

Archbishop Jordan Parent Council Meeting Minutes September 25, 2017

1. Welcome and Introductions 6:30 p.m.
*Melanie Sczesny – new Chair for 2017/2018 school year
- Turnout of 16 parents, 2 staff, and 1 guest
2. Opening Prayer – Melanie Sczesny
3. Review of Minutes from June 5/17
 - a. approved by Michele Parker, 2nd by Natasha Baker
4. Student Council/Leadership Report – delivered by Cassia Sczesny
 - group of approximately 40-50 students this year
 - meet weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7-8
 - meetings include prayer, warm-up
 - students plan and host fun events for the entire school including pancake breakfast, spirit week, holiday events, helping with the open house as well as raising money and donations for organizations such as the foodbank
5. Principal's Report – see attached
Points discussed
 - Portables: We are #1 in line to receive detached portables scheduled for next year
 - One-to-One Technology: still struggle with some subjects to allow for technology more easily in the classroom i.e. Social and Language Arts. We have eliminated the excuse of not trusting students with online usage without compromising the integrity of the course/test
 - Grade 9 Honors: Moved Gr. 9 only awards night to be held inside school due to space limits at Festival Place. No other venue in Sh Pk large enough to handle audience/students from all 4 grade levels so decision to split.
 - Budget: per Bill 1 basic supplies handed out on block 1 of first day. A parent expressed concern that they needed communication sooner because they already bought supplies. Principal Cox indicated a letter was sent out but will look into feeder schools outside and will try to do a better job communicating next year.
 - Currently 110 staff – challenge to get to know them and build relationships
Fr. Jim communicated his desire to be in the school 1x/week and reminds us that Mass is held at 8:30a.m. 7 days/week at the OLPH parish
 - Staff PD – Violence Threat Risk Intervention training
Q: If a student comes to school claiming harm to themselves what is the protocol?
A: Depending if the student is acting solely on his/her volition or possibly encouraged by another student; a whole team may be involved. This includes police, mental health, AHS, and ABJ staff

Q: Each of you have your own grade that you are responsible for as an administrator, what do you cover?

A: We look after our grade level and follow them through to graduation. We try to get to know those students personally and build relationships. We will however cover other students if necessary and help other administrators.

6. Guest – Michelle Steeves – Family School Liaison

- She is a registered professional counsellor, 5 yrs with Family Services, 1 year with AHS and focuses on children, youth and families and addictions
- working on a new project to connect with students, staff and parents
- offers presentations on several topics including parenting teenagers
- will be a guest speaker at the next parent council meeting

7. Old Business – nothing for discussion

8. New Business- Bill 1

- Principal Cox – Minister of Education was here on opening day at ABJ. Important communication: We cannot charge anything new this year that was not previously approved for the school year.
- Motion put forward by Principal Cox: to pay for students selected to attend the 2 day conference of Model United Nations Group at a cost of \$75 per student
- Approved by unanimous vote. This request will now go on to EICS and government for final approval

9. Next meeting date: Monday November 20th at 6:30p.m.

10. Closing prayer – Melanie Sczesny

11. Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.