

**MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 27, 2020  
MCHS Conference Room**

**Attending:** Shelley Dowd, Alana Regier, Arlene Fieldhouse, Doreen Engelhardt, Peter Clanfield, Carolyn Clanfield, Mellisa, St. Hilaire, Tammy Suteau, Miranda Suteau, Brenda Baker, Angela McQuaig, Lynn Lauf, Marie Porter, Carolyn Jensen

**1) Call to order**

- a) The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Brenda Baker

**2) Approval of Agenda**

- a) The agenda was approved Doreen Engelhardt

**3) Approval of Minutes:** November 25, 2019

- a) The minutes were approved by Tammy Suteau

**4) Correspondence:**

- a) The Learning Team (ATA Parent Newspaper) - distributed

**5) Guest:** Mrs. Marie Porter, MCHS Counsellor

- a) Shared a presentation regarding scholarships.

**6) Old Business:**

- a) None

**7) New Business:**

- a) Staff Appreciation Luncheon
  - i) Has typically been held in April. Mrs. Jensen will bring some possible dates to next meeting.
- b) MCHS 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Event – April 23, 2020
  - i) The planning committee will have their first meeting this week.
  - ii) Would like to welcome School Council members for support in putting on this event.
- c) Survey Season – Alberta Ed, PSD
  - i) The accountability pillar survey for Alberta Ed for grade 10 parents is out this week.
  - ii) MCHS has typically had low participation rates in this survey. Please encourage grade 10 parents you know to complete this survey.
  - iii) Parent feedback is analyzed and considered in the continuous improvement planning process.

**8) Reports:**

- a) Staff – Mr. Stuckey
  - i) The Foods students were very successful in earning credits in semester one with Foods 30 students having the opportunity to earn up to seven credits for the first time this semester.
  - ii) The Robotics Club placed in the top five at the last competition. They have two great teams this year and are getting ready for provincial championships in March in Calgary.
  - iii) The MCHS Business program has had numerous supporters as guest speakers or as hosts for field trips. In addition, several local businesses provide financial support for the case competition students. Mr. Stuckey shared his appreciation for the support from our community for the program and students.
- b) Principal – Mrs. Jensen
  - i) Key happenings for January and upcoming events for February were reviewed.
  - ii) The Christmas Season – MCHS sure felt the Christmas spirit this year with a successful Winter Formal Dance and numerous smaller activities sponsored by the Rotary Interact students. As well Celebrate Memorial was held on December 13.
  - iii) Ms. Mohammed has joined the administrative team after Christmas following Mr. Strangway's retirement.

- iv) January exams went well following the five day stretch with no busses running. By then teachers had completed curricular instruction and were into review activities. When busses aren't running, this is a great time for students to come in for additional assistance.
- v) February is the beginning of "timetable season" as we prepare for Open House on March 5. The counsellors will have visited all of our feeder school grade 9 classes by then. Course selections for gr. 10s and 11s will follow and will be completed by the end of March. Students will have their timetables posted to PowerSchool before the end of June.
- vi) Bathroom Vandalism – Prior to Christmas there were numerous small events of bathroom vandalism and two more significant events. There is an inappropriate Instagram page that is contributing to this. Administrators will be visiting classes as semester two classes to talk with students about collectively changing this behavior by not accepting it and reporting it.
- c) Student – Miranda Suteau
  - i) Christmas season was very busy for the Rotary students. They put on a successful Winter Formal Dance. There had not been a dance held at MCHS for a number of years. This was followed by candy grams, PJ Day and Ugly Sweater Day.
  - ii) The Bikeathon is the next big activity on March 17. They have received a \$750 grant which will be put toward the nutrition table. Dr. Doug will be assisting with that as well. The Trileisure Center will be donating stationery bikes again. They are planning for a bigger and better event than last year but space will be limited.
  - iii) Bell Let's Talk Day was on January 25 but was not held as busses were not running.
  - iv) Mug Day will be coming up soon. Bring your mug and it will be filled with hot chocolate.
- d) School Trustee – Mr. McCann
  - i) Mr. McCann sent his regrets for not attending.
  - ii) Copies of the January 14 Board Highlights were shared.

**9) Table Go Round**

- a) Appreciate for MCHS was shared.
- b) The snow days were helpful for grade 10 student to get help.
- c) Diploma exam writing time discussion. Mrs. Jensen strongly recommends that students do not use the full six hours for several reasons.
- d)

**10) Adjournment**

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm

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Brenda Baker, Chairperson

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Carolyn Jensen, Principal

**Next Meeting Dates – 7:00 – MCHS Conference Room**

- March 16
- April 27
- May 25