



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023**

Attending: Ms. Jensen (Principal), Karissa Sparling (Chairperson), Mr. McCann (Board Trustee), Ms. Miller (Recording Secretary), Mr. Stuckey (Teacher), Laurie Haak, Sharida Csillag, 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 Laurie Haak.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The March 20, 2023 minutes were approved by Laurie Haak.

4. Correspondence

- a. None

5. Old Business

- a. None

6. New Business

- a. Staff Appreciation Day will be on May 25. Parents can bring in treats for the staff. Info will be posted in the newsletter and on social media.
- b. The proposed 2023-2024 course material fees were presented to parents. The changes have been accepted.
- c. Future agenda items or Meeting Topics - The Grade 9 parents from the feeder schools will be invited to our final School Council meeting.

7. Reports

a. Staff – Mr. Stuckey

- a. Anime Club will be putting on a mini anime convention, Memfest 2023! It is the first time since 2019 that we have put this on. It is on May 13, 2023 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. There will be games, contests, vendors, karaoke as well as other activities and of course, anime! Entry fee will be \$5.00 and will be open to all Parkland and select Evergreen Catholic schools.
- b. Slo-Pitch has started. Practices run this week, our first game is on May 3rd and is a home game. We would love spectators. Game starts at 4:15.
- c. Memorial has successfully nominated three students to participate in the three month Germany/Alberta exchange for 2023/2024. Memorial will have three German students in our school from Sept-Dec 2023, and our students will go there from Feb-May 2024.
- d. The badminton team starts playoffs tonight, and will be heading out to Beaumont. If we win tonight, we will be in the division finals on Wednesday.
- e. For POC Talks, we are hosting Culture Week from May 1-5, ending the week with the Pep Rally and Taste of Memorial.
- f. Spruce Grove Composite is hosting a "Life after High School" event specifically designed for Knowledge and Employability students on

Wednesday, May 24th, 6pm. They will have Olds College and Norquest College there to present on some transition programs, Gateway Association about supports, and Trade Secrets there to inform them of job prospects and requirements. The program will begin at 6:00 with 10 minute presentations from each organization. Then there will be an opportunity to visit their tables to ask questions. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. This will take place in SGCHS cafeteria and lounge area. MCHS will host the event next year.

- g. The Choir was honoured to win one "Gold" and one "Gold with Distinction" standing at the St. Albert Music Festival at the start of April.
- h. This week the choir is heading to Calgary and Canmore for their spring performance tour, with stops at two elementary schools, bowling, swimming, and some mountain sight-seeing.
- i. In early May the choir will be recording this year's video called, "All of Who I Am." The video will be released by the end of May.
- j. The choir is excited to be collaborating with Magic Voices, the Meridian Heights choir. They will join the MCHS Choir on stage at our year end show, June 1st at the Horizon Stage.
- k. Foods 20 students are supporting the Interact Club's pancake breakfast this week. In class, Foods 20s are working on Poultry, Fish and Seafood and Foods 10s are working on Creative Cold Foods
- l. On May 3-6, the Business Competition Club will be travelling to Regina to compete in the SBTA High School Case Competition. Students will be competing for scholarships to the U of S and U of R.

b. Principal Report – Ms. Jensen

- a. Rhonda Harbert joined us in April as an Indigenous Graduation Coach to support Leanne Traverse. Rhonda will be focusing on post secondary advisement and cultural support of the students.
- b. We are projecting about 1320 students for 2023-24 school year which is an increase of about 50 students. There will be corresponding adjustments to the timetable.
- c. A proposal for the criteria for the POC Scholarship has been submitted by the club members to Ms. Jensen for review. The amount of the scholarship will be adjusted as the Taste of Memorial fundraiser will add funds.
- d. The Unified Games will take place at MCHS on May 30. It is a partnership with Special Olympics. We are expecting over 600 people to attend from over 20 schools.
- e. MCHS Highlights
 - April**
 - 05. Choir & Vocal Ensemble went to the St. Albert Music Festival.
 - 06. Leadership students went to the Heritage Pavilion for PSD Educator planning day.
 - 12. Student Services took some Grade 12 students to Cinderella's Closet for Grad Dress shopping.
 - 14. Grad ceremony auditions took place.
 - 14. There was an Anime Movie Night.
 - 17 & 18. The ULead Conference was attended by Admin and 2 teachers.
 - 20. The Drama students participated in the One Act Festival in Spruce Grove.
 - 20. The Astronomy class gathered for an evening to observe the night sky.
 - 21. Several students attended the Indigenous Healing and Hope Conference.

f. Key Dates

April

- 25. Grad Assembly Blk 3 large gym
- 25. Rotary Pancake Breakfast
- 26. Administrative Professionals Day
- 26. CALM Field Trip to Epcor Training Centre, Winterburn
- 27. Valedictorian - Deadline April 27
- 27. LAWS Field Trip - Swimming @ ACT
- 27. Japan Trip 2024 Meeting 6-7pm
- 27-28. Music Field Trip - Spring Performance Tour to Red Deer, Calgary & Canmore
- 28. PD Day

May

- 01-05. Culture Week
- 01. G&G Executive Meeting - 6:30
- 01. Initial Grad List Posted
- 01-07. Mental Health Awareness Week
- 03. Hats On For Mental Health
- 03-06. Business Field Trip to SBTA Case Competition in Regina
- 04. Outdoor Ed Field Trip - Chickakoo Lake
- 05. Taste of Memorial
- 05. Pep Rally 9:45am
- 09-10. PSD Art Show @ Memorial
- 10. Grad Speech Meeting/Applications (noon in the conference room)
- 13. Memfest - Anime Club 11am-4pm
- 14. Mother's Day
- 16. French 30 Field Trip to Cafe Bicyclette, Edm
- 18. Legal Studies Field Trip - UofA Law Building
- 18. Music Parents Meeting 7pm
- 19. PD Day - No Classes
- 22. Victoria Day
- 24. KAE Information Night - SGCHS - 6pm

c. School Trustee - Paul McCann

- a. The number of students in the Division is increasing.
- b. PSD is on the waiting list for a new high school. We will be receiving some portables that were requested a couple of years ago.
- c. Two principalships are open. The replacement process starts by advertising within PSD.
- d. Guarding Minds Program is a workplace wellness survey that PSD staff have recently completed.
- e. Changes are being made to to the distances to which students qualify for transportation. However, there are not enough bus drivers to accommodate.
- f. Board members received an invitation to the Spruce Grove parent organized Grad event that is being prepared by the parents. Members decided that it was ok if they attended but not in an official capacity.

8. Table Go Round

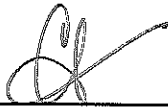
- a. No items discussed.

9. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07.



School Council Chair- Karissa Sparling



Principal - Carolyn Jensen

Next Meeting Dates – Monday at 7:00 – MCHS Board Room

- May 29, 2023