

**APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 28, 2018.**

**ATTENDEES:** Greg Pearson (Principal), Catherine Ip (Co-Chair), Shannon Matthews (Staff), Joshua Dankner (Student), Jacquie Dankner, Seema Ahmad, Melissa Barron, Oksana Koval, Darko Zgonjanin, Stacy Marcynuk, Robert Sherk, Shyama Sunderaswara, Tait Luste, Eric Robbins, Jane Gauvreau

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 pm Catherine Ip

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 22, 2018:** Shyama Sunderaswara; seconded by Seema Ahmad

**STUDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (SAC) UPDATE:** Joshua Dankner

Elections for SAC Executive: May 24; candidates gave speeches on PA system, ballots contained candidate's info  
Results announced May 25; the new Public Relations Officer for next school year will be Ben Voth

Grade Reps: to be chosen in the fall

Semi Formal: planning has started

PSPC Election: June 7

Peel Student Leadership Conference: April 12-14; very successful and informative

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Greg Pearson

Sir Isaac Newton Exam (Physics): May 3; AHSS students did very well- beating the Canadian and World average

Athletics: Badminton - good ROPSSA performances

Boys Senior Soccer - undefeated in regular season (Tier II); into playoffs

Boys Junior Soccer - into playoffs

Boys Baseball, Cricket, Rugby - good efforts by players, young teams with potential for future

Girls Rugby, Slo Pitch - undefeated so far

Girls Soccer - faced tough competition in Tier I

Talent Show: May 28; good feedback, some technical glitches (microphone) to improve upon for next year

Drama Presentation: May 16-18; Larceny and Old Lace; received very good reviews

**SCHOOL UPDATES:**

Elevator: under construction; blueprints available for viewing; outside faces Tomken so trying to match the brickwork

Wheelchair Accessible Washrooms: one per floor (total of 3); hoping for completion in September 2018

Soccer Field: May 17 started the revitalization process; shifted 5 metres closer to the school from the original plans; very extensive FAQ available on school website

School Courtyard: currently being cleaned up; added 4 picnic tables made by the Grade 12 Construction Class and hope to add 4 more next year

Athletic Uniforms/Bussing: about 1/3 of student population involved in athletics (357 students); in future the school will absorb some of the costs of team uniforms with a buy-one-get-one format, small rental fees, starting cycle of replacement to stagger purchases; school to pay for bussing

Grade 8 to 9 Transition: video presentation shown of new program for next year using "Link Crew" peer mentorship; will run all school year (not just September); should have a positive impact on the Grade 9 students (improving attendance, reducing stress); "Apple Leaders" already exist in the school so can utilize this group to provide more liaison services.

Grade 9 Orientation Day: September 4; for Grade 9 students only; morning for fun activities, afternoon for classes

Grade 9 EQAO/Grade 10 SSLT: students given extra time this school year; still waiting for results to see if that had an impact on the scores

**UPCOMING DATES:**

June 7.....Athletic Banquet

June 8.....Grad Breakfast (at school)

June 8.....Grad Formal (Lakeshore Convention Centre); pre-prom safety meeting to be held

June 19.....Exams start in afternoon

June 20 - 26.....Exams

June 28.....Exam Reviews and Report Card Pickup

June 29.....Wrap-up

Sept. 4.....First Day of School for 2018-2019 (for Grade 9 students); all grades attend on Sept. 5

Oct. 4.....Grade 12 Commencement for Class of 2018 (about 341 students); at Living Arts Centre

**COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT:** Catherine Ip

Parent Involvement Committee Conference: April 11 at Louise Arbour Secondary School; attended by Catherine Ip (as Tomken School Rep) and Seema Ahmad as AHSS rep; included displays in lobby, workshops, keynote speakers, and dinner prepared by students

Workshop on Video Games attended by Seema: very informative with focus on the negative effects on mental health; Currently no proper supports in place so agencies using gambling addiction strategies; even the World Health Organization recognizes gaming addiction as a world wide issue.

Presenter - Garth Buckley-Clinical Coordinator, Concurrent Disorders Peel Children's Centre - could be considered as a future speaker at AHSS

Parents Reaching Out Grant \$1000.00: June 5, 2018 due date; Catherine and Melanie will prepare and submit the application; will be notified in September if accepted or not

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH:**

Tangerine Walk-In Counselling Service: for residents of Peel Region

-free for children and youth up to age 18 and their parents, caregivers, or adult supporters

- youth aged 12- 17 may attend alone

3 Locations: Associated Youth Services of Peel ( 160 Traders Blvd,East, Miss.)

Peel Children's Centre (85A Aventura Court)=corner of Hurontario and Derry, Miss.

Rapport Youth and Family Services (71 West Drive , Brampton)

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

Helpers for Grade 12 Commencement/Awards?

-maybe ask for younger students to help

-need time to organize awards for Grade 12 Grads which can be done for Fall Commencement

A-Team Carwash?

-not this year; hopefully next year

Repeat of Applewood's Got Talent?

-yes in the evening (Wednesday or Thursday) as fundraiser for "Me to We"

First Graduating Class of RSP Students Followup?

-hopefully to have student/teacher reflection

Maintenance of Future Team Uniforms?

-during school year students will have to clean them; a final laundering will be done after uniforms turned in

Agenda of Future Council Meetings not received?

-the agenda was mailed to attendees of the previous meeting instead of to all parents who had attended at least once

-this omission was noted and should not occur next year

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Catherine Ip thanked Melanie Gibson and Jane Gauvreau for their work over the last 4 years.

Jane Gauvreau thanked Catherine Ip for her work as council co-chair this year.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:53 pm by Catherine Ip**

**NEXT MEETING:** September 24, 2018

Thank you to Greg Pearson, Staff Reps, Student Rep, Council Members, Parents and Guardians for your attendance at meetings and commitment to the success of AHSS School Council for 2017-2018.

Minutes prepared by: Jane Gauvreau