



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2022
Virtual Meeting**

Attending: Ms. Jensen (Principal), Karissa Sparling (Chairperson), Ms. Jewell (Assistant Principal), Mr. McCann (Board Trustee), Mr. Partington (RAP & Dual Credit Coordinator), Arlene Fieldhouse, Cory Sinclair, Nancy Sinclair, Mr. Stuckey (Teacher), Ms. Miller (Recording Secretary), April Fodor, Piper Fodor (Student), Leanne Couves, Michelle Jones

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Karissa Sparling.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by Arlene Fieldhouse.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The Nov 29/21 minutes couldn't be accessed so the approval will take place at the next meeting.

4. Correspondence

- a. The Learning Team is the ATA publication. It's moving online and people can subscribe.
- b. The Alberta School Council Association is moving online.

5. Presentations

- a. Piper Fodor - Let's Act Now Student Group
 - a. The Group is an inclusive group that has been working on creating the MCHS Statement of Inclusion. The draft is ready and they are looking for parent input.
 - b. The next step will be to get input from the staff on Jan 31.
 - c. The statement will be presented to the student body in the lessons related to Pink Shirt Day in February.
 - d. Parents provided positive feedback for the process and made some wording suggestions. It was also suggested that examples of how this is used on a day to day basis be provided.
- b. Mr. Mike Partington - PSD RAP & Dual Credit Coordinator
 - a. Provided a presentation on dual credit opportunities for students. Click link for details
 - b. The three opportunities are the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), the Green Certificate, and the Dual Credit/Post Secondary Partnerships

6. Old Business

- a. Student Mental Health
 - a. As a collective, the Counselors are indicating that the numbers of students experiencing high anxiety/stress are similar to pre-Covid times.
 - b. The COVID experience for each student is unique for everyone based on their experiences. There are some individual students who have been significantly impacted who are needing additional support.
 - c. Academically, Grade 12 students are performing the similar to pre-COVID
 - d. There appears to be different types of concerns such as time management stress, isolation issues from being online, issues with online dating.
 - e. There appears to be less stigma about meeting with a counselor

- b. Staff Mental Health
 - a. During Ms. Jensen's one-on-one interviews with all teaching staff, she asks how their personal wellness is. She has met with a little over half of the teachers so far and about two thirds are doing ok or well.

7. New Business

- a. Donation - An anonymous donation of \$500 was received. Parents were asked how the money should be spent. Suggestions were provided and it was decided that the money would be made available to the Let's Act Now Club for students to organize a pay it forward activity.
- b. 2022-2023 Calendar - Parents were asked for their input on which of the two versions they prefer. Version 1 was preferred.
- c. Future agenda topics - None were presented.

8. Reports

- a. Staff – Mr. Stuckey
 - a. January Athletes of the month: Nicole Rolfe - Jr. basketball, Connor Majeau - Sr. basketball
 - b. Feeder school visits are coming up for the counselors and grad photos start Jan 25/22.
 - c. Anime Club had to cancel their last movie night due to the freezing cold temperatures back in December, but we are still running our weekly clubs and doing as well as ever!
 - d. Comm Tech 20 had a successful quarter with both Ian McGann and Erika Oshiki wrapping up a great quarter with great students. Lots of new and useful projects are being made including many new Memorial Posters!
 - e. Unfortunately, the Legal Studies mock trial that was scheduled for January 14 at the U of A Law Building was canceled due to Covid. Instead, we held it at Memorial. The kids did great!
 - f. The Business Competition Club has its first competition coming up from Feb. 26-March 4. It is the SAIT Case Clash. There is over \$2500 in cash prizes available. The top four teams are awarded case prizes. There are case competitions planned in March at Grant MacEwen and one in Saskatoon.
- b. Principal Report – Ms. Jensen
 - a. COVID Protocol Adjustment
 - 1. Upon returning in January, there was a stronger enforcement for wearing masks properly.
 - 2. We received and distributed the rapid test kits and masks for students and staff.
 - 3. The question was asked what happens if a student tests positive and can't write finals. A zero will be entered as is required by Alberta Education. When the student returns, they will write the test and a mark will be re-submitted to Alberta Ed.
 - b. Diplomas/Finals
 - 1. January diplomas were canceled. There is no word yet for quarter 3 and 4 diplomas.
 - 2. The question as to why the Grade 10 and 11 still have exams weighted at 30% was asked. Carolyn explained the importance of preparing students for their future Grade 12 diplomas.
 - c. 2022-2023 Timetable
 - 1. MCHS is working on a hybrid timetable for the 22-23 school year. In general, core subject teachers would prefer a semester system so students have more time to process information. Teachers for hands-on/performance

based classes prefer a quarter system as the longer class time works more efficiently. The hybrid model would try to incorporate both types of classes. Not sure if this is going to be cost effective.

2. Feeder school meetings will be happening soon.
3. Open House - An in-person open house would be preferred but not sure if that will be an option this year. Admin is waiting as long as possible to make the decision based on current COVID restrictions.

d. Key Dates for February

- 01 - Q3 First Day of Classes
- 03 - Q3 Timetable Change Deadline
- 07 - Newsletter Goes Out
- 07 - G&G Executive Meeting - 6:30
- 08 - Leadership Council - 3:45
- 10-11 - Teacher Convention
- 10-12 Sr. Basketball Tournament Queen E.
- 14 - 2022-23 Registration Opens
- 14 - Valentine's Day**
- 14 - Q3 Initial IPP Review Due
- 16 - Lead Team Meeting - Admin Away - Dave B is Acting Admin
- 17 - SBST Meetings - 3:30 & 4:00
- 17-19 Jr. Basketball Tournament Strathcona Christian Academy
- 18 - Q3 Diploma Exam Accommodations Due
- 18 - PD Day - No Classes
- 21 - Family Day
- 22 - Leadership Council - 3:45
- 23 - Pink Shirt Day**
- 24 - MCHS Round Dance Canceled
- 28 - School Council - 7:00

c. School Trustee - Paul McCann

- a. Trustees were involved in the decisions to update COVID protocols.
- b. Trustees recently met with the three area MLAs to provide the PSD voice to the Minister of Education.
- c. Board meeting was held the previous week.
- d. The modular replacements didn't arrive due to supply chain problems
- e. A Student Attendance Area Study was commissioned. Recommendations are being considered.


9. Table Go Round

- a. A question was brought forward about the "Trash the Bathroom" trend. This is an ongoing issue. Surveillance cameras are in the hallways. Admin is monitoring the bathrooms every 15 minutes to shorten that time to review surveillance video.

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56.


School Council Chair


Principal

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

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