

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
November 26th, 2018

In Attendance: Darby Hanson, Paul Schwartz, Ron Horton, Skip Gordon, Hannah Quewezance, Glenys Boe, J.P. Grebenc, Jackie Anderson, Alisha Spence, Scott Rea, Jennifer Mailer, Cathy Farnell

Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2018 Meeting – passed

COSC Report

- There were meetings in October and November. At the October meeting, they determined positions for the upcoming year and had an ASCA presentation on what they do, such as offering workshops. At the November meeting, they reviewed the differences between a school council and a fundraising group. There were some updates this year that allow school councils to do some fundraising [small, focused fundraising and not including anything that requires a liquor or gaming license], but there are still to be 2 separate groups. Recommendations: keep the 2 groups separate and be transparent about the purpose for which money is being raised. The changes are on the COSC website.
- Focus on Results Review – results are available to parents. The goal is to engage parents a bit more and have them boost the priority of education in the election.

Trustee Report – Skip Gordon

- Demolition of Elementary School – there is some abatement of asbestos that needs to be taken care of. The main demolition will be done over the summer.

- Parking Lot – it is in use, but lighting not completely finished.

- November – annual results review to review challenges and successes from last year and set goals for next year.

Administration Report – Darby Hanson - See attached.

School Council/Leadership Report – Hannah Quewezance

Hosted events/activities since last meeting:

- Breakfast Club was terminated due to lack of interest.
- Kahoots (trivia game) at lunch has started

- Suggestion box was put up but is going to be taken down shortly as students were no utilizing it
- ran the Ardrossan Halloween – costume parade, prizes, Charlie Brown & Scooby Doo in the cafeteria at lunch
- volunteered at the ARAS Haunted House
- volunteered at the Ardrossan Halloween skate
- Ardrossan scavenger hunt – ran Nov 9 to Dec 14 - \$50 VISA card is the grand prize, students can participate individually or in groups
- vegetarian option being sole in the cafeteria
- Christmas Bureau food bank donation boxes set up in the Block 1, Day 1 classrooms – Ice cream party for the class with the most donations

Upcoming events:

- Christmas
- Valentine’s Day

A question was asked as to whether a teacher appreciation event is hosted. Hannah advised that it is not, but she will raise it with the Council.

New Business

What is our purpose and how can we increase parent engagement?

- Discussion about various ways that parents get involved with the school – for example, fundraising activities for the grade 9 trip, the band program, and the football team
- Discussion about maximizing forms of communication to reach a bigger audience (i.e. email, synervice)
- Could we focus attention on advocating for childrens’ education at a higher level?

This is to be brought forward to the next meeting for discussion.

Results review is the following Wednesday. JP will attend that review.

- Add to agenda for next meeting to discuss the Results Review with the parents, including a recap and take away priorities.

Next meeting – March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.