

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
November 25th, 2019

In Attendance: MJ Nam, Paul Schwartz, Skip Gordon, Ron Horton, Lonnie Hicks, Hannah Quewezance, J.P. Grebenc, Jackie Anderson, Shelly Gall Christenson, Rachel Burgemeister, Jennifer Mailer, Pollyana Peters, Cathy Farnell

1. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions:
3. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2019 Meeting – tabled to next meeting
4. Additions to the Agenda – J.P. Grebenc

Old Business: Athletics Program and GSA Club

5. Trustee Report – Skip Gordon

Education Budget:

- When the Division prepared it's budget in the spring, it was drafted based upon several assumptions about a reduced allocation from the provincial government.
- As it turns out, we weren't able to anticipate the full scope of the changes.
- Despite prudent planning, EIPS is facing \$5.3 million deficit for the current school year.

The deficit occurred because of a number of factors:

- While we anticipated the Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF) would be discontinued, we did not expect that both the Class-Size Reduction funding and the School Fee Reduction grant would be discontinued.
- Collectively, the cuts total more than \$9 million. Even with the province's one-time transition grant and enrolment growth funding provided by Alberta Education – totaling \$4.8 million – the loss in revenue has a significant impact on the Division.
- Additionally, there was a dramatic increase of \$1.5 million to our insurance rates, due in large part to increased incidents of fires and floods in the province. This increase wasn't expected nor does the province cover the cost.
- Because EIPS has already made several very prudent budget assumptions, the Division is in a much better position than others to bridge the gap in funding – absorbing those costs on a one-time only basis.
- The Board of Trustees met on Thursday, October 31 and agreed on a measured approach in order to minimize impacts for students during the current school year. Using money found in the current budget – including unallocated reserves – we will be able to fulfill our commitments for the 2019-20 school year.
- The funding formula for education will change next year, but since the total amount for the province will remain the same (at \$8.2 billion for all of Alberta), we don't anticipate an increase in the Division's allotment.

- The Board and senior leaders will have to re-examine the ways in which we deliver programming and services to students in subsequent school years.
- The Board will be meeting soon to start preparing for the 2020-21 budget, knowing the funding allocation will remain the same for at least the next three years.
- With increase enrolment and evolving student needs, the Division will have difficult choices to make for subsequent budgets.

6. Administration Report – MJ Nam

See the attached report.

In addition:

- School results will come out in Bison Tracks this week. The school consistently ranks above Elk Island and the Province in results.
- The exam schedule is attached to the Minutes and is also available online.
- There was a great session hosted by the Mental Health Capacity Building Group during parent/teacher interviews respecting vaping. It was a small group of parents and there were a lot of great questions. The Mental Health Capacity Building Group is looking at doing interactive presentations regarding vaping at the school, starting with the grade 7s.
- Budget – MJ Nam is grateful for the School Board’s forecasting and adjustments that were done which has helped the position the school is in for 2019/2020. In order to understand the magnitude of the changes MJ Nam explained that in the 2019/19 school year there was a budget of approximately \$5.25 million dollars for 810 students. For the 2019/20 school year there is a budget of approximately \$5 million dollars for 863 students. Although some class sizes are larger, the school has transitioned very well with no changes anticipated for the year. The staff has been working together to make the current budget work. There will be some decreases in expenditures respecting library, computers, furniture, repairs and the copying budget. There is a concern going forward with the new funding model.
- DELF. Last year 37 students wrote the DELF exam and there are expected to be 45 students writing it this year.

7. Student Council Report - Proudly hosted the following events:

October 28 – 31-	“Guess the amount of Candy in the jar”
October 29	One question trivia. The original intention was to present a Halloween themed Kahoot and the winner would receive a large pack of gobstoppers. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties they had to improvise and replaced the Kahoot game with a one question trivia. The winners received a pack of gobstoppers.
October 30	At lunch in grad hall there were cups filled with a mysterious concoction. If a student managed to drink the full cup, he or she won a sweet treat.
October 31	A Halloween parade(to give kids a chance to show off their costumes). On top of that there were three categories students could compete in: 1. Scariest costume 2. Cutest costume 3. Best group costume. The winners won either a kinder surprise egg or a full chocolate bar.

