

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2022

In Attendance: MJ Nam (Principal), Trudi Williamson (Assistant Principal), Kim Birkigt, Lonnie Hicks, Susan Miller, Jennie March, Jackie Anderson, Ron Horton, Vania Lloyd, Wendy Marty.

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 6:32pm
2. Welcome and Introduction
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes (September 19, 2022)
 - Jackie made motion to approve the minutes, Kim seconded
5. COSC Report – Kim Birkigt (first meeting October 5, 2022)
 - See attached report
6. Trustee Report – Susan Miller
 - Today and tomorrow AB school board holding meeting 61 boards attending
 - Oct 20 board meeting approved 2023-2024 school calendar
 - EIPS 6th largest division Serving 17,125 students in 43 schools
 - assurance reviews held at central office dec 1-8 for schools and departments, reviewed allows schools to share results with everyone - gains understanding what's happening at schools
 - JR high hack a ton event contact david.hay@eips.ca students will learn communication data and science skills register by Dec 1
 - RBC future launch scholarship \$1500 for anyone ages 15-29 seeking to learn something new – 500 applications see RBC for the future website (<https://www.rbc.com/dms/enterprise/futurelaunch/future-launch-scholarship.html>)
 - Strathcona Xmas bureau is seeking donations submit a referrals for families in need by Nov 30 names are confidential
 - Seeking unwrapped new toys call 780.449.5353 for more details
 - PP3 Adriana La Grange PP3 will no longer be what the gov uses to build schools – great news as new ones will more traditional builds
 - EIPS School Board is closed from Dec 21-Jan 20 2023 wish everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year
7. Student Council Report - Brooke Johnston
 - See attached report
8. Teacher Report – Ron Horton
 - See attached report
 - Teachers really appreciate all the support parents give, thank you for the teachers
9. Administration Report MJ
 - See attached report
 - Surprised to see few student teachers, our teachers really want to focus on the time they have with their students
 - School Chair and Board Trustee are going to join Principal Nam for assurance results review from 2021-2022
 - Our PATs are scoring excellent, need to bring up satisfaction in staff and students
 - How do we get more parents involved with student council?

10. New Business

- School Council Engagement Grant \$500 – to be tabled to next meeting
- Suggest to pool the funds so that we can get more bang for our bucks (\$18,000 up for grabs)
- Bring ideas to next meeting

11. Old Business

- None

12. CPF Report

- Meeting tonight, no updates
- Award was given out to student at last meeting.

13. Next Meeting – January 23, 2023 @ 6:30pm

14. Adjournment

- Jackie made motion to adjourn.

Parent Liaison Report #2

By: Brooke Johnston (Grade 10)

Thanksgiving Report:

- Overall Thanksgiving went really well!
- Thanksgiving turkey “dinner” (actually a lunch) with Mr. Short (and his amazing commercial foods class) went really well! Definitely a hit (only side note-next year put up more posters/advertise it more- it was slightly last minute & didn't have the time to make a poster)
- Did a “what is your favorite kind of pie?” instagram poll for the week leading up to Thanksgiving (winner was pumpkin pie)
- We ran a trivia wheel at lunch! Students spun the wheel then were faced to answer a tricky Thanksgiving trivia question. Students with correct answers were awarded with fruit snack gummies leftover from “welcome week.”

Halloween Report:

- Total spent \$340.08
- Ran 6 different events
- Oct 18-24th- Guess the candy corn (in the jar). Winner got the jar of candy corn! We had 50 responses to the school's social media (instagram) poll.
- 25th- Halloween Kahoot in classrooms- each class got 3 candies for the top 3 winners. It was run during the 4th period.
- 26th-Zombie Brains Activity- Grad hall at lunch, students had to dig through “zombie brains” (corn, spaghetti, sauce(s)) to find a specific object in a certain time. Winners got a “prize baggie”
- 27th- Wear orange and black day (future- announce it sooner so more people hear it!)
- 28th- Mummy contest- went fairly well-students enjoyed wrapping their friends up with toilet paper! Had 11 teams sign up- top 3 winners got candy!
- 31st- Costume contest- 5 categories (scariest, best group costume, cutest costume, best homemade costume, most complex costume) Each winner of contest got a \$10 Tim Hortons gift card (with an exception of the group costume who got a \$30 gift card)

