



Alexander Mackenzie High School School Council

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Minutes

Present: Loren Thorburn, Kelly Levson, Ruby Thind, Otilia Olteanu, George Ellinas, Cathy Clarke, Karl Brumund, Christine LaForge

Regrets: Sabira Pradhan, Gail Harris

Absent: Andrea Kalmin,

Minutes

1. Student Report (*Provided by Cathy Clarke*)

- STUCCO election process has started for Grade 10, 11, 12 (grade 9 opens in September)
- Spirit Week – week of May 27th
- June 14th – Carnival

2. Guidance council topics

- School Awards

- i. School Council awards students for outstanding achievements
- ii. Students apply for the award
- iii. Guidance reviews all applications and selects students based on academic achievement, involvement in activities etc.
- iv. Good promotion for School Council
- v. After discussion, council agreed to expand awards to four students

- **Coordinating SC meetings with Guidance presentations for next year**

- i. Benefit of having meetings together as more attendance and awareness for both events
- ii. Parents don't have to come out twice to attend events
- iii. For next year, look at possibility of holding two events per semester (total 4)
- iv. Library works as location as there are spaces to provide more privacy

- **Important dates**

- i. Monday, September 16th – first SC meeting for next year (we may need to have new SC voted in before this date)
- ii. November 5th – University Fair being held at AMHS (5 other high schools also invited)
- iii. November 18th – Guidance for parents

3. Teacher Report (Cathy Clarke)

- Full report attached

4. Administration Report (Otilia Olteanu)

- IB Exams – first exams for IB since school started the program. These took place last weekend (May 18th/19th)
 - i. Students were very positive about Math component
- AMHS doing well in Math contests (Euclid) and improving in EQAO results
 - i. Grade 12 ranked 28 out of 1200 schools across Canada
 - ii. Grade 11 ranked 22 out of 537 schools
 - iii. Grade 10 ranked 26 out of 520 schools
 - iv. Celebration is planned where certificates and medals will be given out in the gym
 - v. Transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 requires a lot of support – school has developed partnership with 16th Avenue PS where HS teachers can see what is being taught to help plan for Grade 9.
 - vi. Survey was created and promoted for students around Math- 147 students participated and results are currently being analyzed.
- Grade 9 EQAO dates
 - i. June 12 & 13
 - ii. A portion of the test will count towards the final math mark
 - iii. Teachers mark part of EQAO
 - iv. AMHS is above board average for Academic and Applied – still would like to see improvement for applied.
- Special Ed & Math
 - i. Great collaboration between teachers and students
 - ii. Working with Richmond Hill High School to see different teaching styles and techniques
 - iii. Students are benefiting from this collaboration which will continue next year
- September planning
 - i. At present, class sizes will not be changed
 - ii. Administration is currently planning for next year – AMHS has seen increasing enrollment
 - iii. New teachers will join AMHS next year to fill vacancies
- 360 Kids Overnight Event
 - i. Thursday 23rd 2019
 - ii. Teachers will participate and 19 students also participating

5. School Council Business

- Treasurer's Report (*Karl*)
 - Ideas to use the money
 - Vests for SC to wear at events to help promote and ID SC members
 - Increase SC Award amounts or number of participants that receive the award. Increasing the number of participants also helps promote SC.
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- Parent Survey Report – (*Loren Thorburn*)
 - Change question 5 to be attending rather than supporting
 - Loren put forward Motion to finalize Parent Survey with the change

- Karl seconded motion
- All members voted yes.
- PRO Grant workshop- (*Loren Thorburn*)
 - Ideas for parents workshop were discussed
 - Hold on same day as November University Fair and book rooms with speakers
 - Speakers and topics should be geared towards students as students will be attending
 - Last year OSAP presenter was very popular – may want to invite her back
 - Reach out to Alumni students to give talks
 - Since this will be led by the next SC, who will be voted in September the planning will be left until then. Recommendation is to create a sub-committee to work on this and finalize plan
- Fundraising- (*Kelly Levson*)
 - Ideas discussed for next year’s SC to plan and implement
 - Screenagers – teenagers and screentime. Karl attended event in Markham, and participation was good
 - Silent Auction – also successful this year
- Other items - (*Loren Thorburn*)
 - Regional Parent Symposium - review
 - Great event, lots of topics but given the timing, each participant can only attend 2
 - Some topics overlapped in content. Topics included Special Education, Hate Crime Prevention, FNMI information and statistics
- Next year School Council Meeting will take place September 16th
 - First meeting will include nomination and voting

Approval of minutes

Reminder: In order to conserve paper, hard copies of the minutes and agenda will not be provided at the meeting.

2018-2019 Council Members

Chair: Loren Thorburn
 Secretary: Ruby Thind
 Treasurer: Karl Brumund
 Parent Reps: Gail Harris, Andrea Kalmin,
 Christine LaForge, Kelly Levson,
 David Mountain, Sabira Pradhan

Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, November 27th (PRO Grant speaker event)
 Monday, January 21st
 Monday, March 18th
 Tuesday, May 21st



School Council Departmental Report

May 21, 2019

7 p.m.