On Halloween they also held the ARAS haunted house at the Ardrossan Memorial Hall. The haunted house ran from 6:00 – 10:00. From 6:00 – 8:00 it was toned down for younger kids, but from 8:15 - 10:00 it was

turned up a bit for teens and adults. 318 people went through the haunted house and there were \$120 in donations.

November In light of Remembrance Day they encouraged anyone that has or has had a family member that served in the Military, to share their story and the stories were turned into posters that were put up around the school.

December The 12 days of Christmas:
 5 free hot chocolate in Grad Hall
 6 Christmas themed movie in the cafeteria
 9 Christmas kahoot for prize
 10 Christmas photo booth
 11 We will hide paper presents around the school and whoever finds them will get a pack of hot chocolate with a little candy cane
 12 Candy grams 25 cents
 13 Another Christmas movie
 16 Christmas hat day
 17 Sell cookies for students to decorate also red and green day 50 cents
 18 PJ day
 19 Ugly sweater day plus a visit from Santa
 20 Formal day and a movie in the library for people who don't want to dance

Christmas Bureau

To encourage more people to donate to the Christmas Bureau, all of the cafeteria chairs and the grade 12 microwave were taken away. To have a chair with his or her name on it for the rest of the year, a student could donate 3 food items. The grade 12s would have to donate 50 food items to get their microwave back.

There is also a challenge for the Senior highs: the top 4 senior high students will get a chance at these prizes: 1. Tickets to the Oilers game on December 21st. 2. One of Ms. Nam, Mr. Schwarz's or Mr. Hick's parking stalls from January 6 – 10th, 2020.

Upcoming Events

Stress dogs will be in the school for exams.

There was a question as whether the school council has reached out to seniors homes with respect to assisting there. Hannah advised that they had reached out but the seniors had declined. Jennifer Mailer will provide Ms. Nam with a contact so this can be explored again.

There was a question as to what happens with the monies raised by school council. Monies are used to fund other activities and any funds leftover are donated to charity at the end of the year.

COSC Report

Jackie Anderson reported that the budget was a big part of the November 6 meeting of COSC. They also discussed the results review being delayed to spring. In terms of school fees and how they are to be set, there will be a new process. The school will have a school council meeting in January where the school will be looking for parent input with respect to school fees. MJ Nam confirmed that fees are set on a cost recovery basis and two examples given were that senior men's varsity basketball currently costs approximately \$570 and football approximately \$650. Items that can be looked at in the discussion of fees is whether there should be more or less tournaments, more or less field trips, etc. After the January meeting there will be second meeting in March. School council must certify there have been two meeting to discuss school fees. A discussion about follow-up reporting to confirm money is being used for what it is collected.

8. Old Business

1. The athletics program question carried forward from the previous meeting (why the boys and girls in the same classes are running different distances) was resolved - running distance in the junior high has now been changed so it is the same for boys and girls.
2. GSA Club – as discussed at the September 16, 2019 meeting, there will be no change to current policies.

9. CPF Report – MJ Nam

CPF is looking for parents to join and increase the membership at the school. To encourage people to join, CPF is looking at some initiatives including: a) having member only events, b) charging differential fees for members and non-members at other events, and c) requiring the student winning the grade 12 CPF award/scholarship to be a CPF member.

CPF provides many benefits for the students including covering the cost of the DELF exam for members and providing financial assistance to the school for the grade 9 Quebec trip. There is a direct benefit to the CPF local chapter if parents at the school sign up.

10. Correspondence - Choice in Edmonton Survey – edc.choiceineduc@gob.ab.ca

11. Next Meeting – Special Meeting Monday, January 20, 2020 to discuss school fees. Then March 9, 2020.

12. Adjournment – 7:43 pm

Administration Report
Ardrossan School Council Meeting
7:30 p.m. November 25, 2019

Current Status

We would like to welcome Peter Dolan is working with Robin Machushyk- Dec. 13
Mickaela Turriff is working with Cynthia Hoffos- Dec. 13
Thomas Hewertson is working with Nadine Stefiuk- Dec. 13
Ridwan Osman-Hachi is working with Christine Parker-young- Dec. 6
Kari McLeod is working with Liz Booij- Dec.6

National Bullying Awareness Week

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



NATIONAL BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

November 18-22, 2019

MONDAY

Reflect: How are you the 'I' in KIND?

