thickett:**

- Applied scored 30% which was below both the OCDSB score of 37% and Provincial score of 44%. Perhaps these reduced scores correlate with changes in the teaching staff prior to test taking.
- Academic scored 93%, which was above both the OCDSB score of 86% and Provincial score of 83%.



**Principal's Report:**

- Enrolment is up, will have final number by weeks end
- many new staff on board
- number of student placements from Ottawa Univ
- meet the teacher - great turn out
- field trips (forms) have started to go home/ take place
- This year the musical will be - You're in Town (rehearsals already underway)
- AYJ clothing sales ongoing and doing well
- there are a number of international students here at the school and as a parting gift they will receive an AY t-shirt
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - Orange T-shirt
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, PD Day
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, Progress reports will go home
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, Photo Retake day
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, Parent Teacher Interviews
- Kristin is focusing on the well being of the students, walking around at lunch break to make sure all students feel welcomed and are involved, making sure there is an all-inclusive feel to the school
- had a meeting with two students who would like to discuss a non-schooled sanctioned prom. listened to students concerns/suggestions/recommendations and will meet again to discuss concerns of parents (from parent council meeting)
- Signage at School: you may have noticed signage at schools - across the board - positive messages about exit goals
- Every 2 years students complete a survey about how they feel about school - here a few results:
  - average time spent on homework 1.7 hrs per night
  - bullying is down
  - feeling safe at school is up
  - positive relations at school is up
  - sense of belonging is up
  - reading for fun is down

**Staff Report- Roxanne Venier**

1.	<b><u>Graduates</u></b> In celebration of the 2017 graduates, it is an AY Jackson tradition to have the Grad Breakfast!! This is the second last time all the grads are together.... they sign year books and eat breakfast and the teachers give the graduating class a parting gift.	Last June
2.	<b><u>J-Crew</u></b> The grade 9 students were welcomed to AY the first day of school by the J-Crew Class. They are placed in groups with senior students that act as mentors for their first year at AY.... there are activities planned every month.... some are academic (how to study) - some are social!	Sept 2017
3.	<b><u>Opening Day BBQ</u></b> To celebrate the first day of school the teachers and admin cook and serve the students lunch!!	Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>

4.	<b><u>Patrick from the ASD Class</u></b> The ASD class planted potatoes last spring. They harvested the potatoes the first week back, packaged them and sold the potatoes to staff. I heard they were delicious. They are currently making crab-apple jelly using crab-apples they have collected from the community	
5.	<b><u>Students during picture day</u></b> All students require to get their photos taken even if they are not buying a package. The Photos are used in the Year Book and on Student IDs. Photo retake day is Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> .	Oct. 19th
6.	<b><u>J-Crew Students</u></b> helping during meet the teacher night	Sept. 14th
7.	<b><u>Meet the Teacher Night</u></b>	Sept 14th
8.	<b><u>Guidance News</u></b>  University Visits have started. Check website calendar. Visits typically occur before school, at lunch or after school. Visits are announced on JTV and website calendar  Guidance is now using twitter to communicate please follow @AYJ_Guidance  Guidance has met with all grade 9 classes. Classes were called down to Guidance to be introduced to the Counsellors and the services that are offered to them.  Guidance Counsellors will be meeting with Grade 12's individually to make sure they are on track and to answer any questions they may have. Students are to let Counsellors know what certificates if any they are aiming for. A questionnaire has been posted on the Guidance website under 2018 Grads.  Post-Secondary information night is this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from uOttawa, Carleton and Algonquin College will be in attendance for questions. There will be a presentation from the Financial Aid office of Carleton University.  University Information Program is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. 21 Ontario University Representative will be in attendance. This event is well attended usually 400 - 500 people.	
9.	<b><u>Student Council</u></b> Back to School Spirit Week, which saw the highest participation in our spirit days and pit games in several years. We have 23 students running in our election next week to be grade representatives!	Sept 11-15
10.	<b><u>More Student Council</u></b> Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice dance taking place October 5th from 7-11. Grade 9 students have a \$2 off coupon to encourage them to come to this back to school dance. The regular ticket price is \$10.	Oct. 5th
11	<b><u>AY Jackson SS Exchanges and Trips Plan</u></b>	
12.	<b><u>China Trip</u></b> The trip to China still has a few more spots available. Anyone interested in more information can email Ted Capeling or Roxanne Venier.	Mar 24 Apr 6, 2016
13.	<b><u>International Exchange Students</u></b> Mr. Barter hosted a welcome lunch for our international exchange students. They come from Spain, Germany and Italy	

