



# Alexander Mackenzie High School School Council

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

## MINUTES

**Present:** **2017-2018 Council:** *Lisa Wakayama, Loren Thorburn, Kelly Levson, Christine LaForge, Katerina Papas, David Mountain, Sabira Pradhan, Karl Brumund, Gail Harris, Otilia Olteanu, Jay Perri, Cathy Clarke*

**Absent:** *Francine Hudspith, Madeleine Harvey-Raymond, Lory Maiorano,*

**Guests:** *Lana Fisher, Megan Alexander-Lui, David Harris*

### Council Decision:

#### 1. Banner Purchase - *via email conversation and vote*

- Council designed a banner to help promote school council at various events
- On March 27, 2018 council approved the purchase of the banner using Board funds
- Dharmila ordered the banner and it was displayed for the first time at this meeting

### Minutes:

#### 1. Introduction and Donation Request: - *Lisa Wakayama, Otilia Olteanu*

- Guests welcomed to the Guidance presentation
- Otilia explained how funds have been used in the past:
  - Purchase of new gym equipment
  - Guidance office renovation
  - Student success room renovation
- Next project: Library renovation to include lower bookshelves, more ebooks, movable bookshelves, high tables at the windows, small comfortable seating areas, 36 computers
- Lisa explained the need to help fund these changes through donations to the school which must be completed through School Cash Online

A screenshot of the "School Cash Online" website. The header includes the York Region District School Board logo and name, a shopping cart icon showing "0 items in cart", a "Checkout" button, a "Sign Out" link, and a "Select Language" dropdown menu. Below the header is a navigation bar with "Home", "Items", "Payment History", and "My Account" links. The main content area shows a search bar with a "Search" button and two buttons: "Make A Donation" (circled in red) and "Add Student".

## 2. **Pathways Presentation** - *Lana Fisher*

- Presentation available on the Guidance page of the Alexander Mackenzie High School website

## 3. **Approval of February Minutes and May Agenda** - *Lisa Wakayama*

- Motion to approve the minutes – Dave, seconded – Karl, all in favour
- Motion to approve the agenda – Katerina, seconded – Kelly, all in favour

## 4. **Administration Report** - *Otilia Olteanu, Jay Perri*

### Otilia

- Library
  - will be closed beginning in June to begin renovations (flooring and lighting) and is expected to re-open the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September
  - Alternate space is available for study purposes
  - One smart tv has been ordered for the study room
  - A second smart tv will be purchased and placed in the corner with the computers
- EDSBY
  - More to come next year
- Business Department
  - Ordered a smart tv for announcements – cheaper than an enclosed corkboard
- Student Council Elections
  - Co-presidents: Nick Gordon and Michaela Trajkovski
- Welcome Signs
  - Languages have been determined and the translations have been done
  - Looking for most cost-effective option
    - Large sign \$7000
    - Banner slightly cheaper
    - Sticker material with transparent background most reasonable – will look into the cost of ordering individual stickers
    - Or possible to have students paint the signs – would likely involve various school clubs

### Jay

- Music Trips
  - Calgary/Banff and Montreal/Quebec City trips both were very successful
- YRP Battle of the Bands
  - Police band will battle against a couple of student groups and possibly the caretakers on May 29 at lunch
- School Carnival
  - May 31 – grade 7s invited in the morning

- Rest of the school will celebrate on an extended lunch hour with food trucks (Beaver Tails, burger, vegetarian/vegan option?) and inflatables
- EQAO
  - Grade 9 math students to write June 13 and 14
- Exams
  - June 20-26
- Graduation
  - June 28

5. **Teacher Report** – *Megan Alexander-Lui, Cathy Clarke*

Megan

- Grad committee
  - In the past, “Pomp and Circumstance” has been used to accompany the graduates as they march in
  - last year, the class was large so the song continued to the section with lyrics
  - parent feedback sought whether to continue using “Pomp and Circumstance” (no lyrics) or a Rimsky-Korsakov song that was played at the meeting
  - Council recommended keeping “Pomp and Circumstance” and looping if necessary but left the final decision with the committee

Cathy

- Assessment and Evaluation Committee
  - School wide procedures being reviewed
  - Goal to have a document in place for September that would help to keep assessment and evaluation practices consistent throughout the school
  - Important due to the growth of the school and hiring of new staff
- Arts Mackenzie Report



The Arts Mackenzie program has had a successful spring performance season, with successful performances in all disciplines. Highlights include:

- two successful extended field trips for Music Arts Mackenzie, including Montreal/Quebec (March) and Calgary/Banff (April)
- Cultural Summit (March)
- Variety of platinum awards at Music Alive
- YRDSB One Act Play Festival with 5 Elementary Feeder Schools (April)
- May spring showcase performances for all disciplines (Dance Expressions, Fanfare, 12 and a Half @ Boynton House/Doors Open Richmond Hill, Play On)
- Arts Mackenzie representation at Cultural Leadership Council (May)
- Dancers filming My Name is Mr. Ripley with Sean Cisterna

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- End of the year celebrations in all disciplines
  - Visual Arts May 23
  - Music May 31
  - Theatre and Dance June 5
- Concerts and Performances:
  - Jazz and Broadway at Richmond Hill Public Library June 6th
  - String Recital at St. Mary's Church June 7th
  - Dance Performance at OFSSA June 8th
  - Senior Band Performance at Arts Mackenzie June 11th
  - Concord Floral at Arts Mackenzie June 12th
  - Visual Arts showcase at Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts for the month of June
- Board Projects
  - Artist in Resident Program with Theatre Arts Mackenzie students May 29th to June 5th

## 6. **Fundraising** – *Lisa Wakayama*

- Silent Auction
- Presence at Parent Teacher Night
- Best if we can let parents know how the funds will be used (eg. Library renovations, or library kiosk)
- Could run an event that raises funds for school and hospital (eg. Spin for Kids was an event at another school that combined fitness and arts)
- Cathy and Karl will set up a google doc to track ideas around fundraising and give council members access to it
- Dave can set up a conference call in June if a discussion needs to take place

## 7. **PRO Grant Ideas**– *Lisa Wakayama*

- Jennifer Kolari was the speaker this year – Lisa completed the form
- Ideas discussed for next year – June 5 deadline for application (Karl to complete)
  - Money Matter\$
  - Triple L Training
- Lana Fisher’s Guidance talks are well attended by parents so it was decided that the talk should be combined with one of her presentations
- It was decided that Money Matter\$ would be combined with Lana’s talk about financing post secondary education

**Date for next meeting:** *Monday, September 17 at 7:00*