ARAS Haunted House Report:

- Total WE spent- \$421.19
- Given \$500 from ARAS for haunted house
- “Disney gone wrong” theme
- We had 6 sections in the basement (including a small kids space for children that were too scared) (it was Frozen themed)
- As you walked through it started with: Snow white, Sleeping beauty (run by me) + haunted forest, Aerial, and Little Red Riding Hood.
- Rented out hall for 4 days to set up/run/take down.

- It went well (for the acting)-Nobody actually put up any posters or advertisements that there was a haunted house this year (except for on the ARAS facebook.) This was unfortunate :(only 100 people (roughly) came through- certainly not as busy compared to the previous years.
- Next year we would appreciate more volunteers- (put up sign up sheets for the community to come act/set up/take down)

Mental Health + Monthly Madness:

- Every Wednesday in October AJS was told to “wear pink” in honor of breast cancer awareness-it went pretty good!! (The idea on Wednesdays was from the movie *Mean Girls* (2004 with Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams, and Tina Frey) one of the most common catch phrases from the movie is: “On Wednesdays we wear pink.”)
- World Kindness Day: went fairly well- committee set up a table in grad hall at lunch where students had to write something that they thought was “kind” (whether that be from someone else or themselves.) Each slip was placed in a box and students would get a fruit snack
- Jersey Day: Success! Reminders on Instagram and announcements were followed- many students participated ;)
- Addiction awareness- coming soon! Going to have a tips board full of information- very easy access to anyone!

Winter Ball/Dance:

- “Winter Wonderland” is our theme! It will be **highschool** (10,11,12) *December 16th, 7pm-10:30pm (in the cafeteria.)*
- Only **150 (max)** tickets are being handed out- this will be difficult since there is a much larger highschool population who have been looking forward to a school dance so tickets are expected to sell out fast.
- To get a ticket: YOU MUST BRING A FOOD DONATION AT LUNCH TO GRAD HALL NOVEMBER 28th-DECEMBER 2nd **ONLY**- names will be recorded.
- When you arrive to dance students must have their individualized ticket to give to the ticket person.
- WE NEED SUPERVISORS! *PLEASE SIGN UP WITH QR CODE ON POSTER!*
- Still looking for a DJ :(

Giving Tuesday:

- Giving Tuesday is right after Black Friday-It is so people can give back to the community after all the shopping we tend to do on Black Fridays.
- Students have the option to sign up with the QR code on the poster posted around the school.
- Students on November 29th will walk over to the Ardrossan Elementary to spend time with the elementary students (reading books, coloring, fun activities)
- So far we have upwards of 20 submissions!

Post Secondary Information:

- Student council has been pumping out as much information as we can find on post secondary institutions, open houses, new programs, etc all over the school.
- We are helping students start thinking about the many post secondary possibilities and will continue to do so! We would appreciate it if the school could keep sending out our posters/links to parents, students, and the community so everyone can have a chance to discover something thats new or suits their intrests.
- We would really like to see more post secondary schools come to our school to give presentations/advice/1 on 1 meetings/etc. Having those one on one conversations with someone experienced from that institution is so amazing to spark interests!

New/Future:

- Made a Christmas committee!
- Made “Active Schools” committee
- Made Valentines day committee
- We are starting to think about ideas for the rest of the year:
Mothers/Fathers day, Western Week, Groundhog day, Easter, etc.

That's all for now :)

Any questions, comments, concerns for the student council?:

Ardrossan Jr/Sr High School Parent Council
Teachers' Report
Submitted: November 21, 2022
By: Ron Horton

Teachers have been busy with their regular schoolwork as well as well as volunteering their time to many activities for students including coaching and student clubs.

We want to pass on a big "Thank you!" to those who came out and joined the thousands of us at the STAND FOR EDUCATION rally on October 22.

