**AY Jackson Secondary School Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017**

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm

1. **Welcome & Introductions** (Principal Paputsis)
2. **Student Council Report** (Luna)

2.1 Luna (SAC Vice-President) and Barton (Grade 10 rep) introduced themselves.

2.2 SAC members act as a liaison between students and staff. They also help organize fund raisers such as the Terry Fox Run in which students raised $1141 for cancer research. They report recent and upcoming events at school council meetings.

2.3 Recent and upcoming events:

* Club Fest (video assembly to introduce 29 clubs and councils for students to join)
* Oct. 10 Games Night after school for 2 hours
* Oct. 27 Food Fair (17 different types of food sold at lunch)
* Oct. 30 Halloween free movie night (held after school)
* Oct. 31 costume contest and pumpkin carving contest

Parent Question: Do you need parent volunteers for food pick-up on Food Fair days?

Answer: The students will take care of that but will let us know if they need anything.

Parent Question: What is donated money used for?

Answer: Donations for particular events (e.g. Terry Fox, Relay for Life) go toward their cause (e.g. cancer research). Money raised buying popcorn, drinks, etc. at movie night goes toward the students for things such as a pizza prize lunch for the class that raises the most money for Terry Fox Run

Parent Suggestion: Ask for non-perishable food donation at movie night.

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

3.1 Roofing project: solar panels will be installed starting Fri. Oct. 6. There will be a fenced off area in the back of the school for 6-8 weeks. All schools that are having their roofs repaired and solar panels installed are paid by the bidding company that will be installing the solar panels.

3.2 Work will be done to improve the cafetorium lighting and sound to bring some items up to code. Hope to start this project in January.

3.3 Staffing: sometimes you may see “ZZ teacher” on your child’s timetable. This means that a qualified teacher is yet to be populated on the school’s system. It could be a teacher coming back from a leave of absence or it could be a Long-Term Occasional (LTO) teacher. We still have two ZZ teachers.

3.4 There are 1072 students but we are staffed at 1040. There are 64.5 teachers. There are two new teachers: Mr. Ketch – math, and Ms. Lee – LTO teacher for ESL, History, and Arts. There were two retirements: Adriana Tellevi – Office Administrator, and Gerry Fitzgerald – Budget Secretary.

3.5 Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday Oct. 26.

1. **School Council Business** (Principal Paputsis and Wilson - last year’s Co-Chair)

4.1 Ministry guidelines state that we are a “School Council”, not a Parent Council.

Executive Positions for School Council are:

* Chair/Co-Chair (sets the agenda in consultation with the principal, arranges meetings, chairs the meetings, takes matters to vote, resolves conflicts, communicates parental concerns to the principal) (last year was Jack and Wilson)
* Treasurer (last year was Catherine and is willing to continue)
* Secretary (takes the minutes) (last year was Lorraine)
* Parent Representatives (commit to attending all meetings) (Bogdan, Alex, Michael, Rana, Maureen, and Wilson volunteered)
* School Staff Representative
* Student Representatives
* Community Member

4.2 Upcoming School Council dates:

* Tues Nov. 14, 2017 6:30 pm (University/College Info Evening)
* Thurs. Jan. 11, 2018 7:00 pm (Gr 9-12 Course Selection)
* Tues. Apr. 24, 2018 6:30 pm
* Tues. May 29, 2018 6:30 pm

4.3 The Ministry of Education offers a PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant to schools. School Councils must apply for this in the spring prior to the year the grant will be given. The money goes toward specific topic presentations. Last year we arranged to have speakers on the topics of mental health and internet safety. If you’ve heard or know of a good speaker, please let Wilson know

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

**Next Meeting: Nov. 14**