14.	<b><u>Sources of Strength</u></b> Sources of Strength Club went to Parliament Hill to celebrate the International Day of Peace and it was a mass mindfulness meditation.	
15	<b><u>Ms. Peter's Art Class</u></b> Ms. Peter's art class spent an afternoon at Old Quarry Trail creating Environmental Art, inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.	
16.	<b><u>Orange Shirt Day</u></b> Orange Shirt Day acknowledges the harm that the Canadian residential school system has left in generations of indigenous families and their communities. The day was inspired by Phyllis Webstad, who was six-years-old when the new orange shirt she chose for her first day of school was stripped off her back at a residential school and she never saw it again.	Sept 29
17.	<b><u>Terry Fox Walk/Run</u></b> On Thursday Sept 28 the entire school is invited to take part in a Terry Fox Walk/Run. During period 3, students who have bought a \$2.00 ticket can take part in the walk/run.... last year 450 students took part. It would be great if we had every student joining in this year. A 1 km route is going to be set up in the back 40. Hoping for full school participation.	Sept. 28
18.	<b><u>Relay for Life</u></b> Relay for Life is a 12-hour non-competitive relay which raises awareness of the struggles faced by people who have cancer and raises money for the Canadian Cancer Society. The AYJ Relay for Life Committee will consist of a group of highly motivated students and staff who organize the event for teams of students who wish to participate. To date, AYJ has raised almost \$40,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society! This year's AY Relay will be Friday May 4, 2018 from 10 am to 10 pm.	May 4, 2018
19.	<b><u>Fall Awards Night</u></b> Students who are being acknowledged at the Fall Awards Night will receive an invitation shortly.	Oct 12
20.	<b><u>Ottawa International Animation Festival</u></b> Every September, the Ottawa International Animation Festival presents the world's most cutting-edge, quirky and important animation — and transforms Ottawa into the centre of the animation universe. Students got to hear from schools around Canada and the UK about programs they offer in animation. They then played with different types of software. Students then watched screenings of award winning animations that came out of Canadian Post Secondary Schools last year.	

21.	<p><b>Sports Update</b></p> <p><u>Fall sports:( 9 teams up and running):</u>  Girls Field Hockey started Sept. 21 and are off to Peterborough today with Ms Hunter for a tournament  Boys Golf team compete tomorrow  Boys Soccer starts Sept.26  Girls Basketball starts Sept. 27  Girls Golf team compete Sept. 28  Senior Boys Volleyball starts Sept 28  Tennis team has 24 competitors and will be in 2 meets; Oct.5 and Oct. 11  Cross country starts competing in early Oct  Boys Hockey will start in early Oct  Girls 7"s Rugby have 2 tournaments Oct 11 and 18</p> <p>Intramurals:</p> <p>First intramural will be indoor soccer. Sign-ups will take place Sept 25/26/27 and league will start on Oct 2</p>	
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**Round Table**

- New Grads - follow up and provide info about drug and drug use (Harvest House), members of staff, public health nurse, school resource officer, nursing students and school psychologist are all involved. We have a Naloxone kit here at the school.
- Suggested that we perhaps create a more formal mentoring program for students in grade 12 to ask students in first year university questions, tips about what they should expect during their first year. Osgoode Township High School has a program called Empower Me which is very similar to this. Kristin mentioned that she would discuss with teachers to see if there is interest to visit OTHS and discuss program.

Any requests for agenda items please forward to Lillian  
Next meeting, last Monday of the month, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm in the library  
Meeting adjourned 8:16pm

Supplemental OCDSB info:

### School Council Update #3 - September 22, 2017

This week, many schools in our district have hosted welcome barbeques, school council meetings, and meet the teacher events. These are wonderful opportunities for parents, students and school staff to make connections and start building relationships. When parents and educators work together, it has a positive impact on student learning and well-being.

Many parents wonder how to get involved in their child's education. A good starting point is attending a school council meeting and meet the teacher events. At the OCDSB we have an active [Parent Involvement Committee](#) which looks at how to build parent involvement in our district. We also have OCASC - the [Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils](#) - which provides a forum for school council members to meet.

