



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2022**

Attending: Ms. Jensen (Principal), Karissa Sparling (Chairperson), Mr. McCann (Board Trustee), Ms. Miller (Recording Secretary), Mr. Stuckey (Teacher), Laurie Haak, Nok Sloan, Brian Wilfert, Beatrice Yakimchuk, Dalyce Wesley-Leeder, Erin Van Oene, Jeff Lindquist, Jen Richens

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 Nok Sloan.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The Oct 24/22 minutes were approved by Laurie Haak after a spelling correction. She had trouble with the link to the Parent PowerSchool presentation.

4. Correspondence

- a. No information was provided.

5. Scholarship & Awards Presentation

- a. Sharla Nuijens presented information related to applying for scholarships. A link to the presentation will be posted on the website and is linked [here](#). Students can stop by Student Services if they have questions.

6. Old Business

- a. None was presented.

7. New Business

- a. MCHS Round Dance - Is a partnership between the school and Paul First Nation and is a community building event. Our theme is Building Relationships. It will be held on Dec 9. It is a school only event during the day for student participation. In the evening, community members are invited to join. Click [here](#) for more information.

8. Reports

a. Staff – Mr. Stuckey

- a. Foods 30 is baking up a storm with European bread products and now desserts in Creative Baking. Next Gingerbread is structures.
- b. Foods 20 has finished cooking poultry, fish and seafood and are now learning to bake bread. They can't wait for the cinnamon buns that will be made next week.
- c. Foods 10 are working on creative cold foods and then onto meat cookery.
- d. We are collecting items for the Kinsmen Christmas Hampers from November 28 until December 9th. We are hoping to collect new toys, gift cards and monetary donations for less fortunate families in the Parkland and Stony Plain area. Boxes will be placed in block one classes and in the main office.

- e. November 27-December 11 is our online book fair at sparkbookfairs.ca. Thousands of discounted titles for all ages are on there and 20% of proceeds comes back to the school. There is free shipping on orders over \$45 and items are shipped directly to the buyer.
- f. On October 27, the Marketing class traveled to several businesses to learn how businesses use visual merchandising, displays, and marketing in general. On October 28, Shelly Britton from the CBC visited to explain how the CBC uses marketing to generate revenue and how ratings affect revenue. Then on November 23, MCHS alumni, Lexie Bouilly, spoke to the class. She owns and operates her own Social Media company called Sixth Sense Marketing.
- g. In Legal Studies, the students begin preparing for their mock trial that will be held at the U of A on Friday, December 2 in the Moot Courtroom. All week, students take on the role of a character in a homicide trial and prepare. On December 8, they will also travel to the Edmonton Law Courts to watch court and see how law is practiced in a trial.
- h. On October 20, Colin Christensen from NXT GEN, who is a serial entrepreneur, came and spoke to the Entrepreneurship class about innovation and startups. On October 25, Adam MacArthur from Community Futures Capital Region came and spoke to the class about the YETI program where students are given seed capital to start a real business during the summer. It is a great opportunity as the money does not have to be paid back! Then on November 8, James Cookson visited the class. He is self taught on how to code, develop software and build apps. He has since sold his app to many other companies for use. On December 6, the Entrepreneur class will be traveling to various local businesses in the area.
- i. In Accounting, the students had guest speakers from the CPA on November 2. It was very informative for students who may be interested in a career in Accounting.
- j. On Wednesdays during Torch Time, the Business Competition Club meets. They are learning the Case Method. They are traveling to MacEwan on Saturday December 3 to compete against other schools in the MacEwan Business Challenge for \$500 in cash. Students who are competing at this event include Ryan Burton, Ryder Reaney, Jaleesa Anderson, and Hunter Hollands on Team 1. Team 2 is made up of Jakob Whiffen, Elijah Wilfert, Barret Ellert, and Kara Zandbeek. Good luck!
- k. Anime Club ran their second successful Anime Movie Night of the year! It went well with around 25 people attending. There were anime, games and prizes! Everyone had a good time and we are looking forward to the next movie night on December 16.
- l. The Japanese classes had an excellent field trip in early November to Explore Japan which had a variety of cultural activities including Tea Ceremony, Calligraphy, wearing Kimono, Karate and Taiko Drumming workshops. It was a great field trip and everyone had a great time.

