



**Memorial Composite High School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2024  
Meeting at MCHS**

**Attending:** Mr. Corey Haley (Principal), Lorraine Stewart (Board Trustee), Aileen Wagner (Board Trustee), Ms. Debbie Miller (Recording Secretary), , Laurie Haak (Chairperson), Sarah Corker, Sarah Nipshank, Jennifer Geddes, Kimberly Shim, Korina Parent

**Regrets:** Ms. Meghan Cox (Teacher Representative)

**1. Call to Order -**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- a. First motion by Sarah Corker. Second by Korina Parent. Agenda approved.

**3. 2024-2025 Election of New Executive**

- a. Chairperson - Laurie Haak
- b. Vice-Chairperson - Sarah Corker
- c. Executive - Jennifer Geddes

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The notes from May 27/24 meeting were declared accepted by Laurie Haak. There wasn't enough members at the meeting to take official notes.

**5. Correspondence - None**

**6. Old Business**

- a. MCHS School Council Report for 2023-2024 - The report was prepared by Carolyn Jensen.

**7. New Business**

- a. The ASCA courses will be reviewed by Laurie Haak and information will be brought to the next meeting.

**8. Reports**

- a. **Staff** - Corey Haley in the absence of Ms. Cox
  - i. There is a Pizza Sale on October 2 to fundraise for Hope Mission.
  - ii. Food Truck Friday will be on September 27.
- b. **Principal** - Corey Haley
  - i. Enrollment is up 49 students this year for a total of 1391. The capacity of MCHS is 1459 students.
  - ii. Eight new classes were added for semester one.
  - iii. We have an international student here from Shikaoi on a three month long stay program.
  - iv. On October 8, there will be 50 grade 11 students visiting from Shikaoi.

- v. **School Development Plan** - Students were surveyed about how they feel related to Belonging at Memorial. Students feeling accepted by teachers and staff rated very high. The rating for how students feel accepted by other students was not as good. The next step for Belonging at Memorial is more social and emotional learning for students. Collaborative Response is continuing with identifying students who need extra support with the goal to help improve student abilities.
- vi. **Upcoming Events** - On Sept 27, we will recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day with an assembly in the gym.
- vii. **New Parent Communication** - We will be changing the monthly newsletter to a weekly newsletter to provide more timely information.
- c. **School Trustee** - Lorraine Stewart and Aileen Wagner
  - i. We have 170 transportation routes that have permanent drivers for about 7300 riders.
  - ii. Constable Gord Marshall has returned as the RCMP School Resource Officer.
  - iii. More than 37 000 unique student experiences occurred as off-site activities across more than 800 field trips.
  - iv. The following Administrative Procedures were approved in August: Seclusion and Physical Restraints, Treaty Acknowledgement Protocol, Artificial Intelligence, and Personal Mobile Devices.
  - v. The Board is continuing to advocate for the replacement school for Spruce Grove Composite High School.
  - vi. Trustee election will be in October 2025.
  - vii. Items from the Facilities Report that pertain to MCHS - replaced a sprinkler section; resurfaced a roof section; LED lighting retrofit in the gyms; repairs to the parking lot.

#### 9. Table Go Round

- a. A question was raised about how the new Cell Phone Policy is being received. There are a few challenges but generally it is being accepted by students.

#### 10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.



School Council Chair



Principal

#### Next Meeting Date – Monday at 7:00 – MCHS Board Room

- October 28, 2024



## MCHS School Council Report - 2023-24

### Participants

- MCHS School Council Chair - Ms. Laurie Haak
- Other Regular Monthly Participants
  - Principal - Ms. Carolyn Jensen
  - Teacher - Ms. Meghan Cox
  - Trustee - Mr. Paul McCann
  - Recