

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
November 28th, 2016

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Glenys Boe @ 6:35.

In Attendance: MJ Nam, Skip Gordon, Darby Hanson, Rod Leatherdale, Tamia Richardson, Glenys Boe, Joanne Dewart, Terri-Ann Trohubiak, Victoria Wishart, Cathy Farnell.

Adoption of Minutes from September 19th, 2016 meeting:

Cathy Farnell moved to adopt the minutes of the September 19th, 2016 meeting, seconded by Joanne Dewart, unanimously passed.

Opening Comment: Glenys thanked MJ Nam and Rod Leatherdale for the addition of the microwave in the foyer. This was Mr. Leatherdale's initiative and it has been well received.

COSC Representative: The appointment of a COSC representative was tabled last meeting. Joanne Dewart will consider the position but needs to look at the timing of the meetings. Glenys and Joanne will review before the next PAC meeting in February.

Trustee Report: Skip Gordon

1. In early November evaluations were done for the Superintendent and the Trustees
2. November 22, 2016 was the Alberta School Board fall general meeting. The Minister of Education told the meeting that schools would not suffer at the hands of the NDP's climate leadership plan.
3. November 24, 2016 EIPS Board Meeting – it was confirmed that there is still \$400 allocated for new parking lot at the school.
4. PAT and Diploma Exam results are expected to be posted for Ardrossan Jr/Sr High tomorrow and on November 30, 2016 the EIPS website should have the Diploma Exam and PAT result comparisons for Ardrossan Jr./Sr. High and the rest of the Province
5. As of Sept. 30, 2016, the Division's current enrolment figure was 17,150 students—an increase of 284 students (1.7 per cent) from the year previous.
6. At the last meeting busing and sitting 3 to a seat at the high school ages was raised as a concern. Skip followed up with student transportation and was told that there are not high school kids being seated 3 to a seat. That is consistent with the experiences of parents at the meeting who found that original bus routes had been modified and so far numbers were reduced.

Administration Report:

Current Status

We would like to welcome **Mr. Adam Yukiw** with Mr. Pretzlaff, **Ms. Jessica Rosko** with Mrs. Hoffas, **Ms. Amberlee Nicol** with Mr. Siewart and **Ms. Megan Paterson** with Mrs. Ferguson to Ardrossan's great learning environment until the end of December. Also welcome to **Mrs. Erica Spitzmacher** as Mrs. Robyn Machushyk adds to her family.

National Bullying Awareness Week

Ardrossan Jr. Sr. High School was proud to participate in a variety of events and activities:

- Breathing awareness activity over the intercom after announcements
- Bullying sheet - What You Need to Know - post one set in each classroom; read over the sheet and discuss with your students
- Show the *Flocabulary* video titled Social & Emotional Learning - Bullying (3:13)
- Morning meditation after announcements over the intercom
- *Cyberbullying sheet – What You Need to Know* - please post one set in each classroom; read over the sheet and discuss with your students
- All Grade 9 classes - *Constable Rick Green* will speak about Cyberbullying in the theatre
- All Grade 8 classes - *Constable Rick Green* will speak about Cyberbullying in the theatre 2-3
- All classrooms will have access to the Youth Directory booklet from Strathcona County - please highlight the 24 Hour Emergency numbers, Community Support and Services and Youth Groups
- Gr. 7-9 Video on Indirect bullying – (2:22)
- Gr. 10-12 Video – Mean Stinks (1:00)
- Show and have the students (with phones) download the *Always There* app from Kids Help phone (free)
- Pass out one Kids Help Phone card to each student in your class
- Show video – You Are Not Alone
- Wear a pink shirt to signify your decision to support healthy relationships without bullying behavior.
- All Grade 10-12 classes – John Howard Society Presentation in Gym A: Cyberbullying
- Think Before You Share – video on posting on social media – (1:28)
- Teachers give each student their own copy of the Strathcona County Youth Help Card. Please review with the class.

Wishing Tree

This year, the high school art students of Ardrossan Jr Sr High will take an opportunity to create an art installation that complements our Bullying Awareness Week taking place November 21-25. The installation was originally created by Yoko Ono in 1986 and was called The Wish Tree. People are encouraged to participate in the project by writing down their wishes for humanity and hanging it on the tree. Art students have taken 3 white trees, put them in pink pots and placed them at the front of the school entrance. All students are encouraged to place their own wishes for humanity on a pink tag. Believe in the power of kindness and share your kind words through this art installation!

Parent Portal

Please look on the Parent Portal online as there will not be a print copy provided to every student. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the office and we would be happy to provide you with a print copy c/o your son or daughter.

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you for attending.

March will be Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

School Education Plan

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School is working with the following 3 school goals. We are in our second year of three.

1-Promote growth and success for all students

2-To improve student engagement through a variety of evidence based practices and innovative learning

3-To increase community involvement by developing resilient, empathetic citizens, and encouraging a school culture of social responsibility

Ardrossan Jr. Sr. High staff is continuing their work in implementing strategies and feedback from parents is welcome.

