



# Alexander Mackenzie High School School Council

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**Monday, November 16, 2015**  
**7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Library**

## Minutes

**Present:** Francis Bromet, Loren Thorburn, Lisa Wakayama, Ellen Davies Campbell, Lory Maiorano, Tali Smith, Rhonda Wolfe, Christine LaForge, Debra Conrad-Knight, Otilia Olteanu, Jay Perri, Catherine Clarke, Aida Tavana.

**Regrets:** Jennifer DiGioacchino, Eric Issaev, Gail Harris

**Absent:** Adoris Thompson-Forrester.

**Visitors:** Jeffrey Holicky Sr., Kristen Wade, Shabana Giannoulis.

**Guest:** Lillian Banjevic, Head of Mathematics

**December 7, 2015 @ 7 p.m.**  
**Join us for Paul Davis' presentation on Social Networking Safety.**

## Minutes:

1. Student Report – *Aida Tavana*
  - Semi Formal “Empire State of Mind” was terrific. Food good, setup good, music okay.
  - Winterfest Holiday Concert in December before the Break.
2. ARTS Update – *Cathy Clarke*
  - November 11 Remembrance Day assemblies were held. ARTS Mackenzie also performed for a Rogers TV Remembrance Day broadcast.
  - November 23 is Music Showcase at RHCPA.
  - On November 27, Rogers TV has invited ARTS Mackenzie to speak about all of the secondary arts high schools in York Region.
  - December 10 and 11 is Cinderella at RHCPA. Students from across the school in Theatre Arts, Music, Visual Arts, Cosmetology, Woodworking, and Marketing have been participating in the production. Both elementary matinees are sold out.
  - Auditions for 2016-17 will be held January 22 to 29. Deadline for ARTS application is December 4.
  - Music has organized an Extended Field Trip to Chicago in April 2016.

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

- Two assemblies were held on Remembrance Day. The ceremony involved over 100 students. Thank to Ms. Hatzafotis for organizing the assemblies and arranging for the guest speaker.
- Resilience Project—the lessons have been completed in grade 9 classes. Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Workshop at Richmond Green. A post-survey created by York University will be completed on November 17.
- Paul Davis will be coming on December 7 to speak about Social Networking Safety. Three student assemblies planned. Parent presentation in the evening beginning at 7 p.m.

From Mr. Perri:

- Exam Schedule coming on December 14.
- School Cash Online—only 41% of our families have registered. We are hoping for 100% participation from our school families.

4. Grade 9 Math EQAO Presentation – *Otilia Olteanu and Lillian Banjevic*

- Ms. Banjevic, Head of Mathematics, presented EQAO data.
- This test is not a graduation requirement.
- Multiple choice questions scored by teachers and count for 5% of final 30% of the grade 9 math course.
- Three types of data: contextual data, attitudes towards mathematics and behaviour data, and achievement data (level 3 is provincial standard).
- All students complete a survey at the end of the test to collect information on their attitude towards math, completion of homework, etc.
- Reviewed number of students who participated—ELL, special education, academic or applied.
- Achievement data—91% of academic students at level 3 or 4; only 60% of students in applied math classes at level 3 or 4.
- Next steps—meet with department to analyze overall results, look at results for individual students, and develop plans for improvement, particularly in applied mathematics.

5. School Council Business

I) Approval of minutes – *Ellen Davies Campbell*

- Due to personal reasons, Ellen has decided to step down as secretary but will continue on as a voting member of council. Lory Maiorano volunteered to take over as secretary

II) Treasurer's Report – *Francis Bromet*

- Board account pens and Graduation Gifts (2)
- PRO Grant—received \$1,000 for speaker, Paul Davis
- General account—monies from registration allocation and fundraising (book sale and December Donation Drive)

III) Book Drive and Sale – *Loren Thorburn*

- reported that \$460 was raised.
- The leftover books have been distributed in the community and to the University of Toronto.

IV) Grade 8 Open House – *Lisa Wakayama, Loren Thorburn*

- Well attended and well organized. After the presentation, divided into two groups for tours and visiting the gym for academics. Tours primarily focused on the specialty rooms. Lots of students helping. The Hospitality Department kept everyone well fed with yummy treats.

6. Donation Drive - *Loren Thorburn, Tali Smith*

- Council reviewed the form for the Donation Drive. Last year, due to CASL, the drive was not as successful. This year, we can send to the 40% of families using School Cash Online.
- Council members voted in favour of using School Cash Online.
- Council members voted in favour of sending an email home attaching the fundraising flyer.

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

- Deferred to January after Donation Drive closes.
- Debra will ask Department Heads to create a “wish list” due by the end of December so that the list can be shared with council at the January meeting

8. Paul Davis Talk – *Loren Thorburn*

- Speaking at AMHS on December 7, 2015 on Social Networking Safety.
- Parent workshop in the evening starting at 7 p.m.
- Three assemblies during the day for students.
- Information has been posted on the school website as well as being listed in the weekly parent ebuletin.
- Otilia will send out the flyer to AMHS families in a separate email
- Cathy Clarke will tweet about the talk on the Board account
- Need to email to elementary partners for distribution via email
- Tali will introduce Paul Davis
- Rhonda will prepare a gift using items in the office
- Administration team will ensure that refreshments are available and charge them to the PROgrant. If PROgrant funding is insufficient, remaining money will be charged to the council Board account

9. Administrator Profile – *Loren Thorburn*

- We are required to review and submit yearly by November.
- Loren will send out electronically for comment and vote.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 18, 2016