Here is some [information from our website on how you can get involved](#).

You might also want to look at these [multilingual tip sheets and videos by People for Education](#).

You may also want to attend our [Speaker Series](#) and/or upcoming Parent Conference.

## Important Information

### EQAO Results - 2016-2017

This week, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released school district results from the 2016-2017 EQAO assessments. Across the province, results were stable or had a downward trend in most categories and in particular, a downward trend in mathematics. At the district level, the OCDSB continues to be at or above the provincial results in all three assessments at the grade 6 level and in grade 9 academic math. However, we did see decline in our grade 3 results and we experienced a downward trend in mathematics.

You can read more about our results, including a five-year overview and analysis of our results by gender, for special education students, and for English Language Learners.

- [Read the 2016-2017 District and Provincial Results](#)
- [Results for our Primary Division \(Grade 3\)](#)
- [Results for our Junior Division \(Grade 6\)](#)
- [Results for Grade 9 Math](#)
- [Results for Grade 10 OSSLT](#)

Results for individual schools are available through the [EQAO website](#).

Parents of students who wrote the assessment can expect to receive an Individual Student Report (ISR) outlining their results in the weeks ahead. The following EQAO resources may be helpful to you.

- [Questions and Answers for Parents - Grade 3, Primary Division Assessment](#)
- [Questions and Answers for Parents - Grade 6, Junior Division Assessment](#)
- [Questions and Answers for Parents - Grade 9, Assessment of Mathematics](#)
- [Questions and Answers for Parents - Grade 10, OSSLT](#)

You will find more information and resources [here](#).

## School Events

Interested in what's going on in our schools across the district? [Check it out!](#)

[School News](#)

## Math Facts

Mathematics will continue to be the priority area of focus with the implementation of year 2 of the provincial Renewed Math Strategy.

TVO's [mPower](#), a fun and innovative online game-based resource that builds problem-solving, critical thinking and math skills for learners in kindergarten to Grade 6. mPower immerses students in a virtual world in which they can learn and master math concepts that align with the Ontario curriculum through engaging games. It's a "tool within a toolbox" of math resources.

mPower offers students guided, learner-centric math problem-solving experiences set in a variety of creative and age-appropriate worlds that reflect Ontario's communities. In addition to supporting student engagement and achievement in math, the toolbox also incorporates "big ideas" from the elementary Social Studies and Science curriculums. For example, in one of the games for kindergarten students, they learn about probability by predicting the likelihood of certain types of weather and dress the game character appropriately based on scenes depicting the four seasons.

Learn more [here](#).

## Reminders

### Ottawa Public Health (OPH) Immunization

All children attending school between ages 4 to 17 need to be immunized according to [Ontario's Immunization Schedule](#). Learn more [here](#).

### Ottawa Student Transportation/School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Day - September 24th

[Register Today!](#)

**Call for Members - Parent Involvement Committee - Deadline October 12th**

The OCDSB is looking for parent members and interested community members on its [Parent Involvement Committee \(PIC\)](#). [Applications](#) will be accepted until Thursday, October 12, 2017.

### **MacSkimming Centre's "Open Trails" Day – September 23rd**

Come explore the trails and forests at MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre. The centre will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on September 23rd, 2017.

### **Do You Know An Innovative And Outstanding School Principal?**

[Nominate](#) an Outstanding Principal today!

### **Continuing Education Newsletter**

Check out the new [Continuing Education Newsletter](#) for September/October 2017.

## **Dates to Remember**

### **School Year Calendar**

The 2017-2018 school year [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) calendars are available on our website and a hard copy was distributed to students and staff this week.

### **PA Day - October 6th**

Just a reminder that both Elementary and Secondary students have a PA Day October 6th. The Extended Day Programs operated by the district will be operating on that day only for children enrolled in the extended day programs or eligible to attend PA day programs.

### **Religious Holy Days and Days of Significance Calendar 2017-2018**

The students and staff of the OCDSB represent a rich diversity of faith traditions.

The [Religious Holy Days and Days of Significance Calendar 2017-2018](#) helps identify some of the days of particular significance for students and employees who are members of the major faith communities in our District, as identified through consultation with local community organizations. Every effort is made to ensure that school and board examinations/tests are not scheduled on these dates. The District also refrains from holding events involving parents on religious holy days.

