



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2023
Meeting at MCHS**

Attending: Ms. Carolyn Jensen (Principal), Mr. Paul McCann (Board Trustee), Ms. Debbie Miller (Recording Secretary), Mrs. Sharla Nuijens (Teacher representative and Presenter), Laurie Haak, Darrell Dickinson, Nicole Getzinger, Jen Richens, Sarah Corker, Sharida Csillag, Amanda Kulak, Deena Helm, Natasha Suchoplas, Danyell Ochocki, Tara Macaulay, Melissa Sheridan, Alanna Siebert

Online Attendance: KTel Family, Amanda Wangler, Steff Walker, Angus U, Maria Androschuk, Trisha Wolfater, Cheryl Weise

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Laurie Haak.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by Laurie Haak.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The Sept 25/23 minutes were approved by Sara Corker.
- b. The Oct 23/23 minutes were approved by Laurie Haak.

4. Correspondence - None

5. Old Business - None

6. Presentation - Post-Secondary Scholarships & Awards by Sharla Nuijens

- a. Every student is advised to set up a MyPass account that uses a personal email address, not from PSD. Parents can also create an account.
- b. ALIS Website is available to search post-secondary and career opportunities after high school. alis.alberta.ca
- c. It's beneficial to think beyond the big three universities as it might be easier to get accepted at other institutions.
- d. Applications open on October 1 each year for many programs.
- e. Some programs require a CASPER test so be aware of the deadline for the test.
- f. There is a Scholarship Section on the MCHS website under Students. This lists MCHS Scholarships as well as externally sponsored scholarships.
- g. There are a few scholarships for Grade 10 and 11 students like the Rutherford Scholarship. The best thing that Grade 10 and 11 students can do is to start building their resume by doing volunteer work.
- h. Start looking for scholarships early as there are a lot to search through. Prepare the content of your application essays but customize it for each application.

7. New Business

- a. **School Council Donation** - A donation of \$500 was made to MCHS and the School Council needs to decide where to allocate these funds. Carolyn and Debbie will review our smaller clubs to assess the need for funds.
- b. **Future Agenda Items** - We will look at adding Drug and Alcohol Awareness to the agenda for February or March.

8. Reports

a. Staff – Mrs. Nuijens

- a. MCHS QSA hosted a Community Youth Evening where young people from the Parkland area could come and meet others, play games, eat, and start to brainstorm other activities such as Pride.
- b. MCHS will be hosting the Indigenous Holiday Market, Saturday, December 2nd, 10 am - 3pm in the large gym
- c. Transitions 10 submitted entries for the Legion's Poster and Literary Contest on the theme of 'Remembrance'.
- d. More Than a Book Club is doing an online book fair until December 3 through sparkbookfairs.ca. We earn 20% cash back on all purchases made during the fair, and there is something for everyone!
- e. The music program is selling Wilhawk products until December 3. Anyone interested can contact a choir student, or email melissa.bezushko@psd.ca for info.
- f. The MCHS Choir has their winter concert coming up on December 7 with two performances at 6:00 and 7:30. The concert is focused on the theme of peace. The concert features the choir but also a few instrumentalists from the General Music class, including some students who have been working on violin and cello this semester. Saxophone, percussion, and acoustic guitar will also be featured. Cookies and hot drinks are included in your ticket price too!
- g. Check out the Memorial Foods Instagram for all of the amazing lab products that Foods students at each level are creating. Foods 30 students made amazing Danishes which very few if any high-end bakeries could come close to.
- h. Anime Club had their first Anime Movie Night back in October and has had a second Anime Movie Night on November 24, 2023 from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The next Anime Movie Night is planned for December 15, 2023.
- i. Currently, the Japan Trip Spring Break 2024 has 37 students and 6 chaperones going. 16 students from Spruce Grove Comp and 21 students from Memorial will be traveling around Tokyo, Hakone, Kyoto, Nara and Osaka in 9 days!
- j. Rotary Interact students placed Christmas Hamper Collection boxes in block one classrooms starting on Friday, November 24. The Rotary Interact Club traditionally supports the Kinsmen Christmas Hamper Collection for families in the Stony Plain and Parkland County West area. This year there are over 2000 residents in need of help this holiday

season. We are asking the staff and students of MCHS to help support this community initiative by donating gifts and gift cards for children 17 and under. Our school will also collect non-perishable food items as well, that the Kinsmen volunteers will deliver to the Parkland Food Bank. There will be a collection jar located in the main office for monetary donations. All donations will need to be collected by 9 AM on Monday, Dec. 11.

