



# Alexander Mackenzie High School

## School Council

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Monday, January 18, 2021

7:15 – 8:15 pm via GoToMeeting

### MINUTES

#### Attendees

**Present:** Cathy Clarke (teacher rep), Loren Thorburn, Xun Wang, Karl Brumund, Kelly Levson, Ruby Thind, Teresa Ho, Christine LaForge, Sabira Pradhan, Marna Sobel, Amanda Shulman, Krista Pummell(principal), George Ellinas (vice principal), Nazila Reyhani (Guidance/IB rep), Erika Pridie (vice principal), Wil Husnutdinov (student rep)

**Guests:** Allison, Angela, Ben Kochnari, John, John Chai, Laura, Maryjanequino, Tara, Farhana, Paul Ahn

#### Student Report - student council met virtually - *Wil Husnutdinov*

- Student Council has been busy the first semester organizing a number of events
  - Combined Halloween event for all clubs and councils
  - Want as many students as possible to be involved in virtual school events
  - Virtual winter performance to showcase different arts
- Well being of students by having members of student council take over instagram
- Valentines day events will be organized for next month
- Spirit Week and AMAC Fights back (fund raise for cancer research)
- AMHS google classroom has all the clubs that students can participate in

#### Teacher Report - *Cathy Clarke*

- Special Education Website - includes a lot of resources for all AMAC Resources
- Library has added lots of additional resources for wellness and research
- IB Update - offers have been sent out and will continue to be sent out until program has reached capacity
- See attached for full update

## Guidance Report - Nazila Reyhani

- See attached presentation
  - Course selection for next year is starting Feb 16th - 24th
  - For Grade 8, there will be a presentation and then a google form to fill in for questions. FAQ will be updated weekly based on questions coming in
  - Where can Grade 8's find the information about course selection? It will be under the guidance tab, they should click on transition Grade 8 to 9 to access the information.

## Admin report - Krista Pummell, George Ellinas

### Krista Pummell

- Rolling out new process for course selection to help students make more informed decisions
  - Goal is to reduce the number of course change requests, as this has a big impact on staff and courses offered
  - Stricter guidelines for changing courses in the coming year
- All school is online until February 10th
  - School building is open, but access is restricted to staff.
- Additional 90 students will be moving to the virtual environment which has impacted staff and courses. Result has been to reduce the number of course offerings.
- Grade 8 open house - this will be virtual event

### George Ellinas

- Timetable has been rebuilt for semester 2 to adjust for changes
- Tuesday, January 26th - students will receive new timetables
- Timetable change requests - January 26th - 29th
- Course selection - additional information will be available to help educate students on departments, courses offered and pathways forward
- Guidance is working on resolving conflicts for students that have incomplete timetables
- Do not have information for Virtual School yet

### Erika Pridie

- January 29th - final day of semester 1
- Feb 2nd - first day of semester 2
- Feb 4th - Marks are due to the office
- Feb 10th - 14th - report cards will be sent home

## 2020/2021 School Council

**Treasurer Report** - see attached.

**School Council Page on website:** School council voted virtually in favour of changing the format of the school council page to provide direct links to important information. Loren will work with Admin to make the recommended changes.

**Principals Profile:** school council members voted to approve the changes

**Parent Survey:** at least half dozen parents willing to help. Idea for virtual pen pals for some of the LTC residents. Information will be shared with guidance and included in the parent bulletin also.

Any recommendations on how parents can help should be sent to school council at [alexander.mackenzie.hs@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:alexander.mackenzie.hs@sc.yrdsb.ca).

**Pro Grant Funding:** initiative from Ontario Government to help fund activities for parent engagement. Deadline to apply is Friday, January 29th for a maximum of \$500. A sub committee has been working on ideas for parent engagement.

**Parent Engagement Activities:** Teresa has reached out to speaker Brooks Gibbs who presents to teenagers and parents. Also reached out to church leaders to suggest speakers to talk to parents about navigating the increased reliance on technology by students during lockdowns.

Marna has contacted Paul Davis - online safety, social media presentations. This can be held virtually and the cost is \$500 + HST.

**Fundraising Sub Committee:** Anyone interested in joining this committee please email school council at [alexander.mackenzie.hs@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:alexander.mackenzie.hs@sc.yrdsb.ca).

