



# Alexander Mackenzie High School

## School Council

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Monday, November 16, 2020

7:15 – 8:15 pm via GoToMeeting

### MINUTES

#### Attendees

##### Present:

Student Reps: Sophie Conrad, Wil Hustnutdinov, Andy Gong, Jason Yuan

School Council: Loren Thorburn, Xun Wang, Karl Brumund, Kelly Levson, Ruby Thind, Teresa Ho, Christine LaForge, Marna Sobel, Sabira Pradhan

Staff: Krista Pummell, Erika Pridie, George Ellinas, Cathy Clarke, Nazila Reyhani

Board Planning Department: Dawn Adams, Trina Sprayson, Kathryn Shaw-Edmond

New School Superintendent: Lois Agard

**Absent:** Amanda Shulman

#### Student Report - *Wil Husnutdinov, Sophie Conrad, Andy Gong, Jason Yuan*

- Student council co-presidents (Wil, Sophie) and co-vice-presidents (Andy, Jason) introduced themselves
- Clubs
  - Using Google classrooms to run clubs
  - Challenge this year due to Covid
  - Google classroom codes will be shared with teachers who can then share with students

#### Board Report - reviewing boundaries

- Reviewed presentation for changing boundaries - link to website TBD
- Langstaff - current 550, capacity 1189
- Alexander Mackenzie - current 1403, capacity 1428
- New development area Yonge/Bernard just north of Alex Mackenzie
- Modify boundaries for start of 2022/2023 school year

- Current AMHS students will not be impacted
- Students can still apply for transfer and superintendent reviews to approve/reject
  - This is done annually
- Reviewed transportation policy
- Reviewed proposed timelines, public meetings will be scheduled for public (Jan/Feb 2021)
- [Link to presentation](#), which can be found under planning section of yrdsb
- Contact [planning.services@yrdsb.ca](mailto:planning.services@yrdsb.ca) for questions
- Question - Is there a reason Langstaff enrollment has decreased over the last few years?
  - French immersion has declined and more mature community
  - Small amount of elementary feeder schools
  - expected to increase in time, partially due to construction happening on Yonge St
  - future population increase expected; this is the beginning of many steps
- Question - In 2028 it looks like AMHS will still be above capacity while Langstaff will still be low. Is there a reason not to move the boundary further?
  - travel would be further for students to travel to Langstaff even though they are closer to AMHS
  - look at all programs across the region and look at how it can be balanced
  - more development and intensification expected along Yonge and Bayview
  - in the future will be looking at all Richmond Hill area to balance further

### **Teacher Report - Cathy Clarke**

- Very busy producing many youtube videos can be accessed through the [AMHS YouTube channel](#)
- History - [Remembrance Day honored through virtual assembly.](#)
- Information nights done virtually this year
- All can be viewed on the [AMHS YouTube channel](#)
- See attached teacher report

### **Guidance Report - Nazila Reyhani, Krista Pummell**

- Over 400 applications for the IB program. Profile packages will be sent out and will be assessed.
- Question - Information from school asked grade 12 students to make sure their marks were updated for midterms, but the teacher said those marks didn't count. May we have clarification?
  - midterm marks count as they are uploaded to OUAC and OCAS, but for IB the answer is a bit different, as predicted marks are uploaded in April

### **Admin Report - Krista Pummell, Erika Pridie**

- Nov 9/10 - email sent about changing between virtual and adaptive for second semester
  - Nov 16 - survey deadline; contact school if you did not receive it and want to change
- Nov 18 - last day to drop a course and not have it uploaded to universities/colleges
- Nov 19 - mid-term reports distributed electronically
- Nov 20 - school uploads mid-term marks to OUAC and OCAS.
- Nov 24 - virtual grad ceremony

- virtual parent/teacher interviews; feedback from teachers is that it went well
- lockdown drill Tuesday/Wednesday this week
- literacy requirements waived for this year's grade 12 class

