



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2023
Meeting at MCHS**

Attending: Ms. Jensen (Principal), Mr. McCann (Board Trustee), Ms. Miller (Recording Secretary), Ms. Cox (Teacher representative), Laurie Haak, Stacie Majeau, Amanda Wangler, Sarah Corker, Alana Siebert, Maria Androchuk

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Carolyn Jensen.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by Laurie Haak.

3. 2023-2024 Election of New Executive

- a. Chairperson - Laurie Haak
- b. Vice-Chairperson - Amanda Wangler
- c. Executive Members
 - Sarah Corker
 - Stacie Majeau

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. The May 29/23 minutes were approved by Laurie Haak and seconded by Sarah Corker.

5. Correspondence

- a. No information was provided.

6. Old Business

- a. MCHS School Council Report for 2022-2023 was presented.
- b. Grad 2023 - About 30 families purchased gowns but only about 12 grads wore them at the ceremony.
- c. Parent Teacher Interviews - The format for the 2022-2023 school year has been reviewed. For 2023-2024, the format will be in person but the teachers will be in their classrooms instead of the common area for 2 hours. One hour will be set aside for teachers to call parents that they didn't connect with in person if needed.

7. New Business

- a. **PSD Governance Allocation** - Funds are available for members who wish to attend the 2024 Alberta School Council Association AGM and Conference.
- b. **Future agenda items**
 - a. October: Ms. Klemp CAREERS Next Generations & Off Campus Education
 - b. November: Mrs. Nuijens Post Secondary Planning and Scholarships
 - c. January: Constable Hinman

8. Reports

a. Staff – Ms. Cox

- a. We're off to a busy start - field trips, tournaments, sports teams - volleyball, football, flag football, golf, cross country running. German exchange students have started (here for three months) as well as the upcoming Shikaoi visits which everyone is looking forward to.
- b. The Post-Secondary Fair was last Thursday (Sept 21) - There were about 20 post-secondary schools and opportunities there from across Alberta. It happens every year at the TriLeisure. The three high schools rotate who organizes it each year.
- c. There are lots of open houses for post-secondary schools coming up so keep an eye on the announcements and grade level google classrooms for more information. Each grade level has a Google Classroom, where information for the whole grade cohort can be found.
- d. Grad parent night is coming up. It was originally scheduled for Thurs Sept 28.
- e. There's an upcoming field trip to the U of A specifically for Art 30 and Com Tech 30 students who are interested in learning more about what the university offers for Fine Arts and Design Programs (October 2)

b. Principal Report – Ms. Jensen

- a. Enrollment is at 1354 with about 100 staff members. We will have about a \$9.5 million budget with about 85% going towards staffing.
- b. The number of international students has increased this year and we had four students from Fort Smith that were evacuated from the fires.
- c. School fees for this year were set in the spring and approved by the School Council. The changes were due to inflation or program changes.
- d. School Development Plan
 1. Belonging at Memorial - We are continuing to create an environment where everyone is welcome. The QSA group won a \$10 000 grant to upgrade a Pride Festival that is for the community, not just the school.
 2. Collaborative Response - Teacher meetings take place during Torch Time so teachers can share strategies to support kids with a variety of needs.
- e. Parking Lot - Spots are now being assigned to students. Having a spot is a privilege that comes with the responsibility of keeping your spot clean. The lot has been clean with less garbage blowing in to the neighboring communities. Having assigned spots also helps in dealing with accidents.
- f. 23/24 Big Events:
 1. October 3 - Student visitation from Shikaoi, Japan
 2. March 15 - Rotary Bikeathon
 3. March 21 - School trip to Portugal & Spain
 4. March 21 - Japanese 20/30/40 trip to Japan
 5. March 23 - German 20/30 trip to Germany
 6. March 21-25 - Choir trip to Disneyland
 7. April 23 & 24 - PSD Visual Arts Celebraton at MCHS
 8. June 5 - Community Pride festival at MCHS
- g. Next Months Key Dates

September

- 05 - Grade 10 Welcome BBQ and Assembly
- 05-07 - Volleyball Tryouts 3:30-7:30
- 06 - Grade 11 & 12 On-Site Registration
- 08 - National Literacy Day
- 11 - Parents of Athletes Meeting - 5pm Large Gym
- 11 - G&G AGM 6:00 pm
- 13 - Grad Parents AGM - 6:30-8pm Common Area
- 15 - Timetable Change Deadline
- 15-16 - MCHS Jr Volleyball Tournament
- 21 - Grad Assembly - Block 2
- 21 - Indigenous Student Welcome Lunch
- 21 - Postsecondary Night @ TLC 5:30-8
- 21 & 22 - Club Fair Event - lunch
- 22 - Apple Day
- 25 - School Council AGM - 7pm
- 26 - Music Parents Assoc. Meeting 7pm - Music Room
- 26-28 - Athletics to Golf Provincials in Lloydminster
- 29-10 - Shikaoi Visit to Stony Plain
- 29 - Orange Shirt Day (Sep 30)
- 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Saturday)

October

- 02 - First Newsletter Out
- 02 - Green & Gold Executive Meeting 6:30
- 02 - Art, Comm Tech Field Trip to UofA
- 03 - Shikaoi Student Visitation Day at MCHS
- 03 - PSD Shikaoi Luncheon
- 04 - Rotary Hope Mission Pizza Sale at lunch
- 04 - Wellness Field Trip to Change Health Centre
- 05 - World Teachers' Day
- 06 - PD Day – No School
- 09 - Thanksgiving Day – No School
- 10 - Grad Parent Info Night - 6:00 pm
- 11 - Jersey Day (Oilers first game of the season)
- 11 - IEP's sent home for review & signature for teachers
- 13 - Environmental Club Thrift store in Common Area
- 12-13 - Outdoor Ed Field Trip to Camp Warwa
- 15-17 Lead Team Summit (Admin Away)
- 17 - School Picture Retakes
- 18 - Pronouns Day
- 20 - WEM Apprenticeship Fair 10am-9pm
- 20 - Anime Club Movie Night 3:45
- 20 & 21 - ATCO Women in Trades
- 23 - School Council - 7pm
- 27 - Route Change Deadline
- 27-28 - MCHS SR volleyball tournament
- 31 - Halloween

c. School Trustee - Paul McCann

- a. Thank-you to parents that are present for representing the students and their families. Mr. McCann's roll is to provide a voice for the School Board and to bring information from the Board Highlights.
- b. Bussing is an issue. Nine routes have no drivers and is covered by some drivers having 2 routes.
- c. The Division is working on the new high school for Spruce Grove. They have received design funding.
- d. The First Nation Advisor Meeting is to happen this week. They will work with Elders in preparing teachings.
- e. There is funding available for School Council members to attend the School Council Provincial Meetings.
- f. Mr McCann had the opportunity to travel to Fort Chipewyan to learn and share knowledge with the new school in PSD.

9. Table Go Round

- a. Who can sign up for Torch Time? - Sign up can be done by the student, teacher or parent.
- b. Guardian Minds Survey Update - The survey will continue for PSD staff.

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22.



School Council Chair



Principal

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

- October 23, 2023
 - Ms. Klomp - CAREERS Next Generation & Off Campus Education
- November 27, 2023
 - Mrs. Nuijens - Post-Secondary Planning & Scholarships
- January 22, 2024
 - Constable Hinman - Social Media (tentative)
- February 26, 2024
- March 18, 2024
- April 22, 2024
- May 27, 2024