

**Ardrossan Junior Senior High School**  
**PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**January 25, 2021**

**In Attendance:** MJ Nam, Paul Schwartz, Lonnie Hicks, Ron Horton, Skip Gordon, Asma Ammouneh, Jacqueline Fraser, Hannah Q., Bailey A., Jackie Anderson, Jennie March, Lisa Slywka, Dayna McGeachy, Shelley Christenson, Jen Todoschuk, Carrie Kuypers, Anna Nygren, Lon McMullen, Trisha Mihal, Amy Archibald, Angela Ayers, Tara Erickson, Wendi Crowe, Cathy Farnell

1. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introduction
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of November 30, 2020 meeting
5. COSC Report – Jackie Anderson
  - in the EIPS Calendar October 8 as the Professional Learning Day is being switched to October 18 as a result of the municipal election
  - The upgrades for Salisbury Composite and Pine Street schools is proceeding
  - The Honors program is proceeding at F.R. Haythorne, Sherwood Heights and Ardrossan Schools
  - ASCA – grant funding is much lower than applied for so less money available for school council supports
  - First Nations Métis Information Sessions being held February 2 and 23 and March 16.
  - COVID Update – as at January 6, 2021 there were no active cases. There had been 117 cases to that date with all 117 recovered.
6. Trustee Report - Skip Gordon

February 1 – 28 – Returning student registration

At the December 21, 2020 board meeting it was confirmed that the Honors program will be open for 2021/22 for students in grades 8 and 9 with 80% or higher in all 4 core subjects.

The decision was made to suspend PATs for 2020/21 school year as that is in the best interests of the students for this year due to many factors including temporary on-line learning and isolation issues.

Expansion for Ardrossan Jr./Sr. High will be considered in the next 3 years. Some factors requiring expansion are that 6 modular classrooms being demolished because of disrepair and the construction of a new subdivision in Ardrossan.

EIPS calendar for 2021/22 is now available.
7. Student Council Report – Hannah Q.
  - See attached Report.

8. Teacher Report – Ron Horton

- See attached Report.

- There was a question as to how teachers think the out-of-school portion of quarter 2 affected students. Response: Students and their needs vary so for some it was seamless and for others it was more difficult. However, temporary on-line learning was more structured and kept to the school schedule. As well technology assistance was available where required.

9. Mental Health Capacity Builders:Jacqueline Fraser

Reminder about Bell Let's Talk day – a mental health awareness day to raise money for mental health. 5 cents from every post goes to support mental health initiatives.

Choose Kind in February – see the Bison Tracks

Asma Ammouneh:

Get Your Game Out – will be offered on multiple days

There will be a table at the school offering information about ways to de-stress for exams.

10. Admin Report - MJ Nam

- See attached Report.

## General Comments re Fees

- All fees, including without limitation, teams, sports and extracurricular, are based on costs recovery, so if costs are lower, fees are lower.
- Not all courses will be offered next year, it will depend on demand. The students choose their courses and the school builds the timetable based on the choices.
- Costs based on things like the cost of class materials, will go up if the cost of materials goes up. Foods, for example, will reflect the increased cost of food.
- The Survey will go out to families with the charts embedded in the questions.
- Field trips costs reflect reduced costs for virtual field trips where applicable.
- In order to be able to offer a field trip if restrictions change, it needs to be on the list, so many are included in case they are able to proceed. Camps has been included on that same basis.
- Supervision fees are only charged to grades 7 to 9 students. There is a shortfall in noon supervision recovery which is made greater due to less than 100% recovery. Supervision is a legal requirement for junior high students.

## Specific Comments re Fees

- Environmental Education is less because no field trips are planned at this time. The potential cost will be moved into field trips rather than included as part of the course cost.
- Graduation fees were previously \$65 with the banquet over and above. That has increased to reflect the increased cost of the Red Carpet recognition, and as with all other fees is based on cost recovery.
- There is a

We reviewed the survey questions as a group. There were the following discussion points:

- Suggestion to add estimated busing costs to the field trip costs.
  - Suggestion to add a statement that the School Activity Fee is an annual payment. Currently for senior high it is \$5 per quarter and for junior high is \$10 per semester.
- Survey was to go out that Thursday.

COVID Update – nothing to add

Continuation of Honors Program for grades 8 and 9. Information on the program will be on the website. Decisions are made in the summer after the marks are out. STEM Project and Humanities Project have been added to the curriculum for the Honors Program.

