



Alexander Mackenzie High School

School Council Minutes for September 21st, 2015

Present: Francis Bromet, Jennifer DiGiacchino, Jeffrey Holicky Sr., Eric Issaev, Christine LaForge, Loren Thorburn, Lisa Wakayama, Ellen Davies Campbell, Gail Harris, David Harris, Lory Maiorano, Tali Smith, Adoris Thompson-Forrester, Rhonda Wolfe

Regrets: Hedy Valler

Absent: Dora Georgiopoulos, John Pang

1. 2014/2015 School Council Business

- Minutes approved - *Christine LaForge*
- Budget Report - *Loren Thorburn*
 - Board Account of \$969 was spent on two Graduation Gifts of \$200 each and pens inscribed with the school name and phone number. Surplus of \$4 in the account cannot be carried over. New board funds are expected in January and will likely be close to \$1000 as in the past
 - General Account has a balance of \$2,781.13 which has been carried over. Only new activity since last meeting is \$141.36 to Student Council for Teacher Appreciation.
- Chair's Report - *Loren Thorburn*
 - 2 students who received the council graduation gifts were Julia Peacock & Ajit Kalsi. A thank you note from Ajit Kalsi was shared with council.
 - Board has requested comments on "Policy 267: Supporting Community Concerns" since it is currently being revised. Comments can be made on the board website under "Policies and Procedures for Comment"

2. Election for 2015/2016 School Council

- All new voting members were acclaimed at the meeting
- New council members:
 - Loren Thorburn (chair)
 - Ellen Davies Campbell (secretary)
 - Francis Bromet (treasurer)
 - Jennifer DiGiacchino
 - Gail Harris
 - Eric Issaev
 - Christine LaForge
 - Lory Maiorano
 - Tali Smith
 - Adoris A. Thompson-Forrester
 - Lisa Wakayama
 - Rhonda Wolfe
- Council meetings to be held in the school library from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates:
 - Monday, October 26
 - Monday, November 16

- Monday, January 18
 - Tuesday, February 16
 - Monday, April 18
 - Monday May 16
 - Book sale will take place on Thursday October 15 during Parents' Night
 - Guest speaker, Paul Davis, will present on Monday December 7
3. ARTS Update - *Cathy Clarke*
- Grade 8 Open House will take place at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, October 21. School council is encouraged to set up a display to speak with the parents before and after the presentation.
 - Stratford field trip - open to all ARTS students to take place. New partnership with Stratford will provide added opportunities for AMHS students.
4. Administration Report – *Debra Conrad-Knight, Otilia Olteanu, Jay Perri*
- September 9 -first day of school for grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Many students changed their timetables during the first two weeks because they completed various courses in summer school. Timetables have been finalized at this time.
 - September 16-safe schools assembly for grade 10, 11 and 12. Students reminded about guidelines for success, new programs and school expectations.
 - September 23-release of the OSSLT results
 - September 25 – Grade 9 Blast at Green Acres. All grade 9 students are grouped into teams to complete various activities. Students in the Leadership class help run the day. Great opportunity for the grade 9s to get to know each other.
 - October 2 - Interim reports
 - October 8 – Citizenship Ceremony
 - October 15 – Parents' Night
 - Oct. 28 – release of the grade 9 Math EQAO results
 - Parents are encouraged to access TeachAssist to be able to monitor their students' performance
5. Book Sale - *Jennifer DiGioacchino*
- Successful book drive and sale last year - raised approximately \$650 and offered students and parents the opportunity to walk away with a lot of books for a small price – will be repeated again this year but at the first Parents' Night which is usually busier than the second
6. Expected Expenditures for 2015/2016 - *Loren Thorburn*
- Discussion deferred to a later meeting
7. Guest Speaker: Paul Davis- *Jennifer DiGioacchino*
- Received PROgrant funding of approximately \$1000 to cover the cost of a Social Media Safety expert, Paul Davis to speak to the students during the day and the parents at night
 - Paul Davis is entertaining and enlightening and all council members should plan on attending
 - Need to start advertising for the talk within the school community and also with some of our community partners such as the hospital and police