



Memorial Composite High School School Council Minutes March 22, 2021

Attending - Steff Walker, Leanne Couvres, Paul McCann, Arlene Fieldhouse , Michelle Jones, Tammy Suteau, Miranda Suteau, Vanessa Gould, Karissa Sparling, Troy Stuckey , Carolyn Jensen

1. Call to Order

- a. Called to order at 7:02 by Karissa Sparling.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by Steff Walker. Seconded by Leanne Couvres.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. [February 22, 2021](#) - The minutes were approved by Tammy Suteau.

4. Correspondence

- a. [The ATA Learning Team - Winter 2021](#) - Available for individual review.

5. Old Business (Mrs. Sparling)

- a. Teacher Appreciation Planning
 - a. Ms. Jensen to provide a phone list.
 - b. Will ask parents to provide 'take and go' baking/treats/snacks.

6. New Business

- a. ASCA Resolutions
 - a. As per the [Advocacy Resolutions Package 2021](#), the following votes were provided for Mrs. Sparling to take to the ASCA Annual General Meeting:
 1. Continued Support and Advancement of Technology Funding to Support all Levels of Learning Throughout Alberta Schools - Yes
 2. Acknowledgment of CoSC/DSC in the Alberta Education Act - Yes
 3. Restore PUF Funding to Alberta Schools - Yes
 4. Transportation – Maximum Time Limit Students can be on the Bus - No
 5. Renewal of Alberta Curriculum - No
 6. Addressing Barriers to Student-centred Public Education - Yes
 7. Respect for ASCA's Bylaws, Values, and Members - The wording was confusing on this one. The consensus was to vote for accountability once it is explained at the meeting.
 8. Education Stakeholder Organizations Financial and Governance Accountability - Yes
 9. Equal Opportunity of Access to All Public Schools - No
 10. Achieving Universal Public Education - Again, the wording was confusing on this one. The consensus was to vote for accountability once it is explained at the meeting.
 11. Allocating Public Funds to Public Education - Yes
 - b. [School Fees 2021-2022](#)
 - a. They were reviewed and approved.
 - c. Future Agenda Items or Meeting Topics?

- a. Request for the April Meeting that Mrs. Porter or Mrs. Nuijense present regarding [Scholarships](#) & Post-Secondary Planning. Ms. Jensen will extend the invitation.

7. Reports

- a. Chairperson -- Mrs. Sparling
 - a. PSD COSC Meeting
 - 1. ASCA Resolutions were discussed.
 - 2. COSC is seeking good news stories from schools and sharing them.
 - b. Staff -- Mr. Stuckey
 - a. Counsellors will be visiting current grade 10 and 11 classes on April 8 & 9 talking about course selections for next year. Students will be choosing their courses for next year April 26 - 30 when classes will be called down to the library computer lab. Parents need to have completed the online school registration prior to students choosing their courses.
 - b. Construction is taking orders for personalized outdoor benches for \$75.00 each. 8 ft. Picnic tables are \$250.00.
 - c. The Business Competition Club has six students currently competing in the Dhillon School of Business Finance Competition which includes a Stock Market Challenge, presentation on their learning, and a Trading Challenge. Scholarships worth \$1000, \$750, and \$500 will be provided.
- c. Principal -- Ms. Jensen
 - a. Events of the Past Two Weeks & Belonging at Memorial
 - 1. Weekend of March 6 events in the community were on social media which notably impacted Memorial. A number of related things occurred including a walkout by MCHS students on Friday, March 19. Ms. Jensen provided an opportunity for questions and answers.
 - 2. Belonging at Memorial was a main topic of discussion on the March 5 PD day prior to these events. It will continue to be a focus for the school over the next couple of years as the staff learns more about inclusivity and equity and justice for marginalized students.
 - 3. Some initial events that we are planning for this year include:
 - a. Displaying the Canadian and Treaty 6 flags in each classroom as an act of allyship for Indigenous students and part of our initial work with Truth and Reconciliation.
 - b. Painting a mural at the back of the school with the theme of Belonging. It will have an Indigenous influence and both art and Indigenous students will be invited to participate.
 - c. Displaying a Pride flag in the school as an act of allyship to our LGBTQ+2 students.
 - d. Belonging For All - Another visual display which will be inclusive of all students at Memorial. It might have a flag theme or the students may take it in a different direction.
 - e. An anti-oppression statement will be released.
 - 4. In addition to this, there is an educational part to this. We will be seeking students to work alongside teachers.
 - b. Q3 Wrap Up & Q4 Start Up
 - 1. Exam schedule has been distributed.
 - c. Upcoming Key Dates
 - March 26-01 - Spring Break
 - April 06 - Staff Planning & Development Day
 - 07-09 Counsellor Visits to Gr. 10 & 11s re: 21-22 Course Selection
 - 12 - G & G Executive Meeting - 6:30

15 - Q3 Last Day of Classes
15-20 - Diploma Exams
16-20 - Q3 School Exams
21 - Q3 Turnaround Day - No Classes
22 - Q4 First Day of Classes
26-30 Gr. 10 & 11 Course Selection - Computer Lab
26 - School Council - 7:00

- d. Student – Miranda Suteau
- a. Student Walkout - She was one of four organizers. It was not a Rotary event. Started organizing on Tuesday at lunch. They appreciated the administration's approval. They were protesting the acceptance of racism. It was a peaceful event that was meant to inspire change and was a powerful moment. It showed that we are not alone and to report.
 - b. Give to Give - This is coming up for the Parkland Food Bank in place of the Christmas drive. Rotary will be accepting donations of cash and non-perishable items.
- e. School Trustee – Mr. McCann
- a. Thank you for the work on the ASCA resolutions.
 - b. March 2 Board Meeting
 1. The School Resource Officer (SRO) Report was presented and the value of the program was acknowledged by the Board.
 2. School Calendar for 2021-2022 was approved.
 - c. At a Special Board Meeting bussing and school fees for next year were approved.

8. Table Go Round

- a. ThoughtExchange - The format is awkward. It seems juvenile. Is not able to scroll through the feedback.

9. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned by Karissa Sparling at 9:10.

Karissa Sparling, Chairperson

Carolyn Jensen, Principal

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

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