

A Y Jackson Secondary School Council

November 27, 2017

Minutes

Attendees: Wendy Clee, Karen Hutchinson, Roxanne Venier, Lillian Neitzel, Steve Jackson and Katherine Chow

Regrets: Kristin Riddell

Meeting called to order by: Lillian Neitzel at 6:33pm

Approval of Minutes from: October 30, 2017 by All

Student Council – Katherine Chow

- thinking about shortening spirit week
- 1st dance – ok turnout
- December Events
 - Dec 1 – decorating the pit
 - Giving Tree -collecting winter clothing and items for food bank
 - class with the most donations wins an Ice Cream Cake
 - points will be assigned to items brought in – “grade war”
- Snow Ball – Semi Formal Dance – Dec15 @7pm-11pm
 - Theme – romantic – blue/silver/white
 - Tickets for sale in the pit Nov 9- Dec 8th (single \$12, 2/\$20) – prices are slightly higher due to decreased numbers at the first dance.
- Holiday Week Dec 18-22
 - Deck the Halls
 - Gotcha Game – more organized, more safe than original game, collect pins (not sure how to redistribute each day.... will figure it out). Each grade will have a winner per day.

Staff Report – Roxanne Venier

1.	<u>Terry Fox Walk/Run</u> Raised \$1064 for cancer research	Oct 5 th , 2017
2.	<u>Grade 9 Science Trip to the Bill Mason Center</u> All the grade 9 science classes spent the day at the Bill Mason Center in Dunrobin to learn about sustainable ecosystems and spend the day in nature	Oct, 2017
3.	<u>Relay for Life</u> 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
4.	<u>Take Our Kids to Work Day</u> Most of the grade nines were not at AY Nov 1 st . They had gone to work with someone....a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, neighbour.....	Nov 1, 2017
5.	<u>ICP Trip to the Japanese Embassy (ICP=International Certificate Program)</u> The students met the Staff at the embassy. They were introduced to Japanese Culture and Language	Nov 3rd
6.	<u>Funny Money Presentation</u> An interactive, funny presentation was given to the grades 11 and 12s on handling money. The presenter talked about the balance between saving and spending money and the problem with credit cards. To keep the students attention, he gave out money.... this work well!!	Nov 6th
7.	<u>Remembrance Day</u> Grade 11 Drama created and performed a very moving Remembrance Day Ceremony. They had the help of the AY Band.	Nov 10, 2017
8.	<u>Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 students helped promote, hand out boxes, collect boxes and help pack them up to be delivered to collection center • gift-filled shoeboxes sent to children living in desperate situations around the world • 88 boxes collected from AY! • Over 150 participants from AY! 	The month of November

9.	<p><u>Make the Cut (College/University Transition)</u> A number of grade 12 students who will be moving on to College or University next year participated in this activity at Carleton University. The focus of the program is to let students with IEP's know what specific resources will be available to them next year.</p>	Nov 15 th , 2017
10	<p><u>Man-Up Presentation</u> The Man-Up group at AY is a group of students that provide positive, prosocial leadership to the men at AY through leadership and educational forms. Recently this group of students met with grade 9 classes to talk about healthy relationships and what consent means. Amir Shuckle and Adam Telfer were interviewed by a journalist from Kanata Kourier about Man-UP...look for an article this week in the Kourier</p>	Nov sometime
11.	<p><u>Some activities going on in classrooms:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making pizzia in foods • Parenting in parenting • Problem solving in math 	
12.	<p><u>Ways to stay healthy and active at AY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Yoga & Kickboxing Classes finish up end of Nov • Free Spinning Classes start in December - Tuesdays after school • Lunch Time Open Skates @ JC Arena certain days this winter (permission forms needed - we have skates & helmets to lend) • Walking Sessions continue Tuesday mornings & Thursdays at lunch • De-Stress Week Dec.4-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshops to sign up for (during class time) = Restorative Yoga for Mental Health Workshop, YouthNet StressLESS Workshop, Spinning/Indoor Cycling Session ○ Other activities going on that week = Positive Thoughts Tree in Pit, Hot Chocolate & Tea at lunch, Dodgeball Challenge for Grade War Points, Phone Free Challenge • November Event = Capture the Flag Challenge for Grade War Points (67 students volunteered to participate!) 	Nov - Dec
13.	<p><u>J-Crew</u> The J-Crew class got together with their groups to do a workshop of bullying. The workshop emphasized not being a bystander. The grade 9 students took it very seriously. I was a teacher supervisor for one of the groups and I was so impressed with the J-Crew Leaders and the grade 9 students. Dec 14, the J-Crew leaders will run an academic follow up with their groups – they will talk about study skills to help the grade 9 prepare for the January Exams</p>	Nov 20 th , 2017

