

IMPAC Annual General Meeting 20 September 2011 Handout Page 1

Informed Massey Parents Advisory Council
2010-2011 Annual Report

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF INFORMED MASSEY PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL (IMPAC). Take notice of a meeting to be held at **7:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, September 20, 2011** in the library of Vincent Massey Secondary School for the Annual General Meeting of IMPAC, which will be immediately followed by the September IMPAC Board meeting. Notifications of School Council Meetings, Annual General Meeting and Elections have been made aware of by the following:

- Throughout monthly Chair's report
- Throughout monthly Principal's report
- Throughout postings on School sign (front lawn on Liberty St.)
- By way of synervoice to all Massey families
- Throughout mailing to all Grade 9 parents

AGENDA

1. Call to order:
Self Introductions
2. Approvals:
 - a) Agenda
 - b) Minutes of previous AGM held in Sept., 2010
3. Business arising as a result of the minutes of previous AGM
4. Reports;
 - a) IMPAC Chair- Jodi Greige
 - b) Treasurer- Yvonne Brown
 - c) Principal- Mrs. Melissa Nantais
5. Introduction of potential candidates and nominations for the election to the Board of Directors
6. Elections
7. New Business

Called by the Chair with approval by the Board

4 a) 2011 Annual General Meeting Chair's Report:

For period of September 2010-2011

Executive:

Chair	Jodi Greige
Vice-Chair	Salman Chowdhury
Treasurer	Yvonne Brown
Secretary	Liz Southcott

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Provided is a summarization of monthly meetings and activities:

September:

- Annual General meeting was conducted
- 19 members of IMPAC were elected
- Overall goals of IMPAC were defined thereby reviewing school rules, code of conduct, attendance.
- Mrs. Noella Smyth (Guidance Dept. Head) was our guest speaker. She provided a guided presentation of various pathways reflective upon the student's grade. She also welcomed various questions and concerns of parents & students alike.
- Continued with fundraising initiatives; fundscript gift cards, school shirts, Capri Pizza fundraising (set forth previous year).

October

- Co-Chair of Massey's 50th Reunion Celebration whereby many IMPAC parents helped endlessly throughout the weekend event in various capacities.
- Reunion raised in excess of \$30,000.00 to benefit our students.

November

- Received funding in the amount of \$897.00 from the Ministry of Education, Parents Reaching Out Grant (P.R.O.) of which a report was submitted in May of 2010. Proposal was entitled "Parental Involvement = Student Success / Easing the Transition Pre & Post High School"
- Introduced "Transit Windsor Ambassador Program and Forum for

Young Canadians (giving students the opportunity to attend Parliament Hill for 1 week.

- provided information & refreshments to parents during Parent / Teacher interviews

December

- Presentation given by Mr. Dan Gray, Student Success / Learning Centre (located in Room 114). He discussed strategies indicative of student success, as well as where and how to get extra help if needed. He also provided parents the opportunity to ask personalized questions privately after the meeting.
- Presentation by student Prime Minister Amy Gill discussed the intentions of student council for the coming year.
- hosted University of Windsor informative night on December 9th, 2010
- discussed various ways to approach issues regarding one's student (example: first discuss the issue with your child; if not resolved, approach the teacher with your concerns- who may have to refer to a Dept. Head, Vice Principal, then Principal)

January

- Presentation given by Mr. Bill Nanson, Science Department Head. He discussed the dynamics of Massey Science Dept.
- Discussed future of fundraising & potential venues, such as a Cramdon night (to be determined)

February

- Presentation given by Mr. Ken Garlick (History Teacher). He spoke of The 2012 European History Tour available to students. He also spoke about the History course offered at Massey and how it coincides with the 95th anniversary of Vimy Ridge.
- Presentation given by Mrs. Noella Smyth (Guidance Dept. Head). She discussed course selections for grade 9 to 11 students and pathways for grade 12 students.

March

- GECPIC (Greater Essex County Parental Involvement Committee) Speaker Mr. Doug Plumb spoke about a myriad of pathways regarding Specialist High Skills Majors which are becoming more readily available in and amongst our high schools.

April

- provided information & refreshments to parents during parent teacher interviews, along with shirt/ hoodie sales.
- invited feeder schools: Oakwook, Central, Glenwood, Southwood, Northwood, Roseland and others to attend our informative night sponsored by The Ministry of Education.

- prepared 450 packets including information, "Welcome to Massey" confetti packet, agenda etc. to incoming & potential students to our school inviting them to our PRO (Parents Reaching Out Night) held on April 28th, 2011.
- Hosted the event with 22 guest speakers including Shelly Duben, Doug Plumb (Board Office), local elected trustees, volunteer speakers such as Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital, the Multicultural Council of Windsor, Rotary, The United Way, each of whom recruited volunteers on the spot (both parents and students). Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers recipient (Massey Student) spoke to future mustangs about the importance of volunteering. Impac parents were also available to speak to parents about their concerns and possible anxieties of starting a new school. Current staff Mr. Dan Gray, Mr. Dave Annett, Mrs. Noella Smyth, Mrs. Christine Durocher aided in Careers & Pathways including many other dedicated teachers who supported our initiative.

May

- hosted a bake sale / pizza sale / shirt sale in conjunction with Massey fashion show on May 5th and 6th.
- Prepared & submitted proposal for Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out (P.R.O.) grant for the 2011-2012 period.
- Personally spoke to the person in charge of the P.R.O. grant Ministry level and discussed how successful our initiative was. Informed him that we had the event video recorded and would submit the materials relating to our event.
- Hosted fundraiser at Cramdon's.
- Attended Board Meeting in recognition of receiving The GECD SB Champion for Education Award 2011 (awarded to 2 IMPAC members- Jodi Greige & Liz Southcott)

June

- Staff / Teacher Appreciation luncheon presented by IMPAC
- IMPAC Distinguished Student awards were presented at graduation (9 per department and 3 gift bags for STEPS students)
- Vincent Massey Reunion Scholarships and Bursaries were established and granted for the first time in the form of 2 bursaries and 2 Scholarships for the value of \$500.00 each, totaling \$2000.00 for the next 15 years. (Although this is not funded by IMPAC, members of IMPAC worked collaboratively with Reunion Committee members in achieving this goal).

Various Activities financially supported by IMPAC

Beverages and Refreshments at: Grade Nine Parents Night (September)
Parent Teacher Interviews (November)
Grade 8 Open House Event
Parent Teacher Interviews (April)
Parent Reaching Out Event (April)

- Donated funds to support the purchase of Wrestling uniforms
 - Donated funds to support Reach for the Top initiative.
 - Staff / Teacher appreciation luncheon
 - IMPAC Distinguished student awards (monetary)
 - IMPAC Distinguished student awards (gift bags)
 - Portions of Parents Reaching Out Night (confetti gift bags, welcome packets etc.)
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- Updated notice: I recently received confirmation that my recent application to the Ministry of Education had been approved for the amount of \$1000.00. This amount is to be used in the coming year of 2011-2012.
 - Special thanks go out to all the parents especially Yvonne Brown, Liz Southcott, community rep Ruth Duyck and to all others who helped in various capacities.
 - A most special thank-you goes out to all the staff and teachers of Massey (both past & present) for allowing me to become a part of this wonderful family. Thank you to Principal Melissa Nantais, Vice-Principals Dina Salinitri and Richard Reid. A very special thank you to our Teacher Rep Mrs. Christine Durocher who never stops.