

**ARCHBISHOP JORDAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**School Council Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 6:30 pm (ABJ Library)**

**ATTENDEES:**

12 Parents

Admin: Brett Cox, Principal and Heather Thomson, Assistant Principal

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Tracy Lockhart opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Attendees introduced themselves around the table.

**2. OPENING PRAYER – Leta Shannon, Community Rep**

Leta led all Members in prayer.

**3. STUDENT COUNCIL / STUDENT LEADERSHIP REPORT – Lauryn Pickell**

- A short video presentation was shown to member titled 'Alliance for Student Activities'. This video is the basic message to assist Student Council for engaging students
- Planned events for October: Pumpkin Spice Latte' Chugging; Pumpkin Carving Contest, Costume Contest (Winner gets to smash pumpkins from 2<sup>nd</sup> floor), Fly on a Wall
- Getting ready for Geomeer (Social Justice) to assist in supporting 4 families within Sherwood Park

**4. MINUTES of September 23, 2015**

**MOTION** moved by Nancy Ferguson, seconded by Leslie Schmidt

THAT the Minutes of the ABJ School Council Meeting of September 23, 2015 be approved as written. CARRIED.

**5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT– Brett Cox**

- Evaluations on staff for Probationary contract holders as well as 5 new teachers
- New Staff Workplace Attire Administrative Procedure was reviewed with staff
- Distributed Handouts for 2015-16 Budget and 2015-2018 School Education Plan to parents in attendance
- P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Preventing Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) for Grade 9 – presentation at the school this week
- Karlos Broussard the Rag'in Cag'in Apologist presentation
- Staff – Non-violent Crisis Training as part of Professional Development day
- Grade level retreats now completed for this semester
- Musical Theatre is gearing up for wacky hours in November; the Play - The Other Cinderella – will be performed at Festival Place later this month
- Three Way Conferences next week
- Grad pictures and planning

- Sports Teams: Volleyball, Football, Cheer Team
- A successful ABJ Awards Night held at Festival Place on October 26, 2015
- ABJ students ran the Polling Station on October 19, 2015
- Alpha & Beta Faith based sessions weekly at the school
- Lots of University / College recruitment fairs at ABJ
- Congratulations to Mrs. Reeves, Miss Russnak, Miss Owens, Miss Gingras and Miss Galenza on their Induction to the ATA ceremony
- Careers: the Next Generation / Career Test Drive (local Strathcona County initiative)
- Career Centre – expanding RAP and Work Experience programs
- Brother Joe Glaab from OLPH Parish comes to the school on a regular basis

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#### 6. GUEST SPEAKERS – Mrs. Bev Miskiw-Chetek and Mrs. Sara Glass

- Showed a video on ‘Navigating the Post-Secondary System’
- Distributed handout titled ‘ABJ Career and Post-Secondary Planning at ABJ’

#### 7. TEACHER’S REPORT – Mrs. Heather Thomsen, Assistant Principal

- Responsibilities for the three Assistant Principals are:
  - o Student Services – Heather Thomsen
  - o Technical Services – Greg Lakeman
  - o Athletics – Robert Stecyk
- ABJ Award Night – Rutherford Scholarships are issued by the Government of Alberta. Scholarships are based on minimum 75% average which in turn, will determine dollar amount for a student. Previously applications were handled through the school – now students are to apply online
- New initiatives going forward for the ‘Individual Support Plan’ (ISP) in the school. The changes invoke greater emphasis on teaching strategies which are easier for teachers to comply. ISP will be linked into PowerSchool for Parents to follow. Also the U of A is working on greater accommodations for IDP students proceeding with post-secondary
- ABJ will be creating a ‘Career Centre’ designed to accommodate Student Counsellors, post-secondary institutions and RAP Program Partners to utilize when on the premises. Showed a video on ‘Navigating the Post-Secondary System’

#### 8. Old Business – Tracy Lockhart

- Tracy brought forward a Western Catholic Reporter (WCR) article dated September 14, 2015 regarding ABJ student – Lucy Cook
- ABJ Theatre Production “The Other Cinderella” on November 24-26, 2015
- Parent Council Minutes will be posted on the website only

9. NEXT MEETING DATE: To Be Determined at a later date

This has been confirmed now – Constable Jaclyn Whittington will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30

10. CLOSING PRAYER – Leta Shannon led the closing prayer

11. ADJOURNMENT at 8:20 pm