The second phase of the Stand for Education campaign is a series of round table discussions where participants share their hopeful vision for a strong, public education system in Alberta.

The Edmonton round table will be held at Barnett House on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 6:45pm -8:15pm with the discussions starting promptly at 7pm. The format is no more than 6 participants around a table with a facilitator. Those wishing to participate must register at StandforEducation.ca Registration will close once the 150 room capacity has been met. Beyond the four provincial round tables, the teachers' local association will be hosting smaller sessions between November and February. Parents are encouraged to have their voice heard. They may also sign up to receive more information at www.StandforEducation.ca

Teachers continue to provide a great education to our AJS students and always welcome parent contact. We love working with your children and truly appreciate all the support that parents give to us. Thank you!

Administration Report
Ardrossan School Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. November 21, 2022

Current Status

We are very fortunate to be a learning school and we welcome our student teachers.

Student Teachers: Ms. Cassandra Vandermeer and Mr. Benno Roch - Mentor: Mr. Basaraba

National Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

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

Bullying is a relationship problem that involves a power imbalance, which is why it can be so challenging to overcome it by ourselves. Regardless of where bullying happens - in school, or online - there are people and resources that can help.

At AJS we talked about the importance of healthy relationships, recognizing the signs of unhealthy relationships, and how to respond or support others with bullying or in unhealthy relationships. Thank you to SAFFRON for their presentation to our Junior High classes.

Need support? Reach out to your school counselor or teacher. You can also contact Kids Help Phone 24/7 at 1-800-668-6868 or call **Bullying Helpline: 1-888-456-2323** to get help anonymously. Go to <https://www.alberta.ca/bullying-awareness-week.aspx> for more information.

RECOGNIZING BULLYING BEHAVIOUR

Bullying can often be confused with other behavior. Bullying is repeated mean, cruel, hurtful behaviours done on purpose by someone with more power. Bullying can come in many different forms including:

- **Physical bullying:** harassing someone by hitting, shoving, tripping or any other use of physical force.
- **Emotional or psychological bullying:** harassing someone with verbal attacks, hurtful comments, name-calling or teasing.
- **Cyberbullying:** harassing someone over social media, text, email, websites and other digital channels.
- **Social bullying:** harassing someone by excluding them, spreading rumours or giving them "the silent treatment."
- **Discriminatory bullying:** harassing someone based on sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, religion or anything else perceived as making them "different."

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IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP HEALTHY?

Are you worried that your relationship might not be healthy? Take this quiz to find out:
<https://kidshelpphone.ca/get-info/quiz-healthy-relationship/>

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

Junior High Interim Digital Report Card

We are pleased to announce that your child's Term 1 Interim Report Card is available for online viewing and/or printing by Friday, November 4th.

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 your participation. We kept it in person as teachers would have difficulty going back and forth. Phone calls were made if requested. Communication happens throughout the year.

Assurance Results Review from 21-22

Thank you to our staff and families for all of the wonderful work in the past school year. Our school and results continue to flourish! Well done!

Highlights:

Goal 1: For all students to experience growth and success in the areas of literacy and numeracy by continuing to build a culture of school wide collaboration.

Ardrossan Junior Senior High continues to excel with graduation rates and emphasizing learning and education as being lifelong.

Drop out rates are low as students and families continue to value our school community and the accomplishment of a high school diploma.

This data is not applicable as Diploma sittings for participation were only held in semester two of last year.

AJS had excellent attendance and participation in the June sitting even with the 10% weighting.

Second semester results only. Continue to have excellent results in this snapshot. Above the Province in 8 out of 9 exams. Above in 7 out of 9 with EIPS. 5 out of 9 above the Province in excellence and 6 out of 9 above EIPS in excellence.

Second semester only. 5 out of 7 acceptable above the Province. 6 out of 7 above EIPS acceptable standard.

5 out of 7 above the Province in excellence and 4 out of 7 above EIPS in excellence.

Goal 2: Building teacher capacity to improve student learning experiences, engagement and differentiation through a variety of innovative instructional practices over the course of a school year.

See results from Goal #1

AJS went from 381 sections in 2020-2021 to 375 in 2021-22 with about the same number of students.