AMac Fights Back

On Thursday, April 18, 2019, AMHS hosted the 8th Annual AMAC Fights Back. It was heartwarming to see so many from our AMAC community come to support the fight against cancer. From chili sales and sweet treats from our Hospitality students; hair cutting and henna designs from Cosmetology; volleyball and badminton with Phys. Ed.; beautiful hand-crafted one-of-a-kind art from our talented Art students; buttons and ribbons made by our Community Class; to t-sales, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

This year we were able to contribute 41 names to the One Match donor list through the swabs collected during the event at lunch. This year we raised a total of \$1284.68 that will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. Thank you to all the staff and student volunteers who helped the event run smoothly. Thank you to everyone who came to the foyer at lunch, the staff vs. student volleyball game, and the cardio kickboxing class over the month of April to help us raise money for such an important cause.

Arts Mackenzie

It's spring performance/exhibition season at Arts Mackenzie. We are right in the middle of our spring performances, showcasing our studio work at various studio spaces in Richmond Hill. Please see our social media feeds for behind the scenes footage of the performances/exhibitions.

Twitter: @AMHSPA @amhsvisa @AMHS_Music

Instagram: @artsmackenzie @amhs.studio @AMHS_Music

Dance/Theatre

Students in Dance Arts Mackenzie and Theatre Arts Mackenzie are looking forward to our upcoming, end of the year, events:

- May 22nd, *Play On One Act Plays* from the Theatre 9 and Theatre 10 classes
- June 4th, *Studio Works*, plays from Theatre 11 and Theatre 12
- June 11th, *Theatre, Drama and Dance Awards* 6:30 p.m.

Music

Successes at Music Festivals:

Kiwanis

- Chamber Orchestra placed 2nd and 3d at a Platinum Level
- Symphonic Band Gold Level
- Grade 10 Band placed 3d at a Platinum Level

Music Alive

- Beginner Orchestra - Gold
- Symphonic Orchestra - Gold
- Grade 10 Band - Gold
- Grade 9 Band - Silver Plus
- Chamber Choir - Silver Plus

Concerts

Fanfare (at RHCPA) and Spring Celebration (at Richmond Hill United Church) were huge successes with over 500 people in attendance. Jazz Concert (at AMHS), a joint venture with a community jazz band, was very well received. The Chamber Choir performed at the York Region Character Award Gala to rave reviews.

Two more concerts to come:

- String Recital on May 28 at RHUC
- Pops Concert on June 10 at AMHS

Music Council

Music Banquet is on May 30 in the CAF. Tickets are \$10 for music students and \$12 for guests.

Central Area Enrichment Band and York Region Children's Chorus Partnership

-These elementary school-aged ensembles rehearse at AMHS on Tuesday nights with AMHS music students and staff as coaches and tutors. Their concert on RHCPA on May 6 was amazing!

Extended Trip

The trip to Halifax and PEI was a success all around. The students had a chance to see many of the landmarks and historic buildings on the east coast. They also participated in the Atlantic Band Festival in workshops, concerts, and performances (Gold for band and choir, Silver for strings).

Visual Arts

- May 29th - Art Banquet. Tickets are \$5.50 through School Cash online.
- June 3rd - June 24 - Art show at the the RHCPA.
- Foyer welcome signs and photography in the process of being finalized for production. Intention is to have it hung over the summer.

EcoTeam

Eco Team members are learning about sustainable gardening practices and are eager to begin their own hydroponic garden using the school Greenhouse. Students have also been busy

preparing for the Ontario Eco School's annual application process. This is a voluntary certification program that recognizes and celebrates schools in Ontario for their environmental learning.

English As A Second Language

The ELL (English Language Learners) Leadership Club will be hosting its yearly diversity day celebration of cultures on Friday, May 24th at lunch in the foyer.

Equity Committee

In the Equity Committee, some members have been attending equity learning sessions. The equity designates have been working with students to support further learning around equity in order to build a more inclusive school community. The Equity Committee has widened its scope to extend the committee to include support staff and students within the committee.

Geography

Geography 9s are going on a field trip next Wednesday to Nathan Phillips Sq Farmers Market and then walking to Kensington Market to explore urban and cultural geography.

And we're working on the process to add/offer a new geography course next year (to be taken in Sept 2020) for regional geography (CGD3M) with a focus on food or music. More information to follow.

Guidance

The department is in the process of making a school wide timetable. At this time students can no longer make changes to their course selection for the next academic year.

Many leadership and volunteer opportunities have recently been received and are being advertised through guidance.

Regular summer school and summer school e-learning registration continues until the end of June. All registration for Summer School needs to be confirmed with guidance.

Exit surveys for all Grade 12 students are being done in homeroom classes.

Grade 12 students will be choosing their valedictorian from May 21 to May 24 by voting for one of the submitted nominations. Top 3 voted candidates will be interviewed by two members of a graduation committee.

Hospitality

The Hospitality Club will be participating in the upcoming Carnival on June 14th and will continue to host weekly Mackenzie Room lunches.

