



# Alexander Mackenzie High School School Council

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Monday, October 16, 2017

## MINUTES

**Present:** **2017-2018 Council:** *Lisa Wakayama, Karl Brumund, Loren Thorburn, Lory Maiorano, Gail Harris, Kelly Levson, Christine LaForge, Katerina Papas, David Mountain, Sabira Pradhan, Madeleine Harvey-Raymond, Otilia Olteanu, Jay Perri, Cathy Clarke*

**Absent:** *Francine Hudspith*

**Guests:** *Rhonda Wolfe, Joshua Wang, Babak Bob, Charm Morris, Xun Wang, Camille Persad, Ginny Brod, Kristen Wade, Maria-Theresa Roemmelt, Hagit Ziv Venugopal*

### Minutes:

#### **1. Student Report**

- no student representatives in attendance

#### **2. ARTS Update**

- from this point onwards, the ARTS update will be included as part of the Administration Report

#### **3. Approval of September Minutes and October Agenda – *Lisa Wakayama***

- Revision to title of item 5 on minutes to read “Motion to approve May minutes”
- Motion to approve revised minutes – Karl Brumund, seconded – Lory Maiorano, all in favour
- Motion to approve October agenda – David Mountain, seconded – Kelly Levson, all in favour

#### 4. **Pathways Presentation** - *Lana Fisher, Guidance Head*

- Outlined OSSD requirements, Career Cruising, Dual Credits, SHSM, Apprenticeships ([www.oyap.com](http://www.oyap.com)), Universities ([www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)) and Colleges ([www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca))
- Pathways evening Nov. 1 @ 7 p.m. at AMHS to include 52 organizations and involve students from 4 high schools
- Students interested in attending the College Fair will be taken by bus to the fair
- Nov. 1 is Take Our Kids to Work day – if you are able to take any additional students, please let Guidance know
- Nov. 6 and April 17, Skills Canada presentation for grade 10s
- April 10 – OSSLT for all grade 10 students
- Students are encouraged to submit Community Involvement forms as soon as they are filled so that they can be verified and entered
- Students (in particular grade 9s) are encouraged to visit the Guidance Department to get to know their counsellor
- Queen’s Scholarship applications are due soon
- NB. the Pathways Presentation is available on the school website under the Guidance Department tab

#### 5. **Administration Report**

##### *Otilia Olteanu*

- Student Voice
  - Student representatives met for discussion - stress and anxiety with respect to relationships, work, family, friends, homework, post-secondary decisions came up as topics of concern
  - as a result, workshops on time management will be offered in the near future at lunch and/or after school
  - date for workshops will be published in the weekly ebuletin in advance
- October 17 - IB information night to be held at AMHS
- October 17 – IEPs to go home – parents of students with an IEP should connect with the Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs)
- October 25 - ARTS information night will be held at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
- October 31 - Arts SHSM applications must be submitted online
- November 3 and 4 - School will take part in the One Act Play Festival – AMHS was one of 5 schools chosen to participate
- November 15-17 – Quest Conference - AMHS was selected to participate in Artonomy at the 3-day November Quest Conference – (group of students

interview attendees and then create drama/skits/art work to reflect on the workshop)

- December 7 and 8 - Beauty and the Beast will be performed at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts (day time elementary shows are sold out); half of tickets already sold; Thursday tickets will go on sale at school \$20 for students/teachers/seniors and \$25 for adults, payable by cash or cheque made out to AMHS)
- Professional artists regularly visit the school

### *Jay Perri*

- Terry Fox Run took place
- Safety week also happened – Hold and Secure and Lockdown drills
- Green Acres grade 9 trip organized by Cathy Clarke and a committee; 300 grade 9s, 50 helpers – another successful year
- Interim reports went home Friday
- Administration team has been visiting classes handing out certificates and Tim Horton smile cookies to students on the honour roll and winners of Character Awards, Most Improved Awards, subject awards for Highest Marks (list of awards that are given will be added to the school website)
- October 26 – Parents’ Night (second semester Parent Interviews will be arranged online using ETSBY, a program that has been introduced as a pilot project in several YRDSB schools); please keep interviews to 5 minutes; contact teachers directly by phone or email if you are unable to get an interview
- November 1 – Pathway/ Grade 8 tours/ grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work

## **6. Principal Profile**

- Administrator Profile was discussed
- New suggestions to be incorporated into existing profile
- Revised profile attached
- Otilia will prepare and submit the new profile

## **7. Chair Report – *Lisa Wakayama***

### **i. Decision on PRO Grant Topic**

- Jennifer Kolari will make presentation on Monday, November 20 from 7 to 8 p.m. in library or Cafeteria depending on the numbers
- Majority voted to have “Parenting Teens” the topic to be delivered

- Otilia will send out the information regarding the talk to the neighbouring schools
- Hagit Ziv Venugopal will prepare a poster to be ready and displayed at Parents' Night
- Kelly Levson will submit the information to the Liberal
- RSVPs will be collected

**ii. Council Attendance at IB and ARTS night**

- Gail Harris will attend the ARTS night as a School Council representative
- Christine LaForge will also be in attendance
- Other council members are welcome to attend

**iii. One-time donation letter/meet the council**

- A letter introducing the new council to the school and requesting donations through School Cash Online will be distributed to council members via email
- Otilia will provide council with teacher wish lists in January

**Date for next meeting:** *Monday, November 20 at 7:00 – Presentation by Jennifer Kolari*