**AY Jackson Secondary School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday Nov. 13, 2018**

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm

1. **Welcome & Introductions** (Principal Paputsis)
2. **Guest speaker:** James Lee, TDSB Trustee Elect. Will be able to provide contact info on Dec. 3.
3. **Call for new business:**

3.1 Pathway: Mr. Paputsis will look into preparing a work order to extend the pathways to the sidewalk

3.2 Idling signs. Some parents park in front of the school on the drive way which blocks other drivers to drive through. Some parents leave their car idle while waiting to pick up their children which creates pollution. Ideas on how to improve the situation were discussed, such as putting up signs.

A public service message will be included in the next News Update around drop-off/pick-up etiquette.

1. **Student Council Report**

4.1 Recent and upcoming events:

SAC Halloween movie night, costume and pumpkin carving contests

Design contest for next year’s agenda

Upcoming: Winter spirit week, each day will have a different theme

AmAYzing Race

Winter Spirit Assemble, Friday Dec. 21

4.2 Parents questions 1: how are students and parents informed of these events?

Answer: announcements, Instagram, facebook, snapchat, calendar on website, flyers around school

Parents questions 2: heritage month. How do students inform teacher of certain heritage celebrations?

Answer: students go to their teachers and ask if posters can be put up at the school.

Parents questions 3: is the school doing anything to help grade 9 students?

Answer: Individual teachers will work with their students

Parents questions 4: what’s the best way to get in touch with a teacher if necessary?

Answer: first to phone the school office to ask to talk to the teacher.

Parents questions 5: what is the school doing on mental health?

Answer: there are different activities planned. School has 2 committees that meet each month. School also has a club (Inspiring Mind club) for students to get together and discuss their experiences.

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

5.1 Staffing update:

There are a few teacher changes due to retirement, medical leave, etc. Gary Cross is the new Arts teacher.

5.2 Mark review: report card will be distributed on Nov. 14 and 15.

55% of AY students received 80% plus marks

8.4% students received 50%

The school and teachers are working with students who have marks below 60% to improve marks. Students can come in early on Dec. 11 (late start day) and catch up; during exam weeks, students can also block time and catch up on missed work; students can also ask their teachers about re-submit their assignment if marks are low.

5.3 Facilities: work is in progress to complete the project screen and presentation equipment in the cafeteria area.

Work is also in progress in the small gym

AYJ has recently received funding for painting

5.4 School Statement Needs: 2 new statements are brought up. Mr. Paputsis will email all parents asking for feedback/input.

1. **School Council Business** (Principal Paputsis and Co-Chairs)
   1. Parents Reaching Out Grant

Last year, three AYJ graduates, who are currently enrolled in or graduated from University of Toronto, University of Waterloo and Ryerson University came back and shared their experiences in their university and high school lives and tips on how to manage the challenges at each stage. The seminar received very positive feedback from parents who attended. This year, a similar event will be organized as well and will be open to students.

Another event, probably on mental health will be planned. March next year is being looked at as a potential date. Details will follow.

6.2 Parents’ council meeting in the new year:

-Thursday, January 10, 2019 6:00pm (prior to G9-12 Course Sel/Pathway)

-Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:30pm \*Parent Engagement Evening\*

-Tuesday, April 23, 2019 6:30pm

-Tues May 28, 2019 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

**Next Meeting: Jan. 10, 2019 at 7PM**