



# Alexander Mackenzie High School School Council

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Monday October 17, 2016  
7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Library

## Minutes

**Present:** *Christine LaForge, Lory Maiorano, Tali Smith, Gail Harris, Lisa Wakayama, Rhonda Wolfe, Francine Hudspith, Katerina Papas, Otilia Olteanu, Jay Perri, George Ellinas, Cathy Clarke,*

**Absent:** *Francis Bromet, Jeffrey Holicky Sr.*

**Visitors:**

## Minutes:

### 1. Student Report – *Aida and Stephanie*

- Spirit Day Oct 14 was a success. Everyone wore blue and yellow, prizes and music in the foyer.
- Semi-Formal Thursday November 17 at Hazelton Manor 6:30 – 10:30 pm tickets are \$50.00 through cash online.
- Presidents Council preparing for Halloween with costume contest, photo booth, photo shoots and pumpkin decorating.

### 2. School Council Business

I) **Approval of minutes** – *Lisa Wakayama*

II) **Treasurer's Report** – *Francine Hudspith*

- Nothing to report. Will be meeting with school secretary to review budget.
- Fundraising cash online received \$400 compared to last year of \$2000
- Lisa and Gail will review last year's One time donation letter and consider sending out to parents in November.

### 3. Admin Update – *Otilia Olteanu , Jay Perri and George Ellinas*

I) **OSSLT**

- New this year – 93 students have been selected to write the literacy test on Thursday Oct. 20. It is an online test and if they pass the test they will not have to write the one in March. It is a pilot project and is online only. The March test will be either online or written. The school doesn't have enough computers to support all grade 10 students to use the online version at one time.

- II) Alexandra Ray (student)**
  - Had a charity walk to raise money for CP. She walked every day in the foyer during period 1.
- III) Paul Nixon (teacher)**
  - Held a basketball tournament and raised \$500 for the York Region Food Network.
- IV) Parents Night** Thursday October 27
- V) Arts Info Night** Wednesday October 19
- VI) PA Day** October 28
- VII) Pathways Night** and Take Our Kids to Work- Wednesday November 2
  - During the day the grade 9 students are at Take Ours Kids to Work . Grade 8 students from the area are invited for a tour and a small taste of high school life.
  - At night the school hosts Colleges and Universities to talk to parents and students about post-secondary opportunities.
- VIII) Parent Forum** – November 2
  - The Board is offering a workshop with parents in the Board to talk about issues or topics about kids.
- IX) Parking**
  - The parking lot has been painted waiting on signs. The school has set up a contract with a company to monitor parking.
- X) PRO Grant Speakers** - Monday November 21
  - Tali Osborne will speak to the students during the day and Dr. Gordon Flet will speak to parents at night. Otilia will contact both speakers to confirm set up and requirements.

4. **ARTS Update** – *Cathy Clarke*

- I) Stratford** – 88 students attended the trip and it was a success
- II) Arts Info Night** Wednesday October 19
  - Speakers Dave West Ward 4 Councillor, Superintendent Michael Cohen and Otilia Olteanu.
  - Accepting 28 per discipline for 2017/2018 year.
  - December 9 online application due, last week of January are the auditions
- III) Music** – Disney trip forms have been handed out.

**Date for next meeting** - *Lisa Wakayama*

**January 16, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Library**