



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

Attending: Ms. Carolyn Jensen (Principal), Mrs. Wagner (Board Trustee), Ms. Debbie Miller (Recording Secretary), Ms. Meghan Cox (Teacher Representative), Laurie Haak (Chairperson), Sarah Corker, Sarah Wolsey

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 Sarah Corker.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The March 18/24 minutes were approved by Laurie Haak.

4. Correspondence - None

5. Old Business

- a. ASCA Resolution & Conference - April 26 & 27 - Unfortunately, no one is able to attend the conference to represent MCHS. Due to the low number of School Council participants, no vote will be submitted.
- b. Staff Appreciation May 8 - No responses were received from the email that went out to School Council participants. Carolyn will provide a list of Grade 12 parents for the School Council participants to contact and ask if they would like to provide a snack the the Staff Appreciation Day. A notice will also be posted on social media.
- c. PSD Education Planning Day April 11 (Sarah Corker) - Participants were provided a list of issues and then tables of various stakeholders being represented discussed possible solutions. The ultimate goal was that students have belonging and meaning in their day. The school is seen as the hub of the community. Student mentoring was seen as a way to pass the torch.

6. New Business

- a. **New Principal for 2024-2025** - The new principal will be Corey Haley. His current position is the principal of Greystone. He comes with vast knowledge in the field of education and currently hosts a podcast related to education.
- b. **2024-2025 Course Fees** - The budget for the 24-25 school year will be similar to this year. The predicted number of students is similar so staffing will be the same. Two of the unions are in negotiations with Parkland School Division. Two computer labs at MCHS require evergreening. The proposed Course Material Fees were reviewed.
- c. **2024-2025 Education Plan**
 - a. Collaborative Response is well underway. This year we've included all students not just at risk students.

- b. The second area was Belonging at Memorial. We tried to see what that means to the various group within Memorial and get their unique perspectives.
- c. Future work will be with pedagogy and community belonging.
- d. **Future Agenda Items**
 - a. May - Invite the incoming Grade 9 parents. Suggestions were brought forward to have the meetings in the board room, make the invitation to the Grade Nine parents colorful, and give the option of a Gmeet.

7. Reports

a. Staff – Ms. Cox

- a. Course Selections are pretty much done - few stragglers. Tried something new with opening it up to do online at home.
- b. Mental Health Awareness week is May 6-10 - often activities in area for family and youth.
 - 1. Hats On For Mental Health - Wednesday May 8 - wear a hat to show your support and help reduce stigma!
- c. Robotics made it to semi finals on the weekend at their championship robotics tournament.
- d. Challenger Baseball- Challenger Baseball is a program that provides an opportunity for children with cognitive or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participation in baseball at a level structured to their abilities. They have able-bodied "Buddies" to assist in involvement.
- e. Cosmetology 30s are busy with clients and looking for more. We do hair colors, hair treatments, facials, and manicures.
- f. The Japan Trip was a huge success. They toured many locations in Tokyo, Hakone, Kamakura, Kyoto, Nara and Osaka! The collaboration with Spruce Grove Composite High School went very well. The students got along really well and the chaperones were all on top of the situation!
- g. Memfest 2024 is coming on May 4, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The entry fee is \$5.00 and all Parkland School Division Schools as well as some Evergreen Catholic schools have been invited. It is not meant to be open to the public but all students and parent/guardians and staff are invited to come check it out! Everything is run by current or former students and staff. The vendors are all current or former students. It is fully a Memorial event!
- h. Our last Anime Movie Night will be on June 7, 2024. \$10. 00 for pizza and pop can be paid to the finance office by Thursday, June 6.
- i. The German Program trip last month went very well. The students had lots of fun visiting cities like Munich, Innsbruck, Lucerne, Cologne, and Heidelberg. They enjoyed a river cruise, gondola rides, mountain hikes, and city walks. They ate lots of traditional food, spoke some German, and hopefully made some new friends.
- j. German 20 and 30 students will be going for a cultural field trip to Old Strathcona next month to visit some former and current German landmarks, learn some local German history, and eat some German food.

- k. The Interact students are hosting the annual pancake breakfast this Thursday 7:30AM - 9 AM. \$5 will get a plate of pancakes with all of the toppings and a juice box.
- l. The Interact students are planning a yard clean up during Torch Time Tuesday during Torch Time.
- m. The MCHS Choir competed at the local St. Albert music festival on April 10, winning two Golds for their repertoire! The students sang a 500 year old Italian madrigal, and two contemporary selections, one on the topic of climate change and another about social justice.
 - 1. From that local festival, they were recommended to compete at the Provincial level, against the other highest ranked choirs in the province!
 - 2. Provincials will take place on May 31, just before our year end concert on June 3. The MCHS community should be very proud of these young musicians! They are beautiful musicians and excellent ambassadors for our school!