Goal 3: Enhance public education by increasing community involvement, encouraging a culture of social responsibility and developing empathetic citizens.

Ardrossan Junior Senior High experienced a decrease as did Elk Island Public Schools and the Province with satisfaction. As a community school and a very active school, the shutting down of gatherings was detrimental to the social emotional well-being, sense of belonging of our students. The ability to offer what students and staff needed were extremely challenging.

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School is continuing to excel in providing great learning opportunities. The pandemic and uncertainty created a lack of connection. This affected satisfaction in learning and working environments.

As we are moving on, satisfaction and engagement is already much higher. We need to continue to focus on engagement and connection through a possible reset room for our junior high students.

Our goals this year address these challenges from last year.

School Education Plan 22-23

Arrossan Junior Senior High School is working with the following 3 school goals this up-coming year.

School Goals:

- 1- Student Engagement at AJS**
Student academic, social and emotional engagement at AJS will increase by leveraging student-centered practices in all subject areas
- 2- High Quality Teaching and Learning Environment at AJS**
By developing and leveraging teacher capacity to provide differentiated instruction, students will experience growth in knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become confident and competent learners as indicated by formative and summative assessment data collected throughout the school year.
- 3- Students develop positive and effective citizenship skills and behaviours at AJS**
By assessing students' interests in curricular and extra-curricular learning activities and implementing those that facilitate pride in themselves and their school, AJS students will feel safe, respected, treated fairly at school and well prepared for life

Elk Island Public Schools Goals:

Priority 1: Promote growth and success for all students.

GOAL 1: EXCELLENT START TO LEARNING

Outcome: More children reach social, intellectual, and physical developmental milestones by Grade 1.

GOAL 2: SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT

Outcome: More students achieve a minimum of one year's growth in literacy and numeracy.

Outcome: The achievement gap between First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and all other students is reduced.

GOAL 3: SUCCESS BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Outcome: More students are engaged in school, achieve excellence, and are supported in their transition beyond high school.

Priority 2: Enhance high quality learning and working environments.

GOAL 1: A FOCUS ON WELLBEING INCLUDING STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AND STAFF ENGAGEMENT

Outcome: Our learning and working environments are welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe.

GOAL 2: QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALL

Outcome: Student learning is supported through the use of effective planning, managing, and investment in division infrastructure.

GOAL 3: BUILD CAPACITY

Outcome: All staff have the opportunity and are supported in increasing their professional and leadership capacities.

GOAL 4: A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Outcome: The division uses evidenced-based practices to improve student engagement and achievement.

Priority 3: Enhance public education through effective engagement, partnerships, and communication.

GOAL 1: PARENTS AS PARTNERS

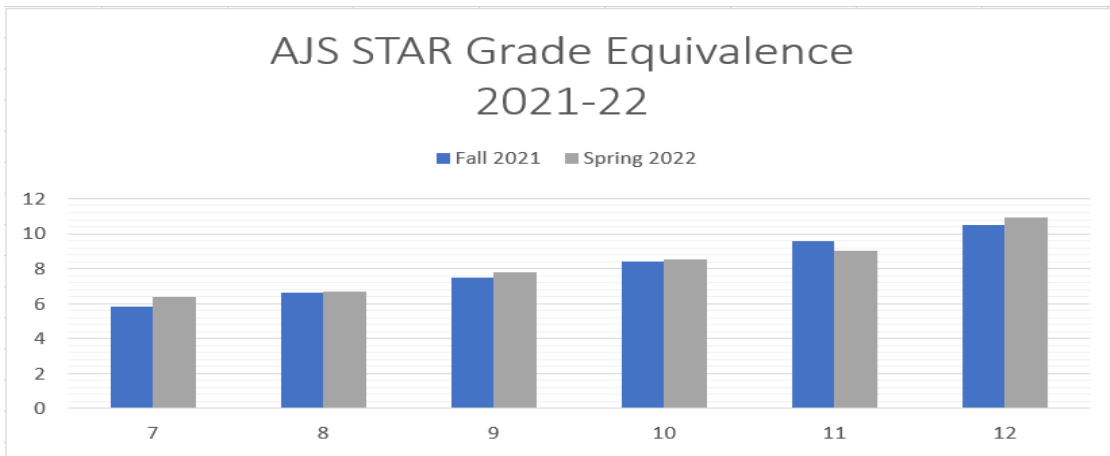
Outcome: Student learning is supported and enhanced through parent engagement.

