



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2023**

Attending: Ms. Jensen (Principal), Karissa Sparling (Chairperson), Mr. McCann (Board Trustee), Ms. Miller (Recording Secretary), Laurie Haak, Nok Sloan, Jen Richens, April Fodor, Sharida Csillag, Arlene Fieldhouse

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Karissa Sparling.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by Arlene Fieldhouse.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The Nov 28/22 minutes were approved by Karissa Sparling.

4. Correspondence

- a. The Learning Team
- b. ASCA AGM is approaching. The 2023 Resolutions Package will be shared with everyone prior to the next meeting.

5. Old Business

- a. None was presented.

6. New Business

- a. An anonymous donation of \$500 was given to the school. The School Council was tasked with deciding where the money should go. It was decided that the funds will be given to the POC Club for the scholarship they are starting.
- b. Registration is now open. It is important that the school of choice registrations be submitted by the deadline to ensure there is room to accommodate the students. Last year there was 53 school of choice students and 4 were turned away.
- c. Future items
 - a. Voting of Resolutions - please read the resolutions before coming to the meeting.
 - b. Constable Hinman can come to a future meeting.

7. Reports

a. Staff – Mrs. Jensen for Mr. Stuckey

- a. POC Talks Club and the Leadership Class are planning Culture Week and Taste of Memorial during the first week of May.
- b. MCHS's Cross Country Ski team participated in the Canadian Birkebeiner race this year. All team members finished their race and posted great times.
- c. Junior boys and girls basketball is heading into playoffs this week. Handball for boys is starting up and is a new sport for Memorial. Girls rugby have been doing some pre season workouts and tryouts are coming soon.
- d. Anime Club had its first Anime Movie Night of semester 2 on Friday, Feb. 24. There were lots of activities and all had a good time. Our presidents will be available to answer questions at Open House.

- e. Yearbook has finally submitted its student designed cover for this year's yearbook. A reminder that the deadline to purchase this year's yearbook is April 28 for \$48. There will be Yearbook students available to answer questions at Open House.
- f. Two teams from the Business Competition Club competed in the NAIT Innovation Challenge. The first team was made up of Ryan Burton, Jaleesa Anderson, and Kara Zandbeek. The second team was made up of Barrett Ellert, Jakub Whiffen, Elijah Wilfert, and Jaden Van Dasselaar. Both Marauder teams submitted excellent videos with solutions to the problem "How might the collective "we" improve public safety in private/public mixed-use spaces?" In the end, the team made up of Barrett Ellert, Jakub Whiffen, Elijah Wilfert, and Jaden Van Dasselaar won first in the high school competition. With the win, the team shares \$1000 in cash!
- g. Two teams of four from the Business Competition Club will be participating in the SAIT Case Clash between March 25 and April 1. In this competition, high school students will have the opportunity to develop their teamwork skills, financial literacy, and awareness on a possible career path in business. Teams of 4 students will have a week to develop a meaningful solution to a business case topic that will be revealed on the orientation day. Once again, cash prizes are available.
- h. The Outdoor Ed classes are going rock climbing at Vertically Inclined today!

b. Principal Report – Ms. Jensen

- a. Parking Update - By block one, the parking lot is full so students arriving for block two are required to use the residential areas.
- b. Bathroom Update - Students are required to sign out of the classrooms to go to the washrooms. This has greatly reduced the amount of graphitti.
- c. Cap and Gown Decision - The decision has been given to the families to chose whether they want the graduate to wear a cap and gown or not.
- d. Artificial Intelligence - An AI app, Chat GPT, was released in October that will write papers/essays and much more. Not sure of the impact this will have on education.
- e. Parent Teacher Interviews - They will return to in-person interviews on March 14. Phone interviews didn't work well for academic teachers. After the interviews, both formats will be reviewed and a decision will be made as how to move forward.
- f. Open House - It will be held on March 2 and will be in person. Grade 9 students will have lots of things to see.
- g. Upcoming Key Dates
 - February
 - 27 - CALM Field Trip - Norquest & MacEwan
 - 28-03 - Grad Photo Retakes
 - 28 - First Time High School Parents Meeting - 6:00 - 7:00 pm Lg gym
 - March
 - 02 - Drama Field Trip - Horizon Stage to watch Addams Family
 - 02 - 2023 Open House 5-8pm
 - 03 - Robotics Field Trip - Genesis Centre, Calgary (VEX Robotics Provincials)
 - 06 - Sign up for Grad Performance in the Music room
 - 06 - Green & Gold Meeting - 6:30
 - 12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins (forward one hour)
 - 13-17 Counselor Visits to Gr. 10 & 11s re: 23-24 Course Selection
 - 14 - Parent Teacher Interviews - In Person 5-8pm

15 - Student Leadership Conference - 15 students (Leadership, POC Talks, QSA, Rotary)
16 - Music Parents Meeting 7pm
17 - Rotary Bikeathon
17 - St Patrick's Day
24 - PD Day - No Classes
20 - School Council - 7:00
20-23 - Feeder schools do grade 10 registrations
27-31 - Spring Break

c. School Trustee - Paul McCann

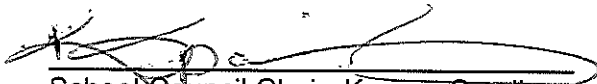
- a. The Board Highlight document was released
- b. The calendar for 2023-2024 was released.
- c. The attendance review is being finalized.
- d. The report on workplace safety shows that PSD is improving.
- e. The provincial election is coming. The Board is trying to bring awareness to the School Councils that political ideology should not affect education.

8. Table Go Round

- a. A discussion was had about last weeks incident at the school.

9. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57.


School Council Chair- Karissa Sparling


Principal - Carolyn Jensen

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

- March 20, 2023
- April 24, 2023
- May 29, 2023