2020-2021 Council Members

Co-chairs: Loren Thorburn & Karl Brumund

Secretary: Ruby Thind

Treasurer: Xun Wang

Parent Reps: Teresa Ho, Christine LaForge,

Kelly Levson, Sabira Pradhan,

Amanda Shulman, Marna Sobel

2020-2021 Meeting Dates

online via Gotomeeting @ 7:15pm

Monday September 21, 2020 @ 7:15pm

Monday October 19, 2020 @ 7:15pm

Monday November 16, 2020 @ 7:15pm

Monday January 18, 2021 @ 7:15pm

Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 7:15pm

Monday May 17, 2021 @ 7:15pm



## School Council Report

January 18, 2021

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Are you following our AMHS YouTube Channel? <http://bit.ly/amhsyoutube>

Grade 8 Digital Virtual Open House: <http://bit.ly/amhsopenhouse>

AMHS Library Website:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/alexandermackenzie.hs/library/Pages/Library%20-Home.aspx>

### **Arts Mackenzie**

Arts Mackenzie received 220 applications for entry into the program September 2021. Our Arts Mackenzie faculty is currently reviewing the e-portfolio applications and results will be sent to applicants January 29th.

### **Dance/Dramatic Arts/Theatre**

Students in Dance and Theatre Arts Mackenzie are working on their final, end of semester performances. Filming and production will wrap at the end of January with presentation dates in February. Performances will include original choreography, Grade 12 Dance Graduate Showcase, Two Web Series and some Zoomfermances.

### **Music/Musical Theatre**

Two weeks to go for the end of the first stage of a Chorus Line. Begun in December and the date of presentation still needs to be confirmed with the publishing house.

Arts Mackenzie invites all families to follow our adventures on social media:

Instagram: @artsmackenzie @amhs.music @amhs.studio

Twitter: @AMHSPA @AMHS\_Music @amhsvisa

### **Visual Arts**

Students are finishing up their courses with projects ranging from e-portfolios to social justice posters and genre parody films. Many grade 9 students have chosen to participate in the York Region Crime Stopper poster contest.

The Arts and Culture Council hosted a virtual workshop with York Region artist Judy Sherman last week. Judy shared her expertise on oil painting and life as a working artist with the students. Next week, the ACC has another speaker from a local studio who will be discussing portfolios and careers in art.

### **Geography:**

Grade 12 World Issues students are finishing up their culminating assignment. They began the assignment in October. They had to pick an issue and find an organization that helps that

specific issue. They had to fundraise and bring awareness to the issue they chose. Students have been choosing issues surrounding poverty, climate change, homelessness, gender equality, access to health care and so much more. Students will begin to present their research, fundraising experience and reflections to the class this week.

### **Guidance:**

Semester 2: Course selection and conflict resolution in Adaptive for 9-12

Course selection for school year 2020-2021: Feb 16-Feb 24

- Please see Guidance presentation

### **International Baccalaureate:**

IB Intake for Grade 8 students: First round of offers → December 15th and rolling offers until at capacity

IB exams in May 2020: Internal assessments → important piece of assessment

IB core: EE, CAS (supervisors during pandemic)

### **Library Learning Commons**

The LLC has purchased three additional databases as part of our EBSCO subscription.

- **History Reference Center** is a full-text database covering both U.S. and world history topics and features historical reference books, magazines, journals and thousands of primary source documents.
- **Science Reference Center** is a database that contains full text for hundreds of science magazines, journals, encyclopedias, reference books and a vast collection of images.
- **Literary Reference Center Plus** is a database covering all literary genres and timeframes. It includes thousands of full-text poems, short stories, synopses, critical essays, literary journals, reference books and author biographies.

### **Literacy**

One way that AMHS has chosen to assist our students with the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test is by offering extra support to reinforce literacy skills. A Google Classroom has been developed where students can access a number of pre-recorded lessons designed to promote reading and writing strategies. These lessons will make a difference in the student's understanding and confidence related to the various tasks they will be required to complete on the OSSLT. In addition, live lessons took place where students were able to practice a number of reading and writing strategies and they received immediate feedback from the Literacy Resource Teacher.

## **Mathematics Department**

On behalf of the Mathematics Department, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their support and the students for their hard work in Semester One. As we approach the end of this semester, it is crucial for students to keep up with their good effort in finishing the final assessments and assignments to enhance their achievement. Despite COVID-19, the Math programs at Alexander Mackenzie continue to thrive with rigorous curriculum delivered by the staff and outstanding results achieved by the students. For instance, the Mathematics Council continues to support students who intend to take part in the Waterloo Math Contests on an individual basis. We would also like to thank the Math teachers, who have been offering extra help on-line to address individual learning needs. As the final assessments/assignments are just around the corner, I would like to remind students to approach their teachers should they need extra help to prepare for them. We wish students all the best as they wrap up the first semester. We also welcome the input of parents as we prepare for the beginning of the second semester.