TUESDAY

Concrete Theatre breakout workshops and Presentation, "Crossing the Line" for Grade 7s

Lunch and Learn "Banter vs. Bullying" in Learning Commons hosted by MHCB

Passing out ribbons in Grad Hall

WEDNESDAY

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Concrete Theatre break-out workshops

Disney movie "Queen of Katwe" and popcorn at lunch in the Learning Commons

Passing out ribbons in Grad Hall

THURSDAY

Disney Movie "Queen of Katwe" with popcorn in the Learning Commons continues

FRIDAY

Disney Movie "Queen of Katwe" with popcorn in the Learning Commons last day



24 hour Bullying Prevention Helpline 1-888-456-2323

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.

Junior High Interim Digital Report Card

We are pleased to announce that your child's Term 1 Interim Report Card will be available for online viewing and/or printing by 10 a.m. on Friday, November 22nd, 2019.

To access the online report card, log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal account and click on "Junior High Interim Report Card". If you do not have a Parent Portal account, click on this link: [Parent Portal](#) and follow the instructions and/or instructional video.

If you wish to print the report card, click on the "print" button found on the right hand side of the top banner on the report card page. If you have any difficulty accessing, setting up, or printing the report card, please contact the school office at 780-922-2228.

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 third year of three.

1-Promote growth and success for all students in literacy and numeracy

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.

Budget 2018-2019- addition of 1 section teacher. Pretty much status quo this year

Band Concert

The Ardrossan Band Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, Dec. 10th @ 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. The bands will be playing different varieties of light Christmas music.

Diploma and PAT exams- see attached

Exam schedule- see attached

Part A- written

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

X-country to an end

V-ball to an end- City Championships and Zones

Football to an end-Provincial playoffs- Semifinals
 Cheerleading team continues
 Basketball has begun

Events since September 16, 2019

Enviro. Ed 9 Trips-overnight
 U of A Discovery Health Day
 Bamfield Marine Trip (every second year)
 Awards Night
 Photo Retakes
 Band Camp-Gull Lake
 Health 7 DARE
 Bus safety week and evacuation
 National Waste Reduction Week
 Locker and Desk Clean out
 U of A/ Concordia University/NAIT/Grant McEwen University/Norquest visits
 Green Certificate presentation
 Apply Alberta Help for Post-Secondary
 French Immersion Campus St. Jean Presentation
 Orange Shirt Day
 First Nations Metis Inuit Family Supper
 Edmonton Law Courts SS Grade 8 Field Trip
 SPT Interviews with Scholarship and Bursary presentation and Graduation meeting
 Vaping presentation- MHCB and Strathcona County
 Student Vote
 Halloween parade
 Read in Week
 Provincial Legislature Grade 9 SS
 Take your Kids to Work Day Grade 9
 Friday, Nov. 8- Remembrance Day program - 10:15 am
 Fall Break
 National Bullying Awareness Week
 Concrete Theater- Crossing the Line Grade 7 and Breakout sessions
 Immunizations Grade 9
 Chemistry Demos- Dr. Gelmini
 GSA
 Anime Club
 Educational Liaison Association of Alberta Post-Secondary Fair
 Gender Based Violence Sessions-with MHCB and Football team
 Last Day to Withdraw from High School Classes
 Your Future Post-Secondary and Career Fair

Upcoming Events up to Feb.7, 2020

Fred Cuaratolo SS presentation
 FI Grade 9 Sherwood Heights visit

MADD Canada presentation High school
Point of Aim -Outdoor Ed trip-overnight
Gender based Violence Sessions- with MHCB and Football
Spanish Field Trip
Comm Tech Trip to NAIT and Cowan Graphics
Performing Arts Show
Band Concert Dec. 10 6:30 p.m.
Football Banquet Dec. 5 6:30 p.m. @ Ardrossan Rec Center
EIPS FI Secondary Information Night Dec. 5 7 p.m. @ SWH
Jr. High Xmas Dance
Winter Break
Part A DIP January 13, 14
PAT Jan 22 to 29
Grade 9 Bison Fun Day Jan. 30
Semester 2 begins January 31
Diploma Exams- Jan 22 to Jan. 29
Jan 31 Semester 2 begins
Teacher Convention Feb. 6 and 7