

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

Attendees: Lillian Neitzel, Kristin Riddell, Wendy Clee, Pam Peters, Karen Hutchinson, Sean Pedneault

Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Lillian.

Approval of the minutes from September 25, 2017 - All Approved

Head of Guidance/Special Education: Betsy Collins

Just want to shed some light on the post secondary process (see attachment, Post Secondary Information)

Please note there is more information on the website

↳ go to student services

↳ select Guidance Website

↳ select Scholarships/Contest.

- This page will give you a list of Awards, Scholarships and Financial Assistance, it is not all inclusive, there are many more websites out there with many more opportunities for such awards/scholarships.
- Please have your student apply to all opportunities that they qualify for not just those that offer high amounts.
- Keep an eye on application due dates. They can creep up on you
- Suggest that you have someone from the English Dept., proofread your written portions of your application
- Some universities offer their own scholarships directly, they usually accompany the student's acceptance letter, sometimes these scholarship offers can increase should the student's mark increase from the date of submission
- OSAP is another choice for financial assistance, for those families who earn less than 50k/yr. It is easier to apply now since it has been newly updated. It is a bit more generous, and you can apply online.
- Athletic Scholarships: are available but they are not substantial in Canada, no free rides in Canada, students can receive up to \$4500/yr. Div1/Div2 offer partial scholarships.

Please have students contact the guidance office should they have any questions

Staff Report - Kristin Riddell

Upcoming events

- Athletic Council - Buy Out \$2 to watch the AYJ hockey game at Jack Charron (supervised by admin staff and teaching staff)
- Literary Initiative between AY and feeder schools[GC/WOM] (good communications/good transitions)
- Board wide focus on Math K-12 - renewed math strategy - schools will receive funding from MOE to aid in reaching level 3 (consultations and curriculum planning)

OCSAC - No Report

OCDSB Update - No Report

Student Council - No Report

Staff Report con'd

- ESL - looking at support strategies
- National Library day was last Monday
- Healthy Active Living (HAL) held a fundraiser at Boston Pizza and raised \$410.
 - Kick boxing Thursdays after school, (during the month of October) - had a great turn out approx 32 students
 - Yoga Wednesdays after school
- Parenting Class - Wed AM working with young students
- Sources of Strength - healthy minds at school
 - raise awareness of depression/suicide
 - group has 20 students - complete special training, would like to see more students in the group
- Relay for life - **May 4** - great community event to raise money for cancer survivors and those families who have lost a love one to cancer. Need more volunteers. They meet every Friday. Will also complete a memory walk.
- Iceland trip - June
- Canadian Experience - **April** - 20 Students will travel to Nunavut and be billeted with families there. 2 weeks later students from Nunavut will come to AY.
- Canadian Battlefields- France, Belgium, UK - **March Break**
- International Exchange Suzhou, China - **April**, there are 12 students involved

Principals Report - Kristin Riddell

- Survey to go home to determine what week council will meet (end of month seems busy for most families)
- Official Population of the school 778 more than what was projected
- Guidance - helping students to balance their schedules
- Oct 31, staff meeting - focus school learning plan, well being
- Nov 1 - Take your child to work
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November 20th Report cards going home in
- November 23rd Canoe Building with Chuck Commanda (Reconciliation Project)
- Superintendents Facility Equity Check - asked for building improvements since there will not be an addition built on the school, more specifically the science labs, parking lot - focusing on the flow of traffic, safety, timing (to get in/out), is there a better system, as well as the track and basketball nets
- Letter in the Kanata Kourier. The information was forwarded to the Communications dept at the Board. Many students visited the office voicing concerns of the article. Students were given words of encouragement /positive feedback of their behaviour while at school. Message was given to whole school (over PA) and sent home via syner-voice. As a result, Kristin will work with KK to project positive image of AY and what our students are really about and the positive things they are doing in and around our community.