**Parent Conference  
& School Council Training Day 2017-  
2018  
November 18, 2017  
Sir Robert Borden High School  
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

The OCDSB Parent Conference and School Council Training Day will be held on November 18, 2017.

### **Speaker Series Fall 2017**

**October 5, 2017 — Paul Davis on Social Networking & Online Safety**  
Topics include social media (Snapchat/Instagram/Facebook), Digital trails, Smartphones, Cyberbullying, Sexting & Child pornography, Image sharing, Online security and more.



keynote speaker for this year's conference will be [Dr. Karyn Gordon](#) - one of North America's leading relationship/parenting experts, a best-selling author, media personality and motivational speaker. Her mission is to inspire people to dream their best life, learn the tools and do it!

There will also be workshops on a wide range of topics including school council finances, well-being, learning and more.

The conference is held in partnership with the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and the Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC).

A full agenda will be released in October. Everyone is welcome and the session is free.

**November 30, 2017 — Dr. Susan Hopkins of The MEHRIT Centre** Parents will be introduced to Self-Regulation, a powerful method for understanding and responding to their children's (and their own) stress, energy, and tension.

Join us for both sessions at:  
**Sir Robert Borden High School, Auditorium**  
[131 Greenbank Road](#)  
**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
Free parking. No registration required.

Enjoy these [free information sessions](#) - sponsored by the District's Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) and supported through grant funding from the Ministry of Education.

## School Council Information

### Elections

The election of school council members must be held within 30 days of the start of the school year. The details about the election process are outlined in the [School Council policy](#) and in the [school council elections procedure](#). Please send us an updated list of school council contact information after your elections.

### Contact Information

Each year, school council chairs and co-chairs are asked to provide their contact information. This information is shared with trustees and superintendents and is also used to keep you up to date on school council information. Please send the following information to [engy.abdel.masieh@ocdsb.ca](mailto:engy.abdel.masieh@ocdsb.ca) - School name, chair/co-chair name(s), phone number(s), and email address(es).

### Important Documents for School Councils School Council Resource Guide

For those of you already elected to your positions - Congratulations! Thank you for your leadership and the important work that you do in your community to ensure that the OCDSB realizes its missions statement - *Educating for success - Inspiring learning and building leadership*. We are pleased to provide you with this [School Council Resource Guide](#). This package provides an easy reference on a variety of important topics for school councils, including responsibilities of school councils and roles of school council members.

## School Council Funds Management Guide

The [School Council Funds Management Guide](#) was prepared by District staff with the assistance of school council members. It complements the Board's policy and procedure and is intended to inform school council members and the broader school community about financial practices that allow funds to be managed in a consistent, transparent and appropriate manner.

## Year-end reporting of School Generated Funds - Due 22 September 2017

**Please ensure that the form is completed and returned by email to**

[yearendfinancials@ocdsb.ca](mailto:yearendfinancials@ocdsb.ca) no later than 22 September 2017. In cases where your school council's banking arrangements are administered by the school, please advise Michelle Klein at [michelle.klein@ocdsb.ca](mailto:michelle.klein@ocdsb.ca) if your school council is in this category.

## Annual Report - Due 30 October 2017

School Councils are also required to submit to the District an annual report on its activities, including fundraising activities on or before October 30, 2017, to school principals and [engy.abdel.masieh@ocdsb.ca](mailto:engy.abdel.masieh@ocdsb.ca).

[Learn More](#)

## Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils (OCASC)

[OCASC](#) is an umbrella organization for school councils and parents in the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) to share information and facilitate communication within the OCDSB communities to enhance the education of all its students.

[Learn More](#)

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# Board and Committee of the Whole Meetings

The first regularly scheduled Board Meeting of this school year will be held on September 26, 2017 in the boardroom at [133 Greenbank Road](#). The Public session begins at 7:30 p.m.. Watch the meeting [live here](#). Read the [agenda](#).

## Upcoming Committee Meetings:

9/25/2017 7:00 PM [Arts Advisory Committee](#)

9/27/2017 7:00 PM [Audit Committee](#)

9/28/2017 6:00 PM [Advisory Committee on Equity](#)

9/26/2017 7:30 PM [Board, Public](#)

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