b. Principal Report – Ms. Jensen

- a. **Parent engagement night** - Established so parents can share their thoughts with the Division.
- b. **Parent Teacher Interview Format** - We tested a hybrid model this year that worked well. The core classes were set up in the common area and the other subjects took place in the classroom or shops. One night was for in person meetings and the other night was made available for teachers to contact specific parents.
- c. **Students in the Halls During Class** - The rules will be reinforced after Fall Break. Students are required to sign out of the classroom to use the washroom and must leave the cell phone in the class. During Torch Time, the front doors will be locked from 2:30 until 3:45. Students who sign up for Off Campus need to stay off campus.
- d. **Diploma Exam Results** - The results from the June 2023 diplomas were reviewed and are similar to previous years.
- e. **Next Month's Key Dates**

November

- 28 - Astronomy Observation Evening 6-9pm
- 28 - MCHS Sr. Women's Basketball vs. Oscar 5:30-7:30pm
- 29 - MCHS Sr. Women's Basketball vs. Queen Elizabeth 5:30-7:30pm
- 30 - Metro Athletics Divisional Swim Meet - Kinsmen Aquatic Center
- 30 - LAWS (Currie) Field Trip to Servus Pool, St. Albert
- 30 - MCHS Sr. Men's Basketball vs. St. Albert 5:30-7:30pm

December

- 01 - Metro Athletics Championship Swim Meet - Kinsmen Aquatic Center
- 02 - Indigenous Craft Market
- 02 - Robotics/Computer Science VEX Competition, Sherwood Park
- 04 - G&G Exec Mtg 6:30
- 05 - Choir Dollar Sale - Junk Food in Common Area 11:05 - 12:05
- 07 - Choir Winter Peace Christmas Performance - 6:00 & 7:30
- 07 - Transitions Field Trip to Horizon Stage
- 07 - MCHS Jr. Girl's Basketball Game vs M.E. Lazerte 5:30 - 8:00
- 08 - Grad fees are due
- 11 - MCHS Sr. Women's Bball Game vs Parkland Immanuel 5:00 - 9:00
- 11 - MCHS Sr. Men's Basketball Game vs Parkland Immanuel 5:00 - 9:00
- 13 - Indigenous Education & Transitions field trip to Royal Alberta Museum
- 14 - Music Field Trip - Something Rotten 1:30-3:30
- 14 - MCHS Jr. Girl's Bball Game vs Mother Margaret Mary 5:30 - 8:00
- 15 - BBall Tourney (J. Coghill) 8:30 - 11:00
- 15 - Music DQ Fundraiser - Common area 11:05 - 12:05
- 15 - RCMP Kahoot regarding sextortion (online picture sharing) -
Common Area at lunch
- 15 - ANIME Movie Night 3:45-9:00 pm

18 - MCHS Sr. Women's Bball Game vs St. Oscar Romero 5:00 - 9:00
18 - MCHS Sr. Men's Basketball Game vs St. Oscar Romero 5:00 - 9:00
19 - MCHS Jr. Girl's Basketball Game vs Holy Trinity 5:00 - 9:00
19 - MCHS Jr. Boy's Basketball Game vs. Ardrossan 5:00 - 9:00
19 & 20 - Something Rotten.. A Brand New Musical 7pm
20 - MCHS Sr. Men's Basketball Game vs. W.P. Wagner 5:00 - 9:00
20 - MCHS Sr. Women's Basketball Game vs. M.E. LaZerte 5:00 - 9:00
22 - PD Day - No School
25-05 - Winter Break
January
08 - Return from Winter Break

c. School Trustee - Paul McCann

- a. Congratulations to MCHS on the wonderful Awards Night Ceremony.
- b. The Grand Opening of Westview School occurred on Nov 27/23.
- c. There are three unions within Parkland School Division. They are working on contract agreements.
- d. A survey went out to get input on next year's calendar. Fall Break being one week is a firm item.
- e. The Education Report is being presented to the board tomorrow. The Report describes how the Division spends their funds and it is available to the public.
- f. The Community Partnership Report comes out tomorrow. It describes all the businesses that are involved with the School Division.

d. Chair's Report - Laurie Haak

- a. Attended PSD's Parent Engagement event at Westview School.
- b. PSD's Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting on Dec. 5.
- c. Coordinating a Council professional development opportunity through the Alberta School Councils' Association.

9. Table Go Round - No items

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01.

School Council Chair

Principal

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

- January 22, 2024
 - Constable Hinman - Social Media
- February 26, 2024
- March 18, 2024
 - Lisa Kimmerly - Drug and Addiction Awareness
- April 22, 2024
- May 27, 2024