b. Principal Report – Ms. Jensen

- a. Diploma Results - Last June was the first typical exam session since COVID. MCHS had excellent results. The results are used by teachers to do a gap analysis on the top 5 questions we performed well on and the 5 questions that we did the weakest on compared to the province.

- b. MCHS Public Outbreak - Prior to Fall Break, our absenteeism rate was greater than 10% which required us to report our numbers to Alberta Health Services and is considered outbreak status. The outbreak status ended during Fall Break and on the first day back our absenteeism rate was 2.6%
- c. Class Sizes - Numbers were reviewed in October. The maximum number of students is 34 per class.

| Number of Students | % of Classes |
|--------------------|--------------|
| ≤15 | 13.6% |
| 16-20 | 10.5% |
| 21-25 | 24.2% |
| 26-30 | 28.3% |
| 31 + | 23.2% |

- d. Crime Stoppers - There has been a high amount of vandalism in the gender inclusive washrooms. We will be putting up signs in the washroom with QR codes so that students can anonymously report activity in an effort to stop the vandalism.
- e. Cap and Gown Survey - The MCHS community has been asking why we don't have a cap and gown ceremony for our graduation. A survey will be sent out to Grade 10, 11, and 12 students asking whether they would prefer to wear cap and gowns. Parents will also be surveyed separately from the students. The decision that is made is a decision that will remain in place for several years.
- f. Other November Highlights
 - i. Outdoor Ed class has been doing outside cooking.
 - ii. Basketball teams have been selected.
 - iii. The Remembrance Day service was planned by the Student Leadership class.
 - iv. Indspire Conference was attended by 5 staff members to expand their knowledge on Indigenous Education.
 - v. The Swim Team attended the final meets. All team members qualified to attend the Championship Meet the next day.
- g. Upcoming Key Dates
 - November
 - 29 - Gr. 9 PFN Student school visit
 - 29 - Astronomy Class Observation
 - 31 - 02 Phys Ed Field Trip - Marmot Basin - Cancelled
 - December
 - 01-03 - Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament in Calgary
 - 02 - Legal Studies Field Trip to UofA Law Building
 - 05 - Outdoor Ed Field Trip - Vertically Inclined Rock Gym
 - 05 - G&G Exec Mtg 6:30
 - 06 - Astronomy Class Observation
 - 06 - Entrepreneurship Field Trip to SG & SP Businesses
 - 08 - LGS Field Trip - Law Courts
 - 09 - Round Dance 8am-11pm
 - 09-10 Sr. BB Tournament - Red Deer
 - 09 - Grad Fees Deadline
 - 16 - Anime Club Night - 3:45
 - 17 - Student Teachers Last Day
 - 26-06 - Christmas Break

c. School Trustee - Paul McCann

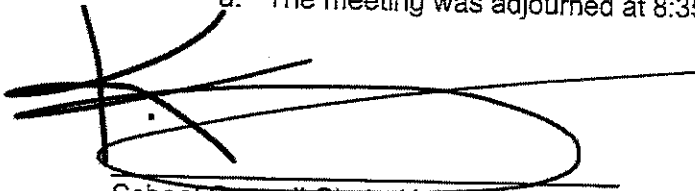
- a. The entire Division had significant absenteeism with students and staff prior to Fall Break.

9. Table Go Round

- a. Constable Hinman will be invited to a future meeting.

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.



School Council Chair- Karissa Sparling



Principal - Carolyn Jensen

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

- January 23, 2023
- February 23, 2023
- March 20, 2023
- April 24, 2023
- May 29, 2023