



## Memorial Composite High School School Council Meeting Minutes January 25, 2021

Attending: - Steff Walker, Leanne Couves, Michelle Jones, Vanessa Gould, Karissa Sparling, Nancy Skinner, Paul McCann, Nancy Sinclair, Cory Sinclair, Arlene Fieldhouse, Tammy Suteau, Trish Webber, Carolyn Clanfield, Peter Clanfield, Jenise Robertson, Carolyn Jensen

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Called to order at 7:00 by Karissa Sparling.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by Arlene Fieldhouse, seconded by Nancy Skinner.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- a. [November 25, 2020](#) - The minutes were approved by Nancy Sinclair.

### 4. Correspondence

- a. None

### 5. Old Business

- a. PSD Stakeholder Engagement Evening
  - a. Wednesday, February 10 - 7:00 - 8:30
  - b. Thank you to those who have signed up to participate and represent MCHS.
  - c. Will send an invitation to those in attendance this evening. Please consider attending to provide a high school voice to the conversations.
- b. COVID Protocols Education
  - a. Concern about bringing awareness to students about mask use outside of school.
  - b. There have been and will continue to be formal times where students are reminded of protocols and the importance of following them.

### 6. New Business

- a. [Torch Time](#) - Starting Quarter 3
  - a. [New Bell Schedule](#) - Twenty minutes shifted from each class to create a 40 minute block at the end of the day.
  - b. Will be returning to our work as a staff in supporting student learning as a class, in small groups and individually.
  - c. Torch Time sessions will give students, teachers, and parents the opportunity to direct their attention to where they need to focus their work.
  - d. Students will have a number of sessions to go to and if they remain on campus will be expected to attend one of them.
  - e. Attendance will be tracked in PowerSchool. Teachers, parents and students will be able to sign a student up for a Torch session.

- b. 21-21 Timetable
  - a. What's New?
    - PSD Post Secondary Partnership - Currently Olds College and Northern Lakes College have agreed to provide courses for grade 12 students to take for both post-secondary and high school credit.
      - Several more post-secondary institutions are in conversation to create agreements.
    - Returning Grade 12s - Previously have had to apply to return and were accepted if there was room in the courses. Given that there have been two years of disruption, grade 12s may participate in course selection along with grade 10 and 11s to have their request built into the schedule. If a student wishes to return, they must contact Ms. Fisk.
  - b. Enrollment Projection
    - Enrollment may drop as much as 50 students. There has been a low number of students working it's way up for a number of years which will be in grade 10 next year.
    - This will be the sixth straight year of enrollment decline.
    - Approximately 32 students moved to the CFL virtual program. Some of whom may return.
    - Returning 12s may add some numbers.
    - Parkland Student Athlete Academy (PSAA) grade 9s currently at CFL will be moving to their high schools this year which may add more numbers.
  - c. Registration - Feb 8 to Mar 25
    - As in the previous two years, all registrations are now done online. Families must have their registration complete to be guaranteed bussing.
- c. Parent Surveys
  - a. PSD Annual Stakeholder Survey
    - This will be coming out from PSD towards the end of February.
  - b. MCHS Quarters Feedback
    - If COVID protocols remain in play, we will likely be in a quarter system next year. If they don't there needs to be an educational decision made about whether to remain with quarters or return to a semester system.
    - MCHS will survey staff, students and parents in February to seek feedback.
    - A decision will likely be made in May.
    - Informal feedback so far:
      - CTS and other performance based courses really like the quarter system. The long blocks of time are efficient and productive.
      - A number of students with retention concerns are benefitting from the quarters.
      - Some students with heavy academic loads have struggled with the pace but have adapted.
      - Teachers have been seriously reflecting on the connection between the curriculum, learning activities and assessment.
  - c. MCHS Grad Format
    - Working with The Comp and St. Peter the Apostle to share costs.
    - Some options currently being investigated include Drive In Grad, Drive Thru Grad, Grab and Go Grad, and Mini Grad.
    - Descriptions and corresponding costs will be sent out to graduates in late February for feedback.
- d. Future Agenda Items or Meeting Topics?
  - a. Please contact Karissa or Carolyn if there is a topic you would like to see on the agenda.

## 7. Reports

- a. Chairperson - Mrs. Sparling
  - a. The Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) has had its funding cut significantly by the government.
  - b. This is a key organization for parent voices to influence the government.
  - c. Formerly free workshops now have a fee. They are also accepting donations.
- b. Staff – Mr. Stuckey
  - a. Unable to attend this evening.
- c. Principal – Ms. Jensen
  - a. COVID Update
    - At Home learning was much more successful the second time around.
      - The government made a few positive changes. Curriculum was not reduced. Small groups of students were permitted on campus.
      - Teachers were much more comfortable with the format and had resources they could use from last spring. Most teachers went synchronous with their instruction which was very helpful.
    - One COVID case has been reported since returning to campus.
      - Currently a Math 30-1 and Biology 30 class are isolating.
      - So as not to disadvantage any students who are at home, grade 12 in class final assessments are now optional.
      - Grades 10 and 11 remain with existing assessment plans.
  - b. Quarter 2 Summary
    - Option 2 students will still be supported in AAC for Q3. This was more effective for teachers and on campus students.
  - c. Upcoming Key Dates
    - January
      - 23-27 - Grad Photos
      - 25 - Q2 Last Day of Classes
      - 26-28 - Q2 School Exams
      - 28 - Collaborative Response Session w Jigsaw Learning
      - 29 - Q2 High School Turnaround Day - Fish & Chips lunch
    - February
      - 01 - Q3 First Day of Classes (New Bell Schedule)
      - 01 - G&G Executive Meeting - 6:30
      - 04-05 - Teacher Convention
      - 08 - Q3 Timetable Change Deadline
      - 08 - Student teachers arrive
      - 12 - Staff Development Day
      - 15 - Family Day
      - 22 - School Council - 7:00
      - 24 - Pink Shirt Day
      - 25 - Q3 Route Change Deadline
- d. Student – Miranda Suteau
  - a. Rotary's upcoming planned events include:
    - Candy Grams for Valentines Day
    - A Mental Health Activity - to support Bell Let's Talk day which is on January 28 during exams.
    - Random Acts of Kindness Week - February 16-19
- e. School Trustee – Mr. McCann
  - a. Option 2 Students - PSD has had approximately 1000 students of the 11 000 choosing this route.
  - b. Attendance Boundary Review

- This is one of the more difficult and controversial things a Board will do. It has just been approved. It is anticipated the results will be available for next fall.
- Reasons for the review include
  - Spruce Grove has just annexed agricultural land on the northeast corner of the city.
  - Construction and/or renovation of Prescott Learning Center, Copperhaven School, Woodhaven School and Stony Plain Central School have added seats which impact where there is room for students.
- c. COVID Spending
  - In the fall it was estimated that approximately \$4 million would be spent by PSD on supplies, staffing, etc. This has jumped to \$7.6 million.
  - The federal government provided a \$4 million grant and there will be some savings from purchases that would have been made in a typical school year but cannot be due to COVID.
  - It is anticipated that the budget will be close to balanced.

**8. Table Go Round**

- a. Appreciation - For school staff and families for working together and being so flexible and adaptable in these crazy educational times.
- b. Q3 Parent Teacher Interviews - March 11

**9. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned by Karissa Sparling at 8:26.

**Next Meeting Dates – Monday at 7:00 – MCHS Common Area &/or GMeet**

- February 22 - [GMeet Link](#)
- March 22 - [GMeet Link](#)
- April 26 - [GMeet Link](#)
- May 31 - [GMeet Link](#)