GOAL 2: SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Outcome: Community partnerships support the needs of our students.

GOAL 3: ENGAGED AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

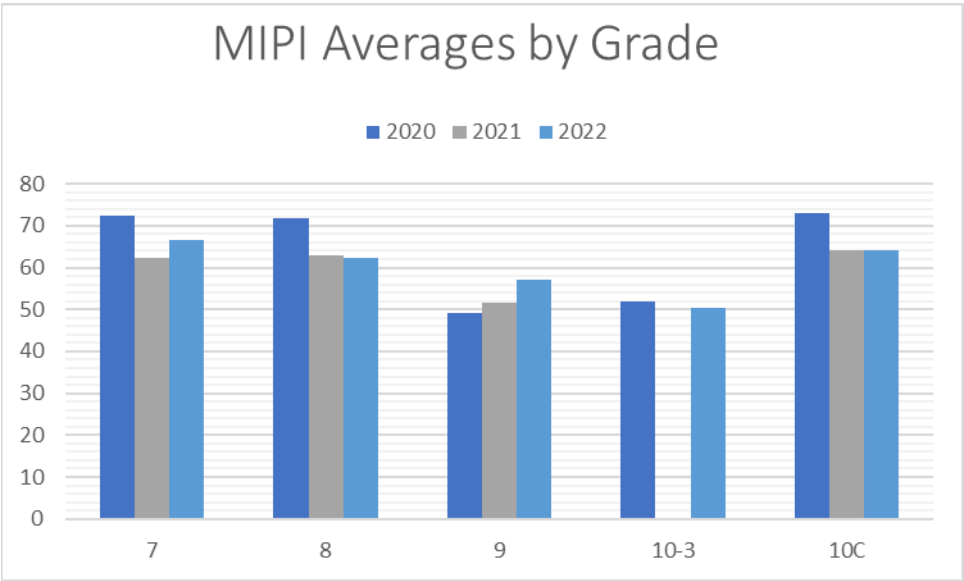
Outcome: The division is committed to ongoing advocacy to enhance public education.



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Fall 2021	5.8	6.6	7.5	8.4	9.6	10.5
Spring 2022	6.4	6.7	7.8	8.5	9	10.9

Last year, Grade 8, 10 and 12 had a slight decrease. This year the grade 9s show gains and grade 11 are now in more appropriate course placements this year in order to assist with literacy skills.

Literacy is holding steady and improving coming out of the pandemic.



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2020	72.3	71.7	49.2	52	73
2021	62.4	63	51.5	NA	64
2022	66.6	62.3	57.1	50.5	64.3

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

Events since September 19, 2022

Welcome Week

X-Country

Sr. High Golf season

Volleyball Season

Football Season- Provincial Final - Emerald Hills

Orange Shirt Day

National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Awards Recognition

Photo Retakes

Locker and Desk Clean out

Environmental Education Trips to Slave Lake

Environmental Education Trip to Alford Lake

Post- Secondary in person Sessions

SPT Interviews in person

Halloween

Read in Week

National Grade 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day

Bannock and Tea

Friday, Nov. 4- Remembrance Day program

No Stone Left Alone

Fall Break

National Bullying Awareness Week-Saffron Healthy Relationships

Quarter 1 ends and Quarter 2 begins- CTF Grade 8 and 9

Esthetics trip to Marvel College

Social Studies Fort Edmonton Trip

High School Course Drop Deadline

Continue to move forward

RAP, Work Experience, Presentations

Band Concerts are curricular and AJS is proud to present Grade 7, 8, 9 and Highschool Christmas

Concerts-in December

Basketball

Winter Wonderland Christmas Ball -High school only