

## AY Jackson Secondary School Council Meeting

Monday, February 4, 2019

Meeting convened at 6:05 pm

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Student Council Report given by Principal

- 2.1 SAC is having an Eating Contest at the end of this week. There are 24 contestants and they will be eating noodles.
- 2.2 Semi-Formal tickets go on sale on-line today. Semi-Formal takes place on Thursday February 14 and is open to all grades. It will be held at Hazelton Lanes Banquet Hall from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

### 3. Principal's Report

- 3.1 Report Cards will go home on Thursday February 7.
- 3.2 Graduation pictures will be taken early next week (Monday February 11).
- 3.3 Computer and Math Contests will take place later this month. Please check the school calendar on the school website.
- 3.4 OSSLT day will be held on Wednesday March 27. This is a literacy test for grade 10 students and any grade 11 or 12 students who were unsuccessful.
- 3.5 Prom will be in May.
- 3.6 Graduation will be in June.
- 3.7 Staffing update:
  - 2 teachers are on maternity leave and they have been replaced by LTO's (Long Term Occasional Teachers).
  - Currently we have about 65 teachers.
  - Next year we are projected to have approximately 1080 students.
  - February is important because it's when we gather information about courses students want for next year which helps us decide on staff for September. Seniority is also a factor. For example, if many students want to take a particular course, we need to make sure we have the appropriate number of qualified teachers to teach it.
  - Students will select courses by the end of February using My Blueprint.
  - After March Break, the board will notify us about our staffing numbers.
- 3.8 At the end of June, students will receive a tentative schedule. Lots of changes can occur over the summer because many students take summer school.
- 3.9 Classroom caps:

We are allowed to be 10% over the cap on 10% of courses.

There are different caps for different courses. For example, senior courses have a maximum cap of 30, applied classes have a cap of 23, junior courses have a cap of 31, college level courses have a cap of 28, ESL have a cap of 20, special education have a cap of 16, gifted classes have a cap of about 20.

### 3.10 Marks:

- 54% of student marks were over 80%
- 6.5% of student marks were unsuccessful (less than 50%)

### 3.11 Appraisals:

- New teachers have 2 appraisals in their first year of teaching.
- Experienced teachers get 1 appraisal every 5 years.

### 3.12 School Facilities Update:

- Snow melted and we have many potholes. It's on the list to get repaired.
- Monthly audits – inspect ceiling tiles, extension cords
- Mr. Paputsis meets every week with the caretaker

### 3.13 AYJ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year in April.

- Pub night
- Grade rooms
- If you can contribute/help please contact Barb Rose (see note below):
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**A.Y. Jackson will be celebrating its 50th year in 2020. Soon there will be a website link from our own A.Y. Jackson webpage. We are planning the celebration for the spring of 2020. More information will be coming soon. In the meantime, we are asking you to spread the word among any AY contacts you might have. If you would like to volunteer to help plan or organize the event please contact Barbara Rose. Her email is [barbara.rose@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:barbara.rose@tdsb.on.ca) Similarly, if you know anyone who could help in any way - AY alumni who are caterers, party planners, rent out equipment, are master fundraisers, have a tonne of memorabilia etc please give their contact information to Barbara Rose as well.**

## 4. Chair's Report (Jack)

- 4.1 March 5 is Community Engagement Evening. The plan is to have AYJ graduates come and talk about their experiences about transitioning to post-secondary. If you know anyone, contact Jack.

Jack Wang, 647-861-8308, or [jackiqwang@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiqwang@hotmail.com)

- 4.2 PIAC Appreciation dinner for 2 council members per school on February 21. There is space for one more parent – Helen volunteered.

## 5. Other Business

- 5.1 Mr. Paputsis will look into a Mental Health event for parents and students for a separate evening. Also, there will be an in-school event for grade 10 students called Beyond Tolerance on April 17.
- 5.2 August 31, 2019 is the end of the teachers' contract.
- 5.3 The PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant is gone but the school budget will cover it.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm

Next Meeting: March 5, 2019