

# ARCHBISHOP JORDAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## School (Parent) Council Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2017

1. Welcome: by Tracy Lockhart
2. Opening Prayer: by Tracy Lockhart
3. Student Council/Student Leadership Report: by Maddi and Abby.
  - a. The Scotties will be held on May 18, there will be an ultimate scavenger hunt for charity, a dodgeball tournament, an unbirthday celebration with cake, there will be a car smash for charity for pre exam stress in June, there will be an end of year bbq. The national grilled cheese day was successful and so will have national donut day, ASLC will be in Lacombe at the end of May.
4. Review of minutes: motion to accept Michelle Parker, Leta Shannon seconded the motion.
5. Admin report:
  - a. Bill One decision: basic education is free of charge, will create a 25% decrease on parent burden. Enhanced education will be user pay; some options will be included but others will have a fee. EICS will supply the basics: pens paper etc. Staples won the contract; they will make packages. Questions about what to do about calculators: grade nine would get basic scientific calculators, grade ten would receive graphing calculators but what about batteries etc? Thought is that once it is received, it belongs to the student so they must maintain. Many unanswered questions do remain – such as Should they be returned at the end, what happens if you lose it, maybe have a caution fee for a calculator-refunded to you when calculator is returned? Should they be kept at the school and be signed out to students per semester? These ideas will be explored and finalized. Binders, if they are supplied, they will be basic but students who prefer more interesting binders will have the option then of purchasing their own.
  - b. High school redesign: 2/3 of Alberta high schools are already on redesign. A website with more info: <http://abhsredesign.ca/high-school-redesign-research/> Flex block (extra time designated for students to seek extra help from teachers)-this is not required with redesign but many schools have chosen to have it. Benefits some students, but many may not use. Redesign for us will mean another 221,000 dollars for our school. There

are 9 areas of focus, we have to declare two of those as our focus, ABJ is already doing five of them well! Looking at using library space for a learning commons so space is more well used.

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- c. Budget:
    - i. Currently looking a \$9.66 million dollar budget based on 1,325 students.
    - ii. Assurance Model Priorities: suggestions have been made by students, staff, parents are encouraged to look at the list and make note of our preferences.
  - d. Staffing: New position created: Director of Educational Excellence (at the Board office), Director of Financial Services position has been removed. There are probationary and temporary teacher positions, all of these staffing decisions are still being decided but staffing for next year should be solidified soon.
  - e. EICS drug awareness night on May 25 at 6:30pm at St Theresa School Theatre.
6. Old Business: Prayer bags- school quote for prices of prayer bag items seems high, so will purchase on our own rather than through the cafeteria. Prayer bags are being decorated right now by elementary students. Blessing ceremony may have some young students coming for choir, on May 26 (Friday). Stuffing prayer bags will happen on Wednesday May 24 at 7:00 in the ABJ Staff Room
7. New Business:
- a. Golf tournament for the REAL foundation is on May 24, at the Broadmoor golf course. It is their annual fund raiser, they are looking for sponsors.
  - b. Info sessions for trustees (elections coming) check the EICS website
  - c. Elections will be held during the next parent council meeting for next year's executive (there is a summary of council positions and roles on the website).
  - d. KofC: ABJ students prepared the food for a KofC Valentine's auction item, and it was very well done!
8. Next Meeting: June 5 Monday at 7:00, will send out reminders and will also try to invite grade eight parents from other schools. Elections for next years Executive positions will be held at this meeting.
9. Closing prayer
10. Adjournment