

ABJ Parent Council Meeting September 24, 2018

1. Welcome and Introductions

- parents and staff introduced themselves

2. Opening Prayer - Melanie Sczesny

3. Minutes May 28, 2018 approved by Nancy Ferguson and 2nd by Julie Sonnema

4. Student Council/Leadership Report - Andrea

- week of welcome - lots of student engagement
- question set up - lots of grade nines at the table
- suggestion next year to do tables 2 days
- next day we visited the classrooms
- close to getting 1000 followers on Instagram
- pep rally - kids outside in football field - introductions of clubs/teams/staff well attended and received by students
- car smash to get a car stall
- next year get more teacher supervision
- pancake breakfast on Sept 13th with fruit and juice boxes
- student council members made up batter night before and then cooked in the morning starting at 7
- orange shirt day Oct 1st, selling shirts here on the Wed-Fri before- in remembrance of residential schools
- bulletin board with calendar to show events coming up/pics of the Exec committee
- 9 Executive members (4 grade 12's), 30-40 in Student Council so far
- good mix of extroverts and introverts

5. Principal's Report

Intro from Joe Dumont

background - came from Holy Redeemer, previous in Vegreville and Edmonton Catholic

-in August we had opening mass with 9 schools involved with OLPH

theme: we are all God's masterpiece -

phrases: poster board showing student what we want to share with them

engagement: used data from surveys sent to parents and AB education

trying to make changes to increase the feeling of engagement among students

-new students/new staff - helped

- helping new students get accustomed to the large school that came from smaller schools

- PD day Friday Sept 21- went to Lily Lake to embrace our theme

-built strong connections among staff

Admin Team - each admin is responsible for a certain grade and will follow them to graduation

- each have a specific subject we are responsible for to help staff members

Ruth Tymko - English teacher but is math coordinator

- Collaborative Response Coordinators - work with teachers/staff/ to meet All students needs not just educational needs
 - trying to come up with a system to prevent any student from falling in the cracks
- Heather - science, health and CALM -new model, grade 10 academic advisory (was grade 9 advisor last year)

Sarah Glass - Student Services

- encompasses counselling but expanded 10 fold over previous years
- went from 1.5 counsellors we now have one academic guidance counsellor .75 name; Bev Miskew Chetek

- school counsellor - school mental health base supports (eg anxiety, friend issues), 1-1 as well as go in the classroom for subjects like

Health and Calm and giving presentations such as "building healthy relationships" "sexting" FWW - family wellness worker - all the counselling pieces and expands to in/out school to support families - Michelle Horon

- helps coordinate services for kids; we are adding another worker shortly

Contracted Mental Health Therapist - Bishu Fras - here 2 days/week

- need to be referred by Michelle or Sarah
- no fee, no longer long waits (previously 3-4 weeks to see a counsellor)

@abjcounsellors - twitter and instagram

P.A.R.T.Y- Sarah delivers this program as well (preventing alcohol and related youth traumas)

-\$850k comes from government to EICS

- deal with gr 12's in the first week, then focus on grade 11's because you have to apply for post-secondary by Oct 1st and therefore they will use your grade 11 marks

parent question: what do we have to help kids figure out what career they would be good at

answer: Career Cruising in class to develop a resume/portfolio, MyPass and ALIS free website from AB govt for career exploration-

its very current to real careers available now

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parent question: scholarships? answer: student aid alberta, scholar tree, and in-school scholarships

AB Highschool diploma requirements - see handout

google: My Pass - set up an education account (track your credits/receive your diploma marks)

question from parent - can we improve the in-school theatre? unknown option: use St Theresa's

7. Next Meeting Date: October 29th @6:30pm

- drug & alcohol awareness - responding to the marijuana changes rolling out in Oct 17th

8. Closing Prayer - Melanie

9. Meeting Adjourned 7:50 pm