

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
May 15th, 2017

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Glenys Boe @ 6:41.

In Attendance: MJ Nam, Skip Gordon, Darby Hanson, Rod Leatherdale, Glenys Boe, Cathy Farnell. There were not enough parents in attendance to achieve quorum.

Adoption of Minutes from March 6th, 2017 meeting:

Tabled to September 2017 meeting.

Trustee Report: Skip Gordon

1. April 20, 2017 – the budget and budget assumptions were presented
2. There was a retirement and long term service event May 2, 2017 and it went well.
3. Bill 1 – an Act to Reduce School Fees – restricts what schools can charge to parents. For example, the learning resource fees can no longer be charged.
4. Asked Ms. Nam about numbers for Grade 8 Honours next year as other schools are struggling with numbers. Ms. Nam advised that they are still planning for Honours programming for Grades 8 and 9 next year, but that if they only have 3 classes, Honours programming is not as effective and they will be monitoring and reviewing for the following year.
5. May 16, 2017 – Trustees voted 6-3 to close Ministik School
6. Notwithstanding the carbon tax and other increasing costs, student transportation fees are not increasing
7. Later in May the Trustees will review and finalize the budget

Administration Report: MJ Nam

School Education Plan:

- our 3 goals are:

GOAL 1:

Promote growth and success for all students. (EIPS Priority 1: Goal 3)

GOAL 2:

To improve student engagement through a variety of evidence based practices and innovative learning. (EIPS Priority 2: Goal 4)

GOAL 3:

To increase community involvement by developing resilient, empathetic citizens, and encouraging a school culture of social responsibility. (EIPS Priority 2: Goal 1)

Budget and Staffing Update:

- Projections 17-18 as of May 15th
- we will make adjustments to both classes and budget as needed in September
- Budget breakdown
- Independent Study – there is a decrease of ADLC funding next year so the school will be working to restructure and offer same content in different formats to preserve funding

2017/2018 Registration at Ardrossan Jr. Sr. High School

As this school year comes to an end at Ardrossan, we are also eagerly anticipating the start of our 2017/2018 school year! Our staff have begun diligently preparing for next year, and we will continue working on the details throughout June and when we return in August.

For those students who need to register for specific classes or programs, or for those families new to our school, please stop by the school office or please contact the office

Exam Schedule – no leaving after exams-alternate schedule for Jr. High

Study, Homework, and Doing Your Best

One of the most common questions parents raise at interviews is:

What can we do to help our child improve their marks by the end of the year? There are several steps that can be adhered to which will **enable and ensure success** not only at junior high, but at all grade levels of school work. Using these steps at home will make a tremendous difference.

1. Have a set time to do homework as well as additional time set for nightly study.
2. Have a quiet and comfortable work environment.
3. Monitor that work/study is actually being done.
4. Be available to assist if needed.
5. Ensure studying occurs throughout the term rather than the night or week prior to exams. When your child indicates they have no homework, they do have study and review of the day's, week's and term work.
6. Development of positive work habits can only improve results.
7. Be in contact with teachers through interviews, telephone calls, e-mail or notes and letters.
8. Studying is not just reading over the material, but also rewriting, redoing, practicing, discussing with others, asking as well as answering questions.
9. Check your child's agenda regularly and insist that it be used and filled in.

****EXAM SCHEDULE**- please see attachment**

Final Assessments and Exams

May brings the first part of final assessments with the written component of Language Arts for our students in 9. Students will be composing their best ideas onto paper. We look forward to their creativity and writing!

June is fast approaching and final assessments and exams are just around the corner. The key to success is preparation as students should be reviewing daily to help solidify their learning.

Regular periods will be in effect after each exam for Jr. High students. An alternate schedule will be in place so that core subject areas can be focused on in order to prepare for the remaining exams. We hope that students will take advantage of this time with teachers to strengthen their learning. Please note the final assessment schedule in the calendar and in the Study Tips.

Athletic Awards / Blue and White Day

The awards ceremony for students in grades 7, 8 and 9 will be held this year on Friday, June 9th during the day.

Grade 9 Farewell Event

Grade 9 Farewell will be taking place on Friday, June 2. Tickets are on sale until next Friday. Dance in cafeteria for grade 9s and parent volunteers only. Cost is \$15 which covers food, drinks DJ and photo booth. Tickets can be purchased through the Parent Portal until May 26, 2017.

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Get your banquet tickets. \$80 for banquet or \$25 for seating. There will be a lottery for tickets and if students are not present a number will be drawn for them. Tickets go on sale the first week of June. The banquet is June 29, 2017.

Previous Events:

- Badminton season
- Ardrossan Open House
- Book Signing – Jonathan Ewing
- Jazz Night
- Running Room Indoor Games
- a.d.c. – The Sting
- Archery season ends
- Cheer season ends
- La Semaine de la Francophonie
- Dr. Gelmini- Science presentation
- PST interviews
- Jr. High Spring Dance
- Spring Break
- Hunters Education Trip Grade 7
- Boundary Exemption deadline
- Band Pop Concert “Cities and Monsters”
- AJS Mechanics/Welding and Culinary Skills Competition @ NAIT
- DELF exam- grade 12 FI students
- Grade 8 Invention Convention
- Zone 3 Drama One Act @ AJS
- Provincial One Act @ Red Deer
- Art Field Trip to Gallery 501 and Art Gallery of Alberta
- Western Day
- Medical Health Day Grade 7 to 12 Telus
- Sr. High Track @ U of A
- Band Whistler Trip
- Jr. High Handball teams
- Ardrossan’s Got Talent
- Grade 7 Leduc Energy Discovery Center and U of A
- Grade 8 Band Festival @ Red Deer
- ELA Chapters visit
- Bio 20 RiverWatch
- Grade 9 PAT written
- Grade 9 FI PAT ecrit
- Grade 9 Band Festival @ Red Deer
- Jr. High Track Meet
- Young Scientist Conference
- Grade 9 Slave Lake
- Senior Band Festival @ Red Deer

Upcoming events:

- Grade 9 FI trip to Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa
- EIPS Track meet
- Grade 8 to Reynold Museum
- Jr. High Immunizations
- Grade 7 SS to Ukrainian Village
- Strathcona County High School Art Competition and Show
- Grade 11 and 12 Mechanics to Reynolds Museum
- Physics 20 to WEM
- Beach Volleyball
- Grade 8 SS to Japanese Cultural Association
- Grade 9 Science Telus
- Year End Band concert
- Jr. High Track Meet Zones
- Sr High Provincials
- Football Spring Camp
- High School Drama
- Art Show
- Athletics Awards Blue/White Day
- DIP Part A June 15
- DIP SS Part A June 16
- DIP FLA Part A June 19
- DIP FLA Part B June 20
- Last Day of Senior High classes June 21
- DIP ELA 30-1/-2 and ELA 10/20 June 22
- DIP SS 30-1/30-2 and SS 10/20 and FLA 10/20 and Grade 7, 8 and 9 FLA – June 23
- DIP Math 30-1/30-2 and Math 10/20 and Grade 7, 8 and 9 SS – June 26
- DIP Chem 30 and Chem 20 and Grade 7, 8 and 9 ELA – June 27
- DIP Bio 30 and Sci 10 and Bio 20 and Grade 7, 8 and 9 Math – June 28
- Physics 20 and Grade 7, 8 and 9 Science – June 29

New Business:

1. Vandalism – there was an issue with the change rooms and they were closed to the students
2. Portables – the school's request for new portables has been turned down because the existing ones are not old enough to be replaced

Next Meeting:

- September 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned