



Alexander Mackenzie High School School Council

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

Minutes

Present: Francis Bromet, Loren Thorburn, Lisa Wakayama, Lory Maiorano, Rhonda Wolfe, Christine LaForge, Jennifer DiGioacchino, Gail Harris, Eric Issaev, Debra Conrad-Knight, Jay Perri, Catherine Clarke
Regrets: Tali Smith
Absent: Ellen Davies Campbell, Adoris Thompson-Forrester.
Visitors: Kristen Wade

Minutes:

1. **Student Report** – No student report

2. **ARTS Update** – *Cathy Clarke*

- Cinderella performances were held on December 10 and 11 at RHCPA. Six shows over 2 days. Students from across the school in Theatre Arts, Music, Visual Arts, Cosmetology, Woodworking, and Marketing helped make the production a success. Both elementary matinees were sold out. Very little tickets remained unsold at the end of the run.
- ARTS auditions for 2016-17 will start on January 22 and run through January 29.

3. **Admin Update** – *Debra Conrad-Knight and Jay Perri*

- Paul Davis presented his workshop about Social Networking Safety on December 7th to three student assemblies during the day and to over forty parents and guests in the evening at 7 p.m.
- Winterfest Holiday Concert presented in December before the Break.
- Exams start January 22nd.
- Grade 9 students who took Math in the first semester will be writing their EQAO.

Admin Update Continued – *Debra Conrad-Knight and Jay Perri*

- Course selections for next year to be done through Career Cruising. Final date to submit selections is February 11th.
- February 16th attendance to go online requiring teachers to record electronically.
- New P.A. Day has been added to the school calendar – Friday June 3rd.
- Date for grade 12 Graduation has been set for June 28th.
- To accommodate for graduation, grade 12 period 4 exams will be held on June 20th.

4. School Council Business

I) Approval of minutes – *Loren Thorburn*

II) Treasurer's Report – *Francis Bromet*

As of today's meeting:

- \$6132.58 in the School Council account
- \$2000.00 donation pledged, but not yet received. (To be allocated as follows: \$1000 toward musical instruments and \$1000 towards Cross Country)

III) Paul Davis Talk – *Jennifer DiGiacchino, Loren Thorburn*

- Paul Davis presented his Social Networking Safety Parent workshop to students and parents on December 7th.
- Paul spoke to the students in assemblies during the day, and presented his workshop to parents and guests at 7pm that same evening.
- The workshop was very well received with over forty parents and guests in attendance.
- Administration team provided the refreshments for the workshop and were to charge them to the PROgrant. If PROgrant funding was insufficient, the remaining amount was to be charged to the council Board account.
- Rhonda presented Paul with a 'Thank You' gift using items from the office.

5. Removal of Council Member Adoris A. Thompson-Forrester

- Written notification was sent to Adoris A. Thompson-Forrester advising of the member's removal from council.
- Member did not respond to any emails.
- Council chose to remove member from council by voting unanimously.

6. Council Spending – *Francis Bromet, Loren Thorburn*

- \$500 to be used for two student Graduation gifts – increased from \$200 to \$250 each
- Suggestions offered to provide support for the following:
 - Grade 7 swag bags
 - Marketing (pamphlets) geared towards grade 7's. (Francis to inquire about possible cost savings at Ad agency.)
 - Carnival
 - The Breakfast Club
 - Musical Theatre

7. PROgrant speaker for 2016/2017 – *Loren Thorburn*

Suggested speakers for next year:

- Alyson Shafer
- Dr. Karen Gordon
- Michelle Cassidy
- Gary Direnfeld
- A specialist for Depression

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2016