Band Concert

The Ardrossan Band Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, Dec 13th @ 6:30 PM in Gym A. All students in the band program at the school will be playing, and the concert will be under 2 hours. This year the Ardrossan Music Parents Association (AMPS) is going to rent a stage for better viewing and improved sound. The bands will be playing different varieties of light Christmas music.

Diploma and PAT exams

Part A- written – regular classes

Part B – multiple choice- we will have an alternate schedule for grade 9s

During PAT exams the School prefers that Grade 9 students stay at the school. There will be study sessions set up at the school.

PAT and Diploma Exam results for Ardrossan, including comparisons to EIPS and Provincial results, will be in the next Bison Tracks. For PATs, 3 out of 5 results were well above the EIPS and Provincial results. Social and FLA were slightly below Provincial results. For Diploma Exams, 9 out of 10 results were above EIPS and 10 out of 10 were above the Provincial results, in each case for both acceptable and excellence results. Social 30-1 results were slightly below EIPS. Many of the results, including Math 30-2, English 30-1 and Physics, were well above Provincial results.

School Activities Update

X-country to an end

V-ball to an end

Football to an end

Cheerleading team continues

Basketball upcoming

Archery team upcoming

Events previous since Oct. 19, 2016

Biology 20 River Watch trip

Health 7 DARE

Bus safety week and evacuation

National Waste Reduction Week

Point of Aim –Outdoor Ed trip-overnight

Locker and Desk Clean out
U of A visit
MP Garnett Genuis visit grade 9
SPT Interviews with Learning Clicks presentation and Graduation meeting
Peer Leadership activities every week
Halloween parade
Read in Week-One World, Many Voices
Telus World of Science Grade 8 and 9
Gwynne Dyer Visit Grade 11 and Grade 12
Take your Kids to Work Day Grade 9
Friday, Nov. 10- Remembrance Day program - 10:15 am
Fall Break
National Bullying Awareness Week
Concrete Theater- The Bullying Project
SRO presentations
Immunizations Grade 9
Tennis Club
Anime Club
Video gaming Club
Board game Club

Upcoming Events up to Feb. 27, 2016

U of A Physics 30 trip
Football Banquet Dec. 7
Band Concert Dec. 13 6:30 p.m.
Peer Leadership Activity/Week
West Edmonton Physics 20 Field trip
Jr. High Xmas Dance
Winter Break
Diploma Exams- Jan 20 to Jan. 30
Jan 31 Semester 2 begins
Teacher Convention Feb. 9 and 10

Thank you to CPF

Thank you to the CPF group for making students available to help with CPF sign up at Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Wellness Centre

There will be a personal fitness trainer available at the Wellness Centre for high school students from 12:15 – 4:30 daily for high school student use during spares and after school. At this time use is limited to high school students. There will likely be a small user fee implemented next term, but for now there is no charge.

Standardized Testing for Assessment of Reading (STAR)

STAR is being used in the school this year for grades 7 through 12. Tests were given at the beginning of the year and will be re-administered at the end of the year to evaluate

progress. For students who need some additional assistance, evaluations will also be done through the year and parents will be informed.

Upcoming School Trips

There are two trips for the school coming up in the spring. The first is the Grade 9 trip, to be chaperoned by MJ Nam, Mme Brunet, Mme Hrynchuk, Mr. Castle from the elementary school and one male parent. The second trip is the High School Band trip to Whistler which will be chaperoned by Mr. Leatherdale and Mr. Basaraba.

CPF Report – Terri-Ann Trohubiak:

- CPF is always looking for new volunteers.
- Enquiry as to how chaperones were chosen for the Grade 9 school trip. MJ Nam explained that impact to the school during the teacher's absence, the necessity for a mix of male and female chaperones and the ability to speak French were all factors.

Old Business

Parking – Enquiry as to how student parking has been for the students. There is more parking at this stage of construction. Students have been great and Officer Green has been at the school almost every morning and noon hour to monitor the school. Both MJ Nam and Rod Leatherdale have offered to donate some use of their parking sports prior to Christmas as a Food Bank collection incentive.

New Business:

Thank you to the school (and Mr. Gordulic in particular) for running the junior girls' Development Program Volleyball team. The time and effort to let the girls be involved is appreciated.

Lock Down procedures –it was confirmed that in a lock down no one can leave the school. There are communication and procedure protocols in place for the school in that situation. The most important concern in a Lock Down situation is safety. The school has not had a Lock Down to date. A lesser alert status is On Alert status. During On Alert, people are permitted to leave the school.

Drug Dog – has the drug dog been at the School? No. The Sherwood Park RCMP dog is not doing that type of training anymore so the dog has not been in the school.

Dealing with Student Concerns – how can a student deal with a concern respecting a teacher if he or she is not comfortable discussing it with the teacher? The learning process includes dealing with conflict and so students should be encouraged to bring the concern forward to another adult in the school – a counsellor, another teacher or someone in administration. If the student is not comfortable bringing the concern to someone in the school, it should be brought to another adult. The goal is to help the student communicate the concern and then to work together to address the concern in an appropriate manner.

Next Meeting:

- February 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned