



**Memorial Composite High School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2022  
Virtual Meeting**

**Attending:** Ms. Jensen (Principal), Karissa Sparling (Chairperson), Mr. McCann (Board Trustee), Ms. Miller (Recording Secretary), Tanya Chambers, Jen Richens, Arlene Fieldhouse

1. **Call to Order**
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Karissa Sparling.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
  - a. The agenda was approved by Arlene Fieldhouse.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. The Feb 28/22 minutes were approved by Karissa Sparling.
4. **Correspondence**
  - a. No information was provided.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. No information was provided.
6. **New Business**
  - a. ASCA Conference is April 22-24. MCHS will pay the fees to send several parent participants.
  - b. The ASCA Annual General Meeting was held. The Advocacy Resolutions Package 2022 was provided. Please refer to the ASCA for the full report. Three Proposed Advocacy Resolutions and one Administrative Resolution were submitted.
    - a. Diploma Exam Weighting Change - The weight of diplomas was changed from 30% to 10% for the 2021-2022 school year due to COVID. The resolution is requesting that the diploma weight stay at 10%. Our parents concluded that they like the resolve but not as it is written. Our parents like the change but not just due to COVID.
    - b. Policy Review for Operations and Maintenance Funding - There is a large amount of school maintenance work that is deferred because of lack of funds. PSD has ~\$55 million in deferred maintenance for the 24 sites. The resolution requests that the Minister of Education conduct a policy review, engage stakeholders, and work with municipal level government to ensure that the current and deferred maintenance of schools is dealt with to ensure access to safe and healthy schools. Our parents support this resolution.
    - c. Restoration of Funding for Alberta School Councils' Association - ASCA has been defunded. The concern is that the parents' voice won't be heard. Our parents support this resolution.
    - d. Revise Advocacy Policy 12-2 High Risk Bus Stop Awareness and Signage - The ASCA Board believes its advocacy efforts should be focused on the ministerial level, not the Alberta School Boards Association. Our parents support this resolution.
  - c. Future agenda items - None were submitted at this time.

## 7. Reports

### a. Staff – Mr. Stuckey

- a. Matilda tickets are on sale for March 29 and 30 at Horizon Stage.
- b. We have a Black Youth Club that just started up on Tuesdays at lunch. It's made and run by black students for black students - but everyone can take part in building a community of belonging through this club. They have a focus on building allies for the community, sharing knowledge and experiences, and empowering each other.
- c. The MCHS Choir just filmed a WORLD PREMIERE choral piece, by award-winning Canadian composer, Marie-Claire Saindon. This collaboration between composer, poet Albertan Paul Grindlay, violinist Allyson Lyne, pianist Talesa Mandin, and our choral students will be premiered across the country on April 8.
- d. Also, we are back to live choir concert performances! On April 14, at Horizon Stage, the choir will be presenting our first indoor public concert in three years!
- e. On March 11, the Entrepreneurship class held a Dragon's Den-style event. Lindsay Kaminsky & Tasha Shepley from Beautifully Bazaar were the Dragons. Students were given the opportunity to wow the judges and could have their products displayed at Beautifully Bazaar.
- f. The Business Competition Club participated in the SAIT Case Clash from March 4-11 for cash prizes of \$2600. The event was virtual. The presentations will be judged on YouTube between March 11-18 and winners will be announced in the first two weeks of April. On March 12, the students virtually participated in the first round of the MacEwan Business Challenge. Selected teams (announced on Wed. March 16) will move on to the final round of the in-person competition at MacEwan on Saturday, March 19. This year's team consists of Oliver Magnus, Gabriel Parent, Ryan Burton, Ryder Reaney, Benny Plante, Ryder Chambers, and Adrian Janzen.

### b. Principal Report – Ms. Jensen

- a. Thought Exchange report is available.
  1. There were 138 participants: 131 parents, 1 student, 1 staff, 5 other.
  2. There were 152 thoughts from 68 people.
  3. 4025 ratings - ratio is 26 - good/balanced
  4. Good results other than parking and Instagram
  5. The report/tool was awkward with repeated items.
  6. Top 5 positive items: open during COVID; school communication (email, newsletters); staff helping students when needed; staff is kind, caring, respectful; office staff.
  7. Top 5 concerns: parking lot; inappropriate Instagram; introverted students missed; accommodations for mild or moderate students; not having a full Grad experience.
- b. Key Dates for April
  - 01 - Anime Movie Night
  - 04 - English Diploma - Part A
  - 04 - G & G Executive Meeting - 6:30
  - 04 - Badminton - St. Francis Xavier & Archbishop Jordan at MCHS
  - 05 - Social Diploma - Part A
  - 06 - English Diploma - Part B
  - 07 - Social Diploma - Part B
  - 08 - Q3 Last Day of Classes
  - 08 - Math Diploma - AM

- 08 - Biology Diploma - PM
- 08 - Q4 Diploma Exam Accommodations Due
- 08 - Deadline to sign up for Grad Musical Performance Auditions
- 11 - Field Trip - Music - Cantando Festival
- 11-13 - Q3 School Based Exams
- 11 - Chem & Science Diploma
- 12 - Physics Diploma
- 13 - LAWS Community Services Evening - AISH, PDD, etc.
- 14 - Q3 High School Turnaround Day - No Classes
- 14 - Field Trip - Horizon Stage - Spring Concert
- 15 - Good Friday
- 18 - Easter Monday
- 19 - Q4 First Day of Classes
- 21 - Q4 Timetable Change Deadline
- 25 - Torch Grad Assembly 1:30
- 25 - School Council - 7:00
- 28 - Valedictorian and Grad Speeches Application Deadline

- c. School Trustee - Paul McCann
  - a. The Attendance Review is continuing. French immersion families were contacted about the possible location change.
  - b. Next year's fees and allowances were approved. The only increase was with transportation.
  - c. The Provincial Government did their budget in the spring. No money was allocated to replace SGCHS.
  - d. A question was asked about the parking lot's challenges. Changes are not possible at the school level. Mr. McCann said that he was looking at possible options.

**8. Table Go Round**

- a. No items were brought forward.

**9. Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.



School Council Chair



Principal

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

- April 25, 2022 - at MCHS
- May 30, 2022