



Alexander Mackenzie High School

School Council

Monday, October 19, 2020

7:15 – 8:15 pm via GoToMeeting

MINUTES

Attendees

Present: Loren Thorburn, Xun Wang, Karl Brumund, Kelly Levson, Ruby Thind, Teresa Ho, Christine LaForge, Sabira Pradhan, Marna Sobel, Krista Pummell, George Ellinas, Cathy Clarke, Nazila Reyhani, Erika Boland

Absent: Amanda Shulman

Student Report - student council met over summer virtually - *Erika Boland*

- Review of Presco (President's Council)
- All students councils of AMHS are participating and using it
- See attachment for presentation
- Student Council Elections starting October 20th (virtually)
- Club fair and sign up - waiting for go ahead from the board to move forward with these activities
 - Some families of Grade 9 students are eager to know what activities are available for students

Teacher Report - *Cathy Clarke*

- Link to Terry Fox montage
(https://www.instagram.com/tv/CGaP-uwgoYR/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)
- Mustangs ran a combination of 269km
- Physical Education department has a new podcast
- University of Waterloo - Math contest (November), sign up through school cash online
- Nazila Reyhani
 - IB Coordinator for AMHS, currently also acting Head of Guidance
 - IB Information Session
 - presentation will be available on the school website on October 22
 - No in person information session this year
 - Testing will also be different this year

- FAQ will be added to the presentation
 - Registration will be from Oct 23 - Nov 9
 - Assessment will be done remotely
- November 5th - Arts Information Night
 - All information will be on the website
- RHCPA - commissioned strings for a performance

Guidance Report - *Nazila Reyhani*

- See attached presentation
 - Students should book appointments online through TeachAssist
 - Virtual students are also supported through school guidance counselors

Admin report - *Krista Pummell, George Ellinas*

Krista Pummell

- Innovative practices being used to engage and energise students
- 2020 Graduation
 - High school will be held virtually on November 24th
 - Meetings are starting to determine how school can personalize the experience
 - Coordinating distribution of year books and graduation certificates
 - Email school admin to arrange pick up of books

George Ellinas

- Fire drills started
 - New protocols being followed
 - Ensuring social distancing
- Lockdown protocols also in place, drills to be done
- Parent Night
 - Thursday October 29th
 - Scheduling will be through Edsby
 - Virtual
- Interim/Progress reports will be distributed electronically on Wednesday, October 21st (ministry mandated)

2020/2021 School Council

Sharing email addresses

- Sharing email addresses - all members are good to share emails
- Approval of minutes - Kelly motion to approve, Ruby second
 - Approved and can be posted to the website
- Parent Survey Report - review of parent survey report (see attached)
- Subcommittees
 - Virtual Workshops - Loren, Xun, Teresa
 - Donation Drive -

- Principals Profile - Karl & Marna
- May want to think about broadcast from school council so that parents are aware when meeting are

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



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

Arts Mackenzie

Arts Mackenzie is excited to host virtual Arts Information Night on **November 5, 2020 at 7 p.m.** Interested students and their families will learn all about the Arts Mackenzie program and selection process for 2021-2020. Details, including the link to submit questions to be answered at the information session, is available at www.artsmackenzie.com

Arts Mackenzie applications for September 2021 start will be available between November 9th and December 1st, 2020.

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

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

Twitter: @AMHSPA @AMHS_Music @amhsvisa

Dance/Theatre

Students in the Dance and Theatre courses continue to explore technique and performance in our Face to Face and Virtual Studio environments. Students will continue to produce short digital performances throughout the fall in preparation for their end of semester showcase performances in January.

Students in Drama Council are working towards virtual Hallowe'en spirit activities.

Music

Music courses are looking very different this year, but we are maintaining our focus on performance. Band and vocal students have been learning string instruments, guitar, and keyboard during our face-to-face classes. Students have experienced bucket drumming and played along with everything from Queen to Smash Mouth. After school courses and rehearsals are continuing online to prepare for video compilations similar to the ones posted in June our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIuzB76YrVZbqcGWBnTrMsA>).

