**AY Jackson Secondary School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday April 24, 2018**

**Action Items:**

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| Item | Action | Who | When | Status |
| Mental health/stress management workshop for students |  Explore the opportunity to have a former social worker to come to school and present a workshop | Mr. Paptutsis  | ASAP |   |
| Mental health/stress management workshop for parents | Explore the possibility of having a 2nd workshop using the grant before year end | Co-chairs |  ASAP |   |

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm

1. **Welcome & Introductions** (Principal Paputsis)
2. **Call for new business:**

2.1 1 item was brought up:

-any initiatives that TDSB is taking to deal with students’ mental health/stress management

2.2 There was a workshop on tolerance awareness offered at AYJ early in April. Feedback from some students was they wish there was also workshop on mental health issues and how to manage stress.

2.3 Mr. Paputsis indicated certain concerns/issues in certain areas are addressed at school through certain courses, for example, addiction is addressed through Physical Ed. School also brings in speakers to talk about different topics, e,g, drink/drive, internet safety

2.4 Conesus at the meeting to put in more effort to help students manage stress and deal with mental health issues.

1. **Student Council Report** (Anu, SAC exec)

3.1 Recent and upcoming events:

 March: AYJ Talk

 Easter Egg Hunt

 Food Fair

Upcoming: SAC Exec election

 Spring Fling

 Prom tickets for sale

1. **School Report** (Principal Paputsis)

4.1 Staffing update:

Number of staff in Sept. 2018 is 63

6 subjects will get new teachers: Computer, Arts/Dance, girls Physical Ed, English, Math, and English/History

4.2 Parent council meeting in the new year

 Project 6 meetings in total; 2 of them will coincide with school events

4.3 Facilities

 Cafeteria renovation will be complete the week of April 30, in time for Music Night.

4.4 Monthly audit

There is a safety inspection every month on the school premises. AYJ is in good shape based on the result.

Water testing is done on an annual basis for drinkable fountains. Non-drinkable water fountains are identified as such by proper labelling.

4.5 Report cards for mid-term, major exams and school’s academic status

 Report cards will be sent home on April 25

 60% of AYJ students had marks of 80% or above

 8% of the marks are below 50% and the school has strategies to work with students in need to improve their marks

 June 9: the provincial math test for all grade 9 students

 4.6 Volunteer hours registration

 There will be a date each school year at AYJ dedicated to volunteer hour submission.

The dates will be the first week of December in Semester One and the first week of May in Semester Two

1. **School Council Business** (Principal Paputsis and Jack - Co-Chair)

5.1 Parents Reaching Out Grant

 The first workshop was a big success. Great turn out and feedback from parents.

 There might be a possibility to run a second one on mental health/stress management or inviting past graduates back and share their experiences before end of the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

**Next Meeting: May 29, 6:30PM**