Special Education

Celebrations in May:

The Best Buddies Prom took place on May 1 @the Le Park Dining & Banquet. 20 students from Alexander Mackenzie and 7 staff members were in attendance.

The YES I Can! Awards Ceremony took place on May 15, 2019 @Richmond Green S.S. Four students from our Community Classes received the 2019 YES I Can! Awards.

Equity Assembly:

On May 30th, Period 1 will be extended to accommodate a presentation delivered by the The Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Education. The presentation is about cyber bullying, the rise of hate movements online, and the need for critical consuming while using digital media.

Mathematics Collaborative Project:

The Special Education Department is currently working together with Alexander Mackenzie and Richmond Hill Mathematics Departments on a Growth Mindset Project. The aim of this project is to empower students and teachers by sharing innovative teaching approaches and engagement techniques that will positively influence students' mindsets about Mathematics, and support their academic achievement in Mathematics courses.

SHSM (Specialist High School Major)

1. Our SHSM Health & Wellness students in grade 11 and 10 visited Sunrise Senior Living in Aurora to partake in an Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship problem solving activity on May 16th. Students toured the home and got to meet many of the seniors to understand how they interact with each other, and the staff, on a daily basis. Topics discussed were recreational activities, diet and nutrition, health and safety for seniors and the overall dining experience for seniors. Students were tasked to find ways to improve the dining experience for the seniors at the home. Students came up, for example, with a having a "Cultural Day" once a day to highlight the food choices and typical menu options of that particular culture. Students enjoyed the day spent at Sunrise Senior Living very much, with many students exploring volunteer opportunities at the home in the future, and/or exploring a rewarding career in Recreational Therapy in the future. We hope to have more of these types of events in the future!

2. On May 8th, students from Business, Health & Wellness, and Arts & Culture SHSM students took a Reach-Ahead trip to Laurier University. There they visited the Facilities connected Health, Music and Business and also explored the many unique aspects that Laurier University offers in each of the these three program areas. A campus tour was also included. Students in each of the three SHSM sectors also participated in the following faculty run workshops/activities:

- Business: The Key Elements of Making Business pitch.
- Arts and Culture: Drum Circle
- Health & Wellness: Concussion and Brain Injury in Sport Awareness

Technological Studies

Ryan Soudack earned the Gold Medal by winning the York Region Architectural Design competition and then earned the Bronze medal by placing in 3rd place in the Ontario Skills Architectural Design Competition.

Summary Transactions
 Account:(154150)
 Location(307)
 Program(000)

Account	Description	Bdgt. Amt.	App. Req.	Commitments	Expense	Total	Bdgt. Avail.	% Spent
154150 4 307 000	SCH MGMT-SCH COUNCIL// ALEXANDER MACKENZIE HS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$950.00)	(\$950.00)	\$950.00	-
Total		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$950.00)	(\$950.00)	\$950.00	

Approved Requests

Commitments

Expenses

Post Date	Doc Date	P.O. #	Vndr Inv #	Inv	Non Inv	Description	Vendor	Amt w/ Tax	Amt Net Rbt
2018-12-18	2018-12-18				GJ1900-000062	School Council 2018-19		-500.00	-500.00
2018-12-18	2018-12-18				GJ1900-000063	School Council allocation 2018-19		-500.00	-500.00
2019-01-30	2019-01-30		EXP030WS/19	IN19-044410		GIFT CARDS	SHAW, WAYNE	50.00	50.00
Total								-950.00	-950.00

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Location(307)
Program(022)

Account	Description	Bdgt. Amt.	App. Req.	Commitments	Expense	Total	Bdgt. Avail.	% Spent
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Total		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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2018-11-05	2018-10-05		AMHS0001/29 5/19	IN19-015818		ROBIN TAUB FINANCIAL COACHING:SPKR- PARENT CNCL	MISC VENDOR	791.00	791.00
2018-11-27	2018-11-27				CJD19-0196	PARENT COUNCIL SPKR/ALEX MACK		-791.00	-791.00
Total								0.00	0.00

Summary for: School Council General
Cat. #: 12001

Contact Person:
 Balance Forward: \$2,516.40

Date	Transaction	Description	Debit	Credit	Tax Paid	Tax Rebate	Cleared	Balance
09/10/2018	CreditMemo Donation	August Donations		\$116.50			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,632.90
09/10/2018	CreditMemo Donation	Bank discrepancy		\$5.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,637.90
10/05/2018	CreditMemo EFT	Donation		\$97.09			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,734.99
12/04/2018	Deposit 912	Silent Auction		\$84.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,818.99
12/04/2018	Deposit 913	silent auction		\$150.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,968.99
12/13/2018	Deposit 917	Silent Auction: Ashely		\$50.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$3,018.99
12/13/2018	Cheque 7961	Karl Brumund Printing for parents night Inv#	\$22.02				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2,996.97
12/17/2018	Deposit 924	Silent Auction Fundriser		\$15.00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$3,011.97
			\$22.02	\$517.59				\$3,011.97
Opening Balance: \$2,516.40			22.02	517.59	0.00			\$3,011.97