	Dec 21 st – grade 9 sleep over and pan cake breakfast	
14.	<p><u>Live Different Assembly:</u></p> <p>Through song and inspirational speakers, the grade 12's were challenged to make a difference people's lives by the Live Different Group.</p>	Nov 21 st , 2017
15.	<p><u>Field trip to the War Museum</u></p> <p>The World issues and the ICP students saw a film about Razia Jan who built a school in Afghanistan where girls could attend for free. After the screening Razia Jan was there to talk and answer questions</p>	Nov 22 nd , 2017
16.	<p><u>Reconciliation comes to AY:</u></p> <p>Chuck Commanda, an Algonquin master canoe builder came to AY, bringing with him an incredible birch bark canoe. Chuck talked about the many indigenous trades that were lost due to residential schools.</p> <p>Twelve students that identify as indigenous and 3 ICP students spent the day with Chuck and made small birch bark canoes. A number of classes cycle through and to see the canoes, how paddles are made and other displays.</p>	Nov 23 rd , 2017
17.	<p><u>Outers Club:</u></p> <p>Going on a Night Hike at Camp Fortune.</p>	Dec 1 st , 2017
18.	<p><u>Destress Week</u></p> <p>Students can sign up for various activities in Guidance – restorative yoga, spinning class, Zumba. Watch JTV for details.</p>	Dec 5-9
19.	<p><u>Some Up Coming Field Trips</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 PhysEd:” Learn the Curl” field trip • World Issue: Ethical Shopping trip to Westboro – green building tour of Mec and a fair-trade tour • National Disasters: Museum of Nature • Parenting: visiting a Preschool • Grade 10 Computer science: St Martins De Porres to continue working on their gaming project • Grade 10 PhysEed classes are going to the Nepean Sportsplex • All the tech classes are going to the “New” Science and Tech Museum 	December
20.	<p><u>Sports Update Winter season:</u></p>	Fall/Winter

<p>Jr and Sr Boys Basketball both have their first game today</p> <p>Sr Girls Volleyball have their first season game Thursday</p> <p>Girls Hockey starts Dec 4</p> <p>Nordic skiing practices have begun and take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school</p> <p>Track and field conditioning takes place in the upper gym Tuesdays and Thursdays after school</p> <p>Finish up of Fall season:</p> <p>Girls Field Hockey won the tier 1 city championship</p> <p>Boys Hockey have their first play off game tomorrow, Nov 28</p> <p>Colby Frost competed in the provincial championships at the beginning of November</p>	
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Principal's Report – Steve Jackson VP

- TOKTW org by Lynda Talbott
- Remembrance Day Assembly Illona Henkleman and Drama Students
- DELF French Teachers Mme Brutus
- Report Cards; SST, guidance and Admin identifying those students needing assistance intervention
- Chuck Commanda Master Canoe Builder, Algonquin
- Cross curricular: Tech, Guidance, Art, Canadian and World Issues: maps of traditional lands and language geographic distribution, material on reconciliation, hand making of paddles, Birch Bark Canoe, and so on
- Coffee House. well attended, -80 people, safe intimate environment; Phil Troop
- Teacher Professional Development Day - Focus on SLP with critical thinking and math forefront; sessions for staff on critical thinking, active learning, ELL support, proportional reasoning in multiple subject areas.
- Grad Photos done last week

Upcoming Events:

Dec 4 Alvin Powell – addictions (grades 10,11)

Dec 6 Kids Christmas Part

Dec 7 Arts Night

Dec 12 Credit Support

Dec 14 Concert

Dec 15 Locker Clean Out / Semi Formal Dance “Snow Ball”

Dec 19 Staff Meeting

Dec 21 Grade 9 Sleep Over

Dec 22 Pancake Breakfast

Jan 17 / 18 EQAO Grade 9

Jan 18 Grade 8 Info Night

Jan 25-31 Inclusive Exams

School Learning Plan: Critical Thinking, Inquiry Based Learning, Renewed Math Strategy

- Departments defining and refining goals and contributing to the SLP.
- Participating in LAMP, Cross Panel Math, RMS, ELL training

Well Being Plan:

- Committee struck and met (Resiliency and Anti-Bullying)
- Promote use of existing structures (Sources of Strength, J Crew, Rideauwood, etc.; example: Anti Bullying ID’d through student survey- initiated last year - implemented through J Crew this year)
- Cell phones and negative effects of screen time
- Day of Wellness (workshops by grade)
- Advice to parents re health issues

Both SLP and WBP “live” documents and unfolding as semester progresses

PROM:

The prom this year will be NON-SANCTIONED.

Kristin will assist the students (committee) when and where she can and to ensure student safety. She has suggested to the committee to make sure that all students are involved, whether through the Facebook page, Instagram or what ever means of social media they are using to get the information out to the rest of the grade 12 body.

The prom committee has requested to have the prom prior to commencement but that will not happen. Commencement will take place in June 29, 2018 and the prom after this date

ROUNDTABLE:

QUESTION: Last year there was information and communication to the students about Drugs, where to go or who to contact if the student wanted help or to discuss issues surrounding drug is that still happening?

ANSWER: yes this is still communicated to the students, their first line of contact is of course being a teacher they trust, guidance counselling department, principal/vice principal. Rideauwood Counselling Services (<http://www.rideauwood.org/>).

We have two Algonquin nurses at AY. Their main initiative – to collect info via survey, compile info and prepare a course of action. Take 20 (20 mins sessions after school) They are working on a video approximately 2-3mins – informative

No meeting in December

Next meeting Jan 30th, 2018

Meeting adjourned @ 7:52pm