## **Science Department:**

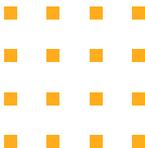
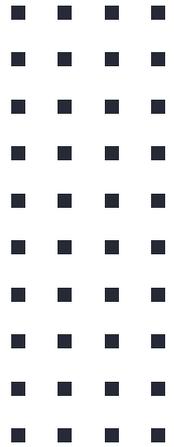
On behalf of the science department I would like to share our students' accomplishments during HOSA Canada's first online Fall Leadership Conference. Secondary and post-secondary students from across Canada participated in HOSA Fall Leadership Conference 2020. Although this conference was only for practice, many of our students placed high this year.

These students from Alexander Mackenzie High school are:

- **Dental Terminology, Secondary:** 1st Place: Mika'll Visanji
- **CPR/First Aid, Secondary:** 2nd Place: Henry Trinh, Jason Yuan
- 5th Place: Avid Eslami, Aria Shahedi
- **Forensic Medicine, Secondary:** 4th Place: Lauren Hum, Mindy Kang
- 10th Place: Terry Luk, Angela Yu

**Special Education:** Our phenomenal teacher Jesse Hotrum has developed a website to support students with exceptionalities at AMHS and their families. In fact, this website would be great for all students and families! It has academic and technology resources, supports for families and strategies to help students with their mental health and well-being. Please check it out at: [bit.ly/amhsspecial](http://bit.ly/amhsspecial)

Families are invited to view the following presentation: Supporting Student Learning and Well-Being: <https://youtu.be/YdDHXinPpYM>



# Guidance

**School Council-January 18, 2021**



# Course Selection

February 16th-February 24th





# Grade 8

Course selection information sent to feeder schools

# Grades 9-11

Course selection information sent to Period 1 classes

# Grade 12

Guidance

# Grade 8 Information

- Grade 8 Open House Presentation
  - Posted on AMHS website
  - Please see link:
  - Sent to feeder schools (Adaptive and EVS)
- Grade 8 Course selection Presentation
  - Posted on AMHS website
  - Please see link:
  - Sent to feeder schools (EVS-Jan 14, Adaptive-Jan 18)
- Information posted on AMHs Website Guidance Tab
  - Youtube links
  - Presentations
  - course selection sheet (word doc, google form)
  - FAQ (google form)



# Grade 8

Course selection information sent to feeder schools

# Grades 9-11

Course selection information sent to Period 1 classes

# Grade 12

Guidance

# Grades 9-11 Information

- Grades 9-11
  - Presentations on course selection
  - Provided for Period 1 classes (week of February 8th)
  - Information regarding Q&A sessions
    - Live meet (dates to be determined)
    - Google form for Q&A (FAQ to be posted on Website)
    - Contact Guidance counselor with appropriate alpha
    - Parent Bulletin (AMHS Course selection catalogue)
    - School website





# Grade 8

Course selection information sent to feeder schools

# Grades 9-11

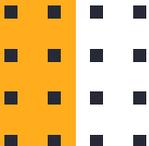
Course selection information sent to Period 1 classes

