



# Alexander Mackenzie High School School Council

Monday April 18, 2016  
7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Library

## Minutes

**Present:** Loren Thorburn, Francis Bromet, Rhonda Wolfe, Christine LaForge, Lory Maiorano, Jennifer DiGiacchino, Ellen Davies Campbell, Tali Smith, Gail Harris, Lisa Wakayama, Debra Conrad-Knight, Otilia Olteanu, Stephanie Rosenbaum (Student Council Representative)

**Regrets:** Eric Issaev

**Visitors:** David Harris, Anna Marie Reed, Kristen Wade, Jeffrey Holicky Sr.

## Minutes:

### 1. Student Report – *Stephanie Rosenbaum*

- Spirit Week to take place April 25<sup>th</sup> – April 29<sup>th</sup> with various activities such as Twin Day, PJ Day, Jersey Day, Neon Day and Minute to Win it Day.
- Student Council is busy preparing for the Carnival in June.
- Applications for next year's Student Council have been submitted.

### 2. ARTS Update – No ARTS Update

### 3. Admin Update – *Debra Conrad-Knight and Otilia Olteanu*

- Second semester reports come out on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Students completed their Literacy test on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Staff noticed a considerable increase in the amount of students requiring extra time to finish the test.
- Grade 12 students participated in Resiliency workshops.
- Speakers from Seneca, U of T and Mackenzie Health presented the grade 12 students with information on ways to support mental health.
- Upcoming events:
  - I) Dance Expressions – May 10<sup>th</sup> @ RHCPA
  - II) Fanfare 2016 – May 11<sup>th</sup> @ RHCPA
  - III) Visual Arts show at Boyton House – May 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>

**Admin update continued** – *Debra Conrad-Knight and Otilia Olteanu*

- Parents Night was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Setting appointments online was received very well by parents.
- Students participating in the Chicago trip departed on April 15<sup>th</sup> and were to return on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Prom will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- All Department Banquets to be held early in June.
- Carnival moved to June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- To accommodate for graduation, grade 12 period 4 exams will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Graduation ceremony will be held at the Terrace Banquet Hall on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Timetables for September are in the process of being arranged.
- IB program will be expanding to include Alexander Mackenzie High; demand for the program will likely help increase enrollment.
- Pre IB to start September 2017. Students will start off in Pre IB and then complete the 2 year course in grades 11 and 12.

**4. School Council Business**

**I) Approval of minutes** – *Loren Thorburn*

**II) Treasurer's Report** – *Francis Bromet*

The following departments received funds from the School Council:

Breakfast Club	-	\$1,000
Musical Theatre	-	\$1,000
Co-op	-	\$750
Visual Arts	-	\$1,250
Teacher Appreciation	-	\$300
Cross Country (Donation)	-	\$1,000
Music Instruments (Donation)	-	\$1,000

**5. School Council Communication - *Loren Thorburn***

- The possibility of relaying information from school council meetings to be posted in the school's weekly bulletin or school website was discussed.

**6. Fundraising for 2016/2017 - *Loren Thorburn***

- Council voted in favour of changing the amount that parents can pay for the registration package.
- Parents will have the following options:
  - \$10 – will **not** receive a tax receipt
  - \$20 – will receive a tax receipt.
- Council not sure if the Book Sale or Donation Drive will be held next year.

**7. Spending of Board Generated Funds - *Loren Thorburn***

- Council voted to allocate a \$500 contribution from council funds to be used to cover the cost of buses so that the Community Class could attend prom.
- The remaining portion of funds was to be given to the Breakfast Club.

**8. PRO grant**

- Deadline for PRO grant submission is May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- PRO grant summary for Paul Davis talk has been prepared and submitted by Jennifer and new PRO grant application will be prepared and submitted by Lisa.
- Request will be to have Dr. Gordon Flett and Talli Osborne as speakers.
- If either of the above speakers is not available then possible replacements could be Dr. Karyn Gordon or Alyson Schafer.

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, May 16, 2016**