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts has asked us to record our Arts strings students during their next face-to-face class to prepare for an online performance.

Music Council is hard at work planning a virtual movie night and pumpkin carving/ costume contests for Halloween.



The grade 10 band class performing on their string instruments at the end of their two week face-to-face class: [IMG_5844.MOV](#)

Musical Theatre

The musical theatre course is off to a Zoomical start with their first mini-musical filming of *La La Land*. Designed by the students, they filmed creative pieces in the community that are being edited into a video compilation that will include a

digital choir! *La La Land* will premiere on October 26th through the AMHS social media channels. The musical theatre class is delighted to announce that their next digital musical will be *Chorus Line, High School Edition*. The classic 1975 musical has been re-imagined for high school performers and will be set in the world of online auditions. Stay tuned for more information about show dates and tickets.

Visual Arts

We are continuing to create and produce some amazing works. Students were given their own supplies to take home and keep. Students are now documenting their process on slideshows that they share with teachers daily for feedback when they are working from home.

The Arts and Culture Council is up and running with virtual activities and monthly creative prompts.

Guidance:

Please have students book appointments to see their guidance counselors with alpha. Please see following upcoming sessions in Guidance

Guidance Information Sessions for our Graduating Students:

Tuesday, October 20 th , 2020	Grade 12-College and University Applications OUAC Applications and Canadian Schools
Wednesday, October 21 st , 2020	Grade 12-International Applications (US/UK and common apps)

International Baccalaureate Communication:

Our IB numbers this school year:

- Grade 9: 100
- Grade 10: 95
- Grade 11: 82
- Grade 12: 59

Our Google Classrooms to stay connected with our IB Community:

- Grade 9 Google Classroom: (password: evn7mpm)
- Grade 10 Google Classroom: (password: yhxmf3)
- Grade 11 Google Classroom: (password: lb2z5n4)
- Grade 12 Google Classroom: (password: je32axf)

IB Information Sessions:

Thursday, October 22nd, 2020	IB Information evening for IB annual Intake-Presentation and FAQ will be posted on AMHS website under IB Programme Tab
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Friday, October 23 rd , 2020	IB CAS - Grade 11 Students
Tuesday, October 27 th , 2020	Overview of IBDP - Grade 9 Students
Wednesday, October 28 th , 2020	Mark Conversion - Grade 11 Students
Friday, October 30 th , 2020	Overview of IBDP - Grade 10 Students

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.

Mathematics Department

The Mathematics Department is committed to support the academic success of all students in accordance with the Ministry guidelines and board policies. The hybrid program is being delivered according to the schedule set by the school. We believe in the value of communication and welcome the input of parents and guardians. Please feel free to contact the Math teachers of your child should you have any questions or concerns regarding the progress of your child.

On behalf of the Mathematics Council, I am writing to give you some updates. There are currently about 35 students involved in the Mathematics Council, and the number of members will continue to grow as reflected by the pattern of the previous years. The executives are fully engaged. All the meetings and events will be conducted online for this academic year. In addition, council members are working diligently in setting up webinar sessions to facilitate the preparation for the upcoming Math contests. Please see a copy of the webinar schedule for your reference.



Canadian Open Math Challenge (COMC 2020): 37 students have registered. The contest is scheduled

to take place on Thursday October 29, 2020 at 12 noon. Students will write the contest on-line remotely.

University of Waterloo Canadian Intermediate Math Contest (for Grade 9 and 10) and Canadian Senior Math Contest (for Grade 11 and 12): The contests are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. These are online contests, and students will take the contests remotely.

Registration for the above contests will be available on School Cash Online from Thursday, October 15 to Wednesday, October 28, 2020. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 28, 2020.**

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)

Congratulations to all Mustangs who participated in the Virtual Terry Fox Run, running 269 km! Check out the video montage here:

https://www.instagram.com/tv/CGaP-uwgoYR/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Specialist High School Major Program

Sign-Up Form: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

Our Guidance Team, are currently going over all of the new applicants to the SHSM Program to ensure that their pathway plan aligns with the student's chosen Economic Sector; and that they also have a plan to take co-op if not this year, definitely next year in grade 12.

