



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024
Meeting at MCHS**

Attending: Ms. Carolyn Jensen (Principal), Ms. Jill Osborne (Board Trustee), Ms. Debbie Miller (Recording Secretary), Ms. Meghan Cox (Teacher Representative), Constable Hinman (Presenter), Laurie Haak (Chairperson), Amanda Wangler, Sarah Wolsey, Zayden Williams, Sarah Corker, Sharida Csillag, Alanna Siebert, Melissa Sheridan, Bernice Bird
Online Attendance: Paige Reiten

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 Amanda Wangler.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The Nov 27/23 minutes were approved by Laurie Haak.

4. Correspondence - None

5. Old Business

- a. School Council Donation - It was recommended that \$300 go to the Robotics Club and \$100 to the two students on the ski trip that need financial support.

6. Presentation - Youth and Social Media by Constable Hinman

- a. There are pros and cons to social media.
- b. Common acronyms were reviewed and the meaning behind some emojis.
- c. Inappropriate photos can lead to extortion. Scammers thrive on embarrassing people.
- d. It's important for parents to talk to their children about online bullying. After the age of 12, it's defined as harassment.
- e. Criminals thrive with Snapchat because images are deleted within 24 hours.
- f. Youth should be told that if you haven't met the person in real life, you should not add them to your social media.
- g. Parents should show their kids how to turn on the privacy settings for their social media accounts.
- h. Parents should talk to their kids and ask questions. Rules should be made together with your children and expectations should be enforced.

7. New Business

- a. **COSC Report** - The next meeting is on February 6, 2024.
- b. **ASCA Training** - The workshops are scheduled in the evening on specific dates. Debbie will forward Laurie the emails of the school council members. Laurie will email the workshop dates to the members to see if the majority can attend.
- c. **Future Agenda Items** - None at this time.

8. Reports

a. Staff – Ms. Cox

- a. Mr Bernier used BreakOut Box Review with his Science 10s this past week. They had to solve questions pertaining to science to unlock codes. The questions spanned the whole course. It was a way to have a more active student-based review for finals. It was pretty successful. Not all kids made it to the end, but it showed them areas of the course they need to study for their final.
- b. Outdoor Ed students went to Vertically Inclined this month and got to put their knot tying skills to use bouldering and top roping at the climbing gym.
- c. General Music hosted a wonderful Showcase last week with 15 musical acts and a great audience of friends and family. We heard everything from an amazing Metallica guitar solo, to a string quartet playing Beethoven. It was entirely student-led, right down to making the tickets, and hosting. The students did a tremendous job!
- d. Student Services - It's a busy time getting ready for semester 2 with timetable changes, new students, and exams. Mrs Nuijens and Ms Jewell are booking visits with feeder schools to talk to grade 9s after the Open House on Feb 13.

b. Principal Report – Ms. Jensen

- a. **Indigenous Market** - The first one was held on December 2. The event was a success.
- b. **December PD Holding Space for Safe and Brave Dialogue** - Teachers were provided with strategies to help students who have conflicting ideas or identities.
- c. **Diploma Results Analysis** - The results for each question are compared to provincial results. MCHS takes the top 5 questions and examines what we are doing right and the bottom 5 questions and examines what we can improve on.
- d. **School Development Plan Report** - Teachers are very invested in the Belonging Work we are doing. Student feedback for assessing Belonging at Memorial shows a decline in the relationship between students. Collaborative Response is in its third year of development. It focuses on teamwork to help students be successful by providing and sharing strategies. The tier 3 strategies implemented by the school last year were the Grade 10 Transitions Program, the Indigenous Based Programing, and the Food Program, all of which have proven successful.
- e. **Key Dates**
January
 - 08 - Return from Winter Break
 - 08 - G & G Executive Meeting - 6:30 pm
 - 09 - MCHS Jr. Boys Basketball Game vs. Queen Elizabeth 5:30 - 8:00
 - 10 - MCHS Sr. Men's Basketball Game vs. Millwoods Christian 5:00 - 9:00 CANCELED
 - 10 - MCHS Sr. Women's Basketball Game vs. Holy Trinity 5:00 - 9:00

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- 11 - MCHS Jr. Boys Basketball Game vs Austin O'Brien 5:30 - 8:00
- CANCELED
- 12 - 13 MCHS Jr. Basketball Tournament CANCELED
- 15 - MCHS Sr. Women's Basketball Game vs Mother Margaret Mary 5:00 - 9:00
- 15 - MCHS Sr. Men's Basketball Game vs. Eastglen 5:00 - 9:00
- 16 - MCHS Jr. Boys Basketball Game vs. St. Albert 5:30 - 8:00
- 18 - MCHS Jr. Boys Basketball Game vs. J. Percy Page 5:00 - 9:00
- 18 - MCHS Jr. Girls Basketball Game vs. M. E. LaZerte 5:00 - 9:00
- 18 - LAWS field trip to Ed's Bowling, WEM
- 17 - Personal Fitness field trip to Fitset Ninja
- 19 - Desk Move for Exams
- 19 - Last Day of Classes
- 22-30 School Exams
- 22 - School Council - 7:00pm
- 22-26 - Grad Photos (music & drama rooms)
- 23 - Wihnemne School Visit #1
- 25 - LAWS Last Day of Classes - Semester One
- 31 - High School Turnaround Day - No classes

February

- 01- Semester 2 First Day of Classes
- 05 - Timetable Change Deadline
- 05 - First Time Parent Meeting - 6:00 - 8:00 Large Gym
- 05 - G&G Executive Meeting - 6:30
- 06 - MCHS Jr. Girls Basketball Game - vs J. Percy Page 5:30 - 8:00
- 08 - 09 - Teachers' Convention
- 12 - Marauder Music Parents Association Meeting 4:00pm
- 12 - 2024-2025 Online Registration Opens
- 13 - MCHS Open House 5:30-8:00pm
- 14-28 Feeder School Visits
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 14-15 Jostens Grad Order Days 10:30 - 12:30 in the Common Area
- 15 - MCHS Basketball Alumni Games 4-10pm
- 16 - PD Day - No Classes
- 16 - MCHS Sr. Basketball Tournament
- 19 - Family Day - No School
- 20 - MCHS Jr. Boys Basketball Game vs Oscar Romero 5:30 - 8:30
- 21 - MCHS Sr. Men's Basketball Game vs. St. Joseph 5:00 - 9:00
- 21 - MCHS Sr. Women's Basketball Game vs. Edmonton Christian 5 - 9
- 26 - School Council - 7:00
- 28 - Pink Shirt Day

c. School Trustee - Jill Osborne

- a. The MCHS results related to student relations at MCHS are reflected across the Division.
- b. Athletic Academy students came to talk to the Board in December.
- c. A new Transportation Safety Board was created.

9. Table Go Round

- a. A request was made so that the Torch Time topics could be shared with parents. They will be added to the newsletter.

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.



School Council Chair



Principal

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

- February 26, 2024
- March 18, 2024
 - Lisa Kimmerly - Drug and Addiction Awareness
- April 22, 2024
- May 27, 2024