There was a question as to whether it would be helpful to let Grade 6 parents know about the Honors Program. MJ Nam confirmed that the information is in the registration packages and will be in the virtual information sessions.

There was a question as to whether with the quarter system the school would be looking at trying to minimize the gaps between 10/20/30 level courses.

- The division is looking at that and whether there is regression because of the time lapse.
- Even with the semester system there can be a gap of more than a year.
- There are no answers yet.
- Timetabling is difficult.

11. Old Business – None
12. CPF – meeting was to be February 1, 2021.
13. Adjournment – 7:28 pm

Student council has proudly hosted these events:

December: Due to the last lockdown student council had to unfortunately cancel many of our planned events, luckily we were able to take some of our unused candies and put them on some of the lockers around the school. So kids could have a last treat for the last day of school.

For the twelve days leading up to christmas student council were able to have some virtual celebrations through google meets, wear your ugly christmas sweater, christmas hat day and many more christmas themed events.

January:

To help fill some days in January student council is celebrating some national food days that occur during the month.

January 11th was national milk day

January 15th national bagel day

January 19th national cheese lovers day

January 23rd national pie day

To help get people in the spirit of these days student council posts fun trivia questions on the schools instagram account.

Future events to look forward too:

February will be filled with valentine's day themed events.

More events to be planned in the following months to come.

TEACHERS' REPORT TO AJS SCHOOL COUNCIL

January 25, 2021

Presented by: Ron Horton

Teachers seem to have successfully adjusted to the quadmester system. They have told me that they are very happy to be back teaching students in the classroom. We all recognize that this is the best place for students to learn and that their mental health certainly improves when they are able to be with their peers and teachers.

This week teachers are finishing their work with students in the second quadmester and are busily preparing to begin the third quadmester on Monday, February 1.

Teachers will be attending (virtually) the North Central Alberta Teachers' Convention on February 4 and 5. Here they will be attending sessions that will enhance their learning and hone their teaching skills.

Lastly, teachers have commented many times to me in the past months that they are very pleased with the support that parents provide to them and the school community.

**Administration Report**  
**Ardrossan Jr. Sr. High School Council Meeting**  
**January 25, 2021**

Welcome to Ardrossan Jr. Sr. High

Ardrossan welcomes two University of Alberta Student Teachers to our school from Feb. 10 through Apr. 29, 2021. Jessica Sonnenberg with Mrs. Robin Machushyk, Chad Kozculab with Mr. Richard Pretzlaff, Mackenzie Keymer with Mrs. Tracey Stock, Sydney Harmatiuk with Mrs. Cynthia Hoffos , Breanna Bland with Mr. Phil Zinken. Welcome to our learning family!

AJS School Fee Consultation for 2020-2021

- a. Fee Consultation (current school year fees)
- b. Fee Structure (Noon Supervision, Courses, Extra-Curricular, Non-Curricular)
- c. Composition of fees (what goes into a fee; how it is calculated)
- d. Discussion re: anticipated changes in fees
- e. Feedback from those in attendance
- f. Survey on fees to be sent following the meeting

JUNIOR HIGH Optional Courses	Per Student Fee 2020/21	Per Student Fee 2021/22
Art 7	\$28.50	\$28.50
Art 8	\$28.50	\$28.50
Art 9	\$28.50	\$28.50
CTF: Commercial Art 8	\$27.00	\$27.00
CTF: Commercial Art 9	\$27.00	\$27.00
CTF: Visual Communications 8	\$16.50	\$17.00
CTF: Visual Communications 9	\$16.50	\$17.00
CTF: Food Studies 8	\$30.00	\$30.00
CTF: Food Studies 9	\$30.00	\$30.00
Fashion	\$60/Semester	\$63/Semester
Band 7	\$22.00	\$23.00
Band 8	\$22.00	\$23.00
Band 9	\$22.00	\$23.00
Band Rental - Optional	\$105.00	\$105.00
CTF: Lego Robotics 9	\$21.00	\$21.00
CTF: Construction Technology 8	\$22.00	\$23.00
CTF: Construction Technology 9	\$22.00	\$23.00
CTF: Recreational Fitness 7	\$31.50	\$31.50
Sports Acceleration 8	\$30.00	\$31.50
Sports Acceleration 9	\$30.00	\$31.50
Environmental Outdoor Ed 7	\$100.00	\$35.00
Environmental Outdoor Ed 8	\$43.00	\$20.00
Environmental Outdoor Ed 9	\$70.00	\$10.00
French of as a Second Language 7	\$10.00	\$10.00
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French of as a Second Language 9	\$10.00	\$10.00