Currently the Board is evaluating options on how to deliver the SHSM Program given that a significant percentage of students have moved to 100% virtual. However, as you know we have also established communications with some of our College and University Partners to deliver some online tours and workshops in the near future, like Brock and Seneca College! A few of our SHSM students have also gone to College to take Dual Credit courses that can also count as a SHSM Major Credit.

AMHS School Council Guidance Services

Monday, October 19, 2020

Nazila Reyhani
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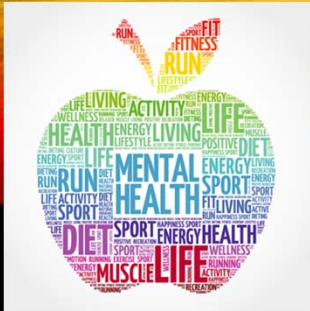


GUIDANCE TEAM AND ALPHA

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GUIDANCE COMMUNICATION

- ◆ **Grade 9-11 Guidance Classroom**
(password: lckdws2)
- ◆ **Graduating Class June 2021**
(password: zjwvzt3)
- ◆ **Grade 12 Scholarships for Graduating Students only**
(password: hlthp5)
- ◆ **AMHS Volunteer opportunities 2020-2021**
(password: orggenu)



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



◆ Help with volunteer opportunities



COMMUNITY HOURS

- ◆ Non-profit organization
- ◆ Minimum of **40 hours** for graduation
- ◆ No maximum – **recognition awards**
- ◆ **Many opportunities** --- Visit Guidance
 - Check board outside of **Guidance office**
 - Visit our **Google Classroom**



GUIDANCE SUPPORT

Guidance counselors	K. Auyeung, A. Gurfinkel, S. Juma, N. Reyhani, J. Petrone
School Social Worker	Leena Trivedi (Referral done by Admin on SSNET)
Nurse Practitioner Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)	Penny Konnaris
Mackenzie Health Hospital Outpatient clinic	N/A
Community & International Education Services-Admissions & Student Liaison Officer →	Amanda Wang

Information sessions

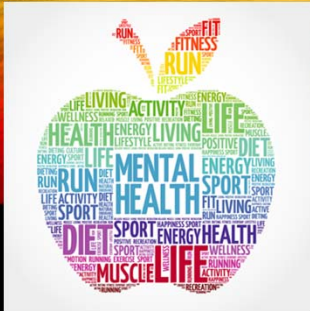
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Tuesday, October 20th, 2020

Grade 12-
College and University Applications
and OUAC Applications

Wednesday, October 21st, 2020

Grade 12-
International Applications
(US/UK and common apps)



Post-Secondary Pathways



- ◇ Help with Post-Secondary destinations
- ◇ College Applications and virtual college Fair (November 4, 2020 - November 5, 2020)
- ◇ University Application and various virtual university fair and open houses (ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)
- ◇ Ontario Universities Guidance Dialogues (October 20-21)



PARENT INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

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We will be holding the workshop again in a matter of weeks. See dates below. Sduhqw#Edq [UHJ IVWHU#](#)

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Jane Kristoffy of Right Track Educational Services
& Glenda Healy of Seeking Scholarships

PLANNING & FUNDING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION: PARENT INFORMATION WORKSHOP



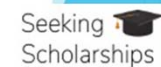
The Virtual Zoom Workshop includes:

- ▶ how to craft authentic, stand-out applications
- ▶ career and self-awareness discovery strategies
- ▶ how to create a schools list
- ▶ the costs of postsecondary education
- ▶ sources of funding for university and college
- ▶ scholarships, bursaries, and OSAP

VIRTUAL FALL TOUR

Wednesday, October 7
Tuesday, October 20
Tuesday, November 10

All sessions: 7 to 9 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Workshop



Specialized Programs

ARTS
(Drama, Music, Visual arts)

November 5th, 2020

International Baccalaureate

October 22nd, 2020

Thank you

Guidance Team