## 2020/2021 School Council

### Virtual Workshop Committee

- Subcommittees
  - Virtual Workshops - Loren, Xun, Teresa, Marna, Nazzy
    - long presentations seem off putting
    - break down into shorter videos and written instructions
    - presentations from guidance
      - [OUAC workshop](#) posted today
      - college and apprenticeship will be posted soon
      - scholarships and finance to follow
    - future virtual workshop
      - body image and anorexia
  - School Council page on school website
    - presentations tab
    - upload constitution, parent survey results, principal profile
  - Principals Profile - Karl & Marna
    - Kelly and Sabira joined to review changes
    - once agreed upon, will submit to school council for approval via email

### Other

- Grad photos
  - information was easy to miss in bulletins
  - online booking process is not easy. \$40 sitting fee
  - <https://booking.edgeimaging.ca/portal/book/qex>
  - 27 spots left; 18 on Friday and 9 on Saturday, school admin will try to obtain more
  - studio is in the Shoppes of the Parkway, between Sheraton Parkway hotel and The Host restaurant, unit 63 in a temporary pop-up store

#### 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



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

## **Arts Mackenzie**

Arts Mackenzie hosted its annual Arts Information Night on November 5, 2020. Families can view the information night here: <https://youtu.be/KoyTuHlMdEQ>

Applications for grade 8 and grade 9 students will be available from November 16 to December 7, 2020. Families are invited to apply through the link posted on our website, [www.artsmackenzie.com](http://www.artsmackenzie.com).

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

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

Twitter: @AMHSPA @AMHS\_Music @amhsvisa

We are thankful to Arts and Culture Council, Dance Arts Mackenzie, Dramatic Arts Council for participating in this year's Remembrance Day assembly.

### *Musical Theatre*

Musical Theatre students started their 7 week digital workshops with Steven Cota and Eric Charbonneau. We first met Steven and Eric during our workshops at the Stratford Festival. The professional artists have transferred the studio workshops to virtual studios to build musical theatre skills.

### **Guidance:**

#### **Grade 8:**

Planning Presentation for feeder schools (January 2021)

Options: voice over, live meet

#### **Grade 9-11:**

Planning Individual Pathway Plans (IPPs) → last two weeks before winter break

#### **Grade 12:**

OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Center) → January 15th, 2021

OCAS (Ontario College Application service) → February 1st, 2021 (equal consideration)

**Scholarships:** Loran (3 sponsored students), Queen's Chancellor (2 sponsored students)

Presentation tab on school council → for parents

**History:**

Remembrance Day: <https://youtu.be/Z2DullwTaFY>

AMHS students came together to observe those who have sacrificed so much for Canada through an impactful Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly. Students from different programs worked collaboratively to put together a diverse Virtual Remembrance Day assembly consisting of student poem creations and readings, artwork, a dance number and drama presentation.

**International Baccalaureate:****Grade 8:**

Information Session: <https://youtu.be/25fgR2t8foY>

IB intake (Oct 22-Nov 11) → 403 registered grade 8 students

IB Google form (Nov 18-23) → answering personal profile questions

Teacher marking (Nov 24-Dec 11)

First round of offers → before winter break

**Grade 9-10:**

Adaptive and virtual

**Grade 11-12:**

135 registered students (11 → 76 ; 12 → 59)

**Library Learning Commons**

We are excited to launch our new virtual display [tab](#) on the library webpage. Displays reflect timely and monthly themes and direct students to virtual resources available at AMHS and YRDSB.

**Physical Education**

The Physical Education department is inviting all Parents/Guardians to follow their social media accounts for updated departmental information: @macpheathletics and @livefromtheroom (new podcast)

**Specialist High School Major Program**

Sign-Up Form: [bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp](http://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp)

We just had a very successful Launch (Board Wide) for our SHSM Program! Students now have plenty of opportunities to work independently to complete SHSM certifications, experiential and “reach-ahead” requirements virtually or in person. Upon completion of any of these activities, students will be able to self-report their SHSM requirements.

Our School’s SHSM Team has been in touch with Brock and Laurier recently to explore virtual workshop opportunities and activities for our SHSM students in our various sectors. We hope to continue to explore next steps in the weeks ahead.

## **Special Education**

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