



Alexander Mackenzie High School School Council

Tuesday February 21, 2017
7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Library

Minutes

Present: Lisa Wakayama, Francine Hudspith, Jeffrey Holicky Sr, Rhonda Wolfe, Katerina Papas, Gail Harris, Otilia Olteanu, Cathy Clarke, Jay Perri, George Ellinas

Absent: Lory Maiorano, Tali Smith, Francis Bromet, Christine LaForge,

Visitors: Camille Persaud, Marlene Charles

Minutes:

1. Student Report – *Aida*

- The Valentine's themed annual event was a success. The chocolate rose sold out.
- Mental Health Week April 3 – 7 during midterm time to help the students cope example Yoga, Zumba
- AMC fights back is in March
- Mani for a cure
- One Match swabs

2. ARTS Update - *Cathy Clarke*

- Arts acceptance has 72 new students for September.
- Chamber Orchestra received Gold Standard and Chamber Choir received Platinum Standard
- New Dance Teacher has been hired.
 - Parents would like communication with regards to change in teachers.
- Silent Auction/coffee house schedule for March 1st

3. Admin Update – *Jay Perri*

- PISA – Program International Student Assessment
 - This program is run every 4 years and our school was one of the schools chosen last year for Ontario along with 72 other countries countries
 - 20,000 15 year olds wrote tests in Math, Science, Reading
 - Ontario was ranked top 4 -5 countries in the world
- Student Survey -80% of students participated last year.
 - The results help the Board and school plan programs and make policies
- March Break - March 13 to 17
- Immunization March 9

- EQAO March 30
- Parents Night April 6
- Interim Report Cards April 20
- Disney Music Trip April 25 – 30

4. IB Update - *Otilia Olteanu*

- Offers of acceptance have been sent to about 1500 students over 5 York Region IB sites (approx 116 per site)
- Starting AMHS pre-IB grade 9/10 in September 2017
- 300 Students and Parents attended the IB info night

5. Foyer/Front Lobby Revitalization – *Otilia Olteanu*

- A suggestion Box was placed in the Guidance office for students
 - Suggestions from the students were to make the school more attractive and better place to come and enjoy.
 - During March Break there will be new TVs installed that will show video announcements, performances, and students involved in various curricular and extra-curricular activities

6. Parking – *Otilia Olteanu*

- School pays for parking enforcement person.
- There will be curbs installed in the spring.
- New signs have been ordered.

7. Dress Code – *George Ellinas*

- Parent Council has been asked their input in regards to students wearing hats in the school. There were some discussion but it has been tabled for next meeting.

8. Other topics - *George Ellinas*

- Black History Month Assembly
- Literacy Test March 30 will be a paper test

9. Motion to approve October and January minutes - *Lisa Wakayama*

Motion to approve October and January minutes Jeff, second Katerina, approved

10. Budget - *Francine Hudspith*

- Budget was handed out - \$2736.24 available to be spent
- School requests \$800.00 for two speakers to be installed in the main hall to improve acoustics for the physed/music and drama departments.
 - Motion to approve \$800.00 for speakers Lisa, second Rhonda, approved

Date for next meeting

Tuesday April 18, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Library