b. Principal Report – Ms. Jensen

- a. **Belonging Assembly April 9/24** - There was a good response from teachers and most students. However, there was a small number of parents that provided some negative feedback.
- b. **Dual Credits** for Summer School - There are currently 3 courses being offered through Connections for Learning summer school. The courses provide credit for high school as well as for various colleges/universities. The summer school courses are only \$50.
- c. **Cell Phone Survey** - Please provide your input on the survey that is on the Parkland School Division website.
- d. **Community Clean Up** - The Westerra residents had a community clean up where they invited MCHS to participate in. It was attended by 2 staff and 3 students who helped our neighboring community.
- e. **Key Dates**
 - April
 - 22 - School Council - 7:00 pm
 - 23 & 24 - MCHS to host PSD Visual Arts Celebration (Gee)
 - 24 - Administrative Professionals Day
 - 25 - Rotary Pancake Breakfast 7:30-9am
 - 26- LAWS Field Trip to WEM - Bowling
 - 26 - Valedictorian - Deadline April 26, 2024
 - May
 - 01 - Initial Grad List Posted
 - 01- 04 Business Class Field Trip to Saskatoon University
 - 03 Outdoor Education class field trip to Chickakoo Recreation Area
 - 03 - MMIWG2S Red Dress Day (May 5)
 - 04 - Memfest - Anime Convention 11am-4pm
 - 06 - School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
 - 06 - G&G Executive Meeting - 6:30
 - 06-09- Parkland County Athletics Badminton Championships at MCHS
 - 06-10 - Mental Health Awareness Week

07 - Acheson Business and Trades Career Tour - High Schools
 08 - Hats On For Mental Health
 08 - School Council Staff Appreciation - lunch time in staff room
 12 - Mother's Day
 10 - Grad Speech Meeting/Applications (noon in the conference room)
 13- Outdoor Education Class Field Trip to Laurier Park
 14- Social Class Field Trip to Edmonton Public Library Holocaust Symposium
 14 - Grad Ceremony Auditions - music room during the lunch hour
 16 - German Class Field trip to Whyte Ave
 17 - PD Day - No Classes
 20 - Victoria Day
 22 - Metis Sash & Eagle Feather Teachings - 3:30-7:30 Library
 23 - Outdoor Education Class Field Trip to Hermitage Park
 25 - QSA Sidewalk Painting (rainout date May 24/25)
 27 - LAST School Council - 7:00 - Feeder School Parents Invited
 27-29 -PE/Outdoor Ed Camping Trip to Kootenay Plains
 30-31- Business Class Field Trip to University Of Calgary Innovators at Inventures Conference
 31 - Final Grad List Posted

c. School Trustee - Mrs. Wagner

- a. The Board welcomed a delegation that included Dean Bernard (Division Principal of Indigenous and Northern Relations) and Leanne Traverse (Indigenous Education Facilitator). Dean and Leanne presented the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada, a large floor map that offers a distinct viewpoint of Indigenous culture and language. The atlas floor map is a resource that is available to all Parkland School Division learning sites.
- b. Trustees received information from the Quarterly Financial Report. As of February 29, 2024:
 - Revenues year-to-date were \$79.5 million.
 - Expenditures year-to-date were \$75.6 million.
 - The result was a surplus of \$3.8 million.
 A surplus of \$2.1 million is currently forecast for the year ending August 31, 2024. Approximately \$1.5 million will be transferred to capital reserves for required projects. The Division is projecting an operating reserve (before School Generated Funds) of \$4.9 million for August 31, 2024.
- c. The Board approved the 2024-2025 Budget Assumptions. The assumptions are key components which the budget is built around, including revenues, allocation to schools, enrolment and key expenditures such as staffing.
- d. Advocacy:

As per PSD's Board Policy 1: the Board shall establish and maintain governance and organizational structures that promote student well-being and success which includes an annual plan for advocacy. Recent Board activity related to advocacy includes: continuing to work on an advocacy plan for construction funding for the replacement of Spruce Grove Composite High School (SGCHS). In the meantime, Trustees directed Administration to explore options for stakeholder engagement opportunities and Chair Stewart, Superintendent Boyce and Associate Superintendent McFadyen met with the Mayor of Spruce Grove and the City Manager to

discuss the City's advocacy plan, which is in development. A replacement school for SGCHS remains the top priority in PSD's Capital Plan.

- e. Trustees received the following as information: French Immersion Report
- f. Superintendent Boyce reported that Copperhaven School will receive two additional modular classrooms, as Alberta Infrastructure approved the relocation of these resources from the now-closed Stony Plain Central School site.

8. Table Go Round

- a. It was suggested that we discuss the ASCA Conference during the October meeting so people can have the date in their calendars.

9. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

School Council Chair

Principal

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

- May 27, 2024