# Grade 12

Guidance

# Grade 12-Graduating Class of 2021

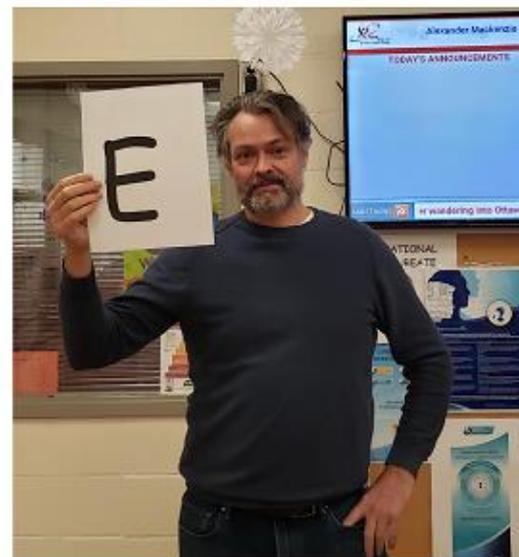
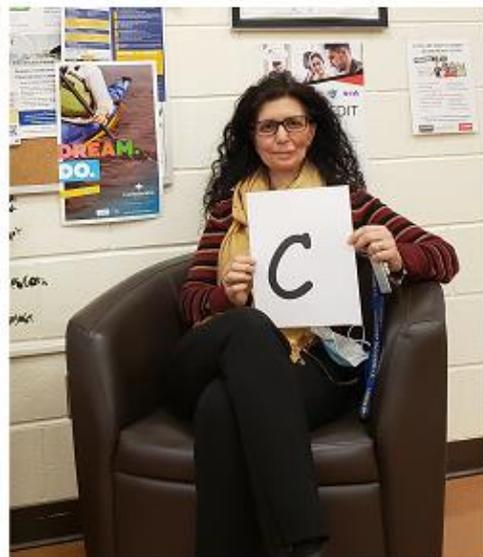
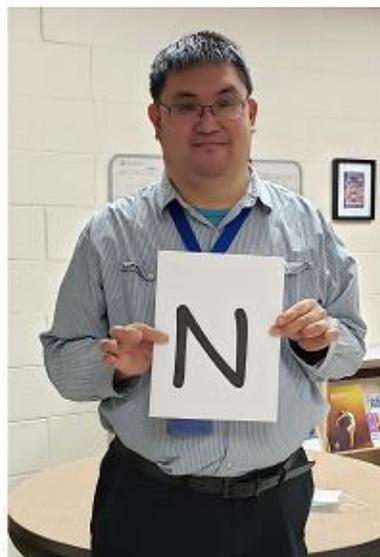
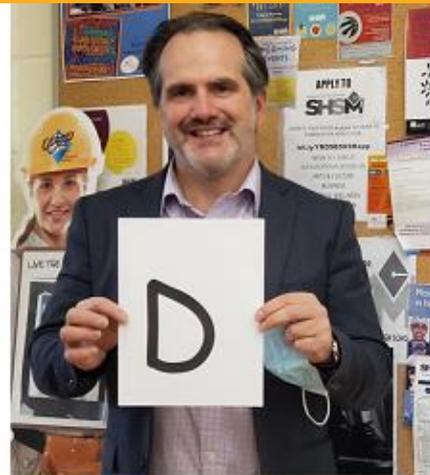
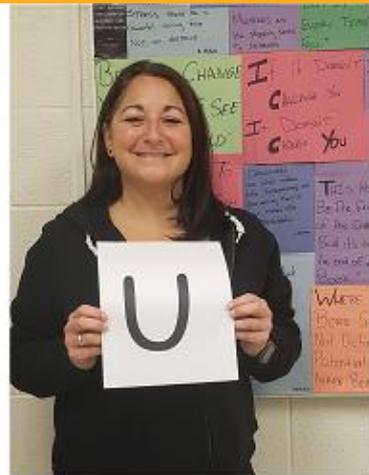
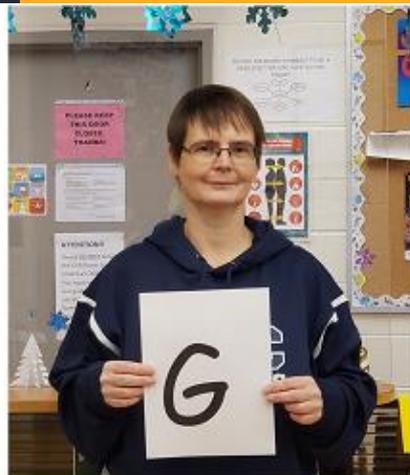
- Information for graduating class
  - Info posted on Google classroom
- Checking credit counselling summary
  - OSSD requirements waived
    - OSSLT
    - Community hours (<40)



# Thank you

Questions?





Alexandar MacKenzie High School  
School Council Treasurer's Report  
As of Jan 14, 2021

**School Council General Account**

Beginning Balance as of Septem 1, 2020		\$	2,333.33
<b>Add Source of Income:</b>			
Total Revenue	<hr/>		-
<b>Less Expenditures:</b>			
Total Expenditures	<hr/>		-
Current School Council Account balance as of January 14, 2021		\$	<u><u>2,333.33</u></u>

**Board Account**

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2020		\$	-
<b>Add Source of Income:</b>			
Funds Expected	\$	<hr/> 500.00	
Total Revenue			500.00
<b>Less Expenditures:</b>			
Total Expenditures			-
Current Board Account balance as of January 14, 2021		\$	<u><u>500.00</u></u>

**School Board Account**

Beginning Balance as of Septem 1, 2020		\$	-
<b>Add Source of Income:</b>			
PRO Grant	\$	<hr/> -	
Total Revenue			-
<b>Less Expenditures:</b>			
Total Expenditures			-
Current PRO Grant Account balance as of January 14, 2021		\$	<u><u>-</u></u>