Round-table

- PROM - ongoing meetings with group of students, and their request to have an after-prom event which is non-sanctioned by the school/board. Students raise concerns of prom being late May-early June- they would like it later. Kristin's concern, along with many parents, is to make sure the event is all inclusive, should it proceed. No decision has been made as to whether there will be a sanctioned or non-sanctioned prom. The after prom can only be a non-sanctioned event.

Adjourned at 8:02pm

Post-Secondary Information (2017-2018)



Complete the Grade 12 Survey on the guidance website to give your counsellor information about your plans before we meet with you. We try to meet with all potential grads before the end of December.

Please check that you will have met all of your graduation requirements: - credits, community service hours, literacy test.

Where can I get more information?

- Listen to announcements daily!!!!!! Youtube
- See <https://ayjacksonss.ocdsb.ca> Click on Student Services, then Guidance Website
- Check your email regularly; check that your email address on Career Cruising is correct!

How do I apply to community college?

- Check entrance requirements at www.ontariocolleges.ca or sites of individual schools.
- Apply at www.ontariocolleges.ca before February 1st, 2018. Fee is \$95 for 5 choices (no more than 3 at one school; no additional choices allowed). No PIN required to apply. You *will* need your OEN (Ontario Education Number) which is available from Guidance or on report cards.
- Attend the necessary testing sessions that may be required for some specific programs.
- Note: many Community Colleges now offer Applied Degrees such as Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Interior Design (apply through Ontario University Application Centre www.ouac.on.ca). See www.ontariocolleges.ca or College websites for admission requirements.

How do I apply to university?

- Check entrance requirements at www.electronicinfo.ca or at websites of individual universities.
- Apply at www.ouac.on.ca before January 17th, 2018. Fee is \$150 for 3 choices; \$50 fee for each additional choice. Pick up your PIN from guidance in October (listen for announcements when they arrive)
- If applying out-of-province or in the U.S., check websites of individual schools' websites for applications, fees and deadlines.
- Generally, students need to take six grade 12 U or M courses, including prerequisites.

Can I go on to university from Community College?

Some programs have Articulation Agreements that allow some students to be accepted into related degree programs after completing specific college diploma programs with minimum average (often B+). (For example, Early Childhood Education may lead to a B.A. degree in Child Studies or related discipline).

- Students are often given credit for some of the work completed at college.
- Refer to the Ontario College University Transfer Guide www.ocutg.on.ca

How do I begin an apprenticeship in a skilled trade?

- Check requirements for specific skilled trade at <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/>
- After graduation from High School, find an employer willing to take on an apprentice and contact Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development to register as an apprentice (see above website)

OR

- Register for OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) through our co-operative education program to get a head-start on apprenticeship training

How do I get into private career/vocational college programs?

- Check entrance requirements and apply at <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/postsecondary/schoolsprogramspcc/>

Some websites for post-secondary and career research :

www.careercruising.com (for Individual Pathways Plan and career research; see any teacher or guidance for password if you forget)

www.ontariocolleges.ca (for college research and application) or www.ocas.ca

www.electronicinfo.ca (for Ontario university research)

www.ouac.on.ca (online Ontario university application; may also be used for research)

www.aucc.ca/ (Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada)

www.forces.gc.ca (Canadian Forces careers)

www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/eng/CCG/Home (Canadian Coast Guard careers)

www.ontario.ca/yourfuture

www.schoolfinder.com

www.careersintrades.ca

www.collegeboard.com (for US college and university entrance)
(SAT information: our school #826251)

www.discoveryyear.ca (for a purposeful GAP year)

Scholarship, bursary and financial aid websites:

<http://osap.gov.on.ca> Try the "Aid Estimator"
(OSAP=Ontario Student Assistance Program for student loans and grants.)

yconic.com

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.electronicinfo.ca

www.osca.ca (Ontario School Counsellors' Association)

<https://sites.google.com/a/ocdsb.ca/ayj-guidance/scholarships> (A.Y. Jackson's Guidance website)

(also see college and university websites and their financial aid centres)