



Alexander Mackenzie High School School Council

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Library

Minutes

Present: Loren Thorburn, Lisa Wakayama, Lory Maiorano, Rhonda Wolfe, Jennifer DiGiacchino, Ellen Davies Campbell, Debra Conrad-Knight, Otilia Olteanu, Catherine Clarke
Regrets: Francis Bromet, Christine LaForge, Gail Harris, Eric Issaev, Tali Smith
Visitors: Kristen Wade, Jeff Holicky Sr.

Minutes:

1. **Student Report** – No student report
2. **ARTS Update** – *Cathy Clarke*
 - ARTS auditions went very well.
 - Information night will be held on March 3rd and topics of discussion will include curriculum and transitioning.
 - Upcoming trips in the spring include: Kinky Boots, the AGO, Chicago.
 - Sears Ontario Drama Festival will take place on March 2nd at St. Elizabeth.
 - AMHS Open Mic will be held on March 10th, open to all students.
 - AMHS will be hosting a Film Festival on April 5th.
3. **Admin Update** – *Debra Conrad-Knight and Otilia Olteanu*
 - AMAC Fights Back – annual event to raise awareness for cancer and donor drive happening on March 8th during an extended lunch period.
 - Manicure for the Cure will be providing manicures.
 - Haircuts will be offered by Sport Clip.
 - Visual Arts will host an Arts and Crafts sale.

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

- AMAC Fights Back:
 - Ping Pong and Badminton tournaments to be held in the gym.
 - All proceeds raised will go to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.
 - One Match will also be collecting samples for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Foundation.
- Resiliency update – grade 9’s completed exercises in the first term.
- In the second term the grade 12’s will participate in discussions: Strategies, Core Breathing, and APP.
- Reps from Seneca, University of Toronto and Mackenzie Health to speak to the senior students regarding ways to support mental health. Assemblies will take place over 3 periods during the following days – February 19th, February 22nd, and February 23rd.
- Teacher Technology – by the end of February all teachers will have been provided with their choice of one of the following pieces of equipment: Ipad, Chrome Book or Laptop.
- Regional Parent Symposium taking place on March 30th at the Sheraton Parkway.
- Literacy test for grade 10 students will take place on March 31st. Will consist of 2 tests, seventy-five minutes in length with a break in between. Students need to achieve 75% or better to pass the test. Students will receive a workbook which contains practice lessons and information about the test.
- An afterschool literacy program was started in semester 1 to help students improve their reading and writing skills.
- Interim Reports come out on March 7th.
- Parents Night will be held on April 7th.
- Students participating in the Chicago trip will be departing on April 15th and will be returning on April 18th.
- Carnival moved to June 1st.
- To accommodate for graduation, grade 12 period 4 exams will be held on June 20th.

4. **School Council Business**

I) Approval of minutes – *Lory Maiorano*

II) Treasurer’s Report – *Francis Bromet*

No changes since the last meeting.

5. **Spending** - *Francis Bromet, Loren Thorburn*

Council approved spending for the following:

Graduation Gifts for 2 students	- \$500
Student Council (Teacher Appreciation)	- \$300
Hospitality (Breakfast Program)	- \$1,000
Musical Theatre	- \$ 1,000
Co-Op (Display Case)	- \$ 750
Visual Arts	- \$ 1,250

6. **PROgrant**

- Deadline for PROgrant submission is May 29th.
- Jennifer to submit application for PROgrant speaker.
- Funds remaining from last year's grant - \$111.07.
- Possible speakers: Dr. Gordon Flett and Talli Osborne.
- If either of the above speakers is not available then possible replacements could be Dr. Karen Gordon or Alyson Schafer.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2016