



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

Attending: Ms. Jewell (Assistant Principal), Karissa Sparling, Tanya Chambers, Jen Richens, Carolyn Clandfield, Steff Walker, April Fodor, Arlene Fieldhouse, Tammy Suteau, Cory Sinclair, Nancy Sinclair, Ms. Fisk (Assistant Principal), Mr. Coghill (Assistant Principal), Ms. Miller (Recording Secretary), TMr. Stuckey (Teacher)

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Ms. Jewell

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Approved by Ms. Jewell; seconded by Tanya Chambers

3. 2021-2022 Election of New Executive

- a. Chairperson
 - a. Karissa Sparling - Steff Walker approved; Tammy Suteau seconded
- b. Vice-Chairperson
 - a. Tammy Suteau - Tanya Chambers approved; Steff Walker seconded
- c. Executive
 - a. Cory Sinclair
 - b. Arlene Fieldhouse
 - c. One more member preferred
 - d. Tanya Chambers approved; Steff Walker seconded

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. May 31, 2021 - approved by Steff Walker; seconded by Cory Sinclair

5. Introductions

- a. Ms. Debbie Miller, Recording Secretary
- b. Ms. Dianne Jewell, Grade 10 Administrator with Councilor Sharla Nujiens
- c. Mr. James Coghill, Grade 11 Administrator with Councilor Meghan Cox
- d. Ms. Marsie Fisk, Grade 12 Administrator with Jordan Mazereeuw

6. Correspondence

- a. ATA The Learning Team - Spring 2021 - contains supports with COVID-19 & mental health
- b. ATA The Learning Team - Summer 2021 - contains supports with COVID-19 & mental health

7. Old Business

- a. MCHS School Council Report - 2020-2021 contains a summary of the previous year

8. New Business

- a. Parent Teacher Interview Feedback
 - a. Not discussed
- b. Future Agenda Items or Meeting Topics
 - a. Please advise Mrs. Sparling or Ms. Jensen if there is a particular topic or presentation that you would like addressed at a School Council meeting.

9. Reports

a. Staff – Mr. Stuckey

1. Athletics

- a. Football is going well.
 - b. Girls flag football has started as well and are having a blast.
 - c. X-country only has a few weeks left so they are getting ready for city finals soon.
 - d. Volleyball: We had so many girls and boys that tried out and are extremely lucky that staff members wanted to help out. We were able to run 4 JV teams, 2 girls and 2 boys along with 2 SR teams. The difficult part has been trying to get them into tournaments with many Edmonton school teams canceling because of covid. The league has been running well.
 - e. The Boys Jr VB Green Team just took the Memorial Cup at the MCHS invitational tournaments a week ago. They are currently top of the Division 2 rankings and have won all of their league games so far. They play at the Spruce Grove Comp tournament Oct 1-2.
2. The Fabrication 30 class has begun building display shelves for the new learning commons area in the library.
 3. Foods 30 is working on Creative Baking, Presentation, and Molecular Gastronomy simultaneously. Check out Memorial Foods Instagram. Foods 20 has completed the Milk & Eggs as well as Fish & Poultry modules. Onto Food Safety. Check out Memorial Foods Instagram.
 4. Social Studies 20 classes are finishing up the French Revolution and the role of government in a nation compared to the role of the citizens or individuals in a nation (who has the power and why). The Social Studies 30 classes are near the end of modern liberal economics where students explore multiple perspectives on the economic spectrum related to when the government should intervene to help individuals (such as the Great Depression and through the construction of social programs and interventions).
 5. Anime Club has started up with higher than average numbers! We had almost 40 students at the first meeting we had on Sept. 9 and have maintained numbers since. We are in the process of planning our first anime movie night in October. Here's hoping we can still do it!
 6. Miss TJ (Indigenous Education Facilitator) is joining Mr. Chiles's English 10-1 classes every Wednesday. Together they are studying the book *One Drum*, by Richard Wagamese. The book shares some of the Ojibwe Grandfather Teachings and ceremonies. This is an excellent and authentic opportunity for students to learn about Indigenous ways of knowing and connect them to their own lives and experiences.
 7. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Bezushko are doing great things in the library as they work to transform it into a Learning Commons. There are big changes coming to create a more dynamic and collaborative workspace for classes to use.
 8. The Business Competition Club has officially started. We currently have 7 or 8 students but are looking for a few more. Students get to visit schools and post secondary institutions where they compete against students across Western Canada in case competitions and a finance competition. We have already started preparing for competitions this year.

b. Principal Report – Ms. Jewell (for Ms. Jensen)

a. Covid Response

1. Masks are now mandatory.
2. No isolations for classroom close contacts.
3. Parents must provide permission for the school to report to a class that they are a close contact.

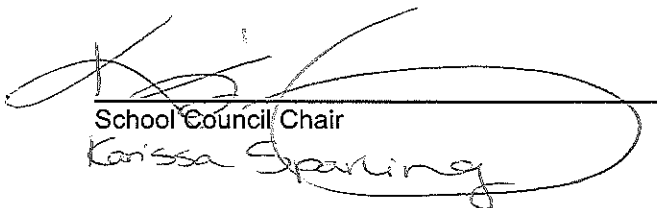
- b. Enrollment & Budget Update
 - 1. Enrollment is at 1123 students which is up about 100 from last year. Increased numbers are mostly in grade 10 and 11. It is a combination of people moving here as well as cross boundary students.
 - 2. More blocks were added to the time table with increased staff.
- c. School Fees
 - 1. Only Quarter 1 fees have been posted. We are reviewing fees to make them more accurate when a student drops a course or leaves MCHS.
- d. Torch Time
 - 1. Math teachers have lots of sessions.
 - 2. Originally, there were some challenges for students and parents to sign up students. Most challenges have been corrected.
- e. Belonging At Memorial
 - 1. Let's Act Now club was established. It's a time of learning
 - 2. Club information sessions were held for 2 lunch sessions so students could learn what clubs are available to get involved with.
 - 3. There will be activities on Wednesday Sept 29 for Truth and Reconciliation Day since there will be no school on Thursday. MCHS will host the Peace Pipe Ceremony for the Division.
- f. Grad 2022
 - 1. Convention Centre is booked for June 25, 2022 for a ceremony if permitted by AHS.
 - 2. Grad photos sessions are booked.
 - 3. There will be opportunities for the purchase of Graduation keepsake items and MCHS/Grad clothing sales.
 - 4. All information will be on the school website under Graduation.
- g. Key dates are posted on the MCHS website
 - 1. An awards ceremony will be on Oct 12/21.
- c. Student
 - a. No report
- d. School Trustee
 - a. No one in attendance due to election.

10. Table Go Round

- a. Asked to clarify what the procedure is if there is a positive COVID case in your family. Response was if you have symptoms, you are required to stay home. If you are a close contact of a family member that you live with, it is strongly recommended that you stay home if you are not vaccinated. If you are vaccinated, the strong recommendation to isolate does not apply. Isolation is not required if a student is a close contact of a classmate.
- b. Question was asked about the number of Grade 12 students. The enrollment is 325 which is similar to the previous years.

11. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.


 School Council Chair
 Karissa Sparling


 Principal

Next Meeting Dates – Monday at 7:00 – MCHS Common Area or Virtual

- October 25, 2021
- November 29, 2021

- January 24, 2022
- February 24, 2022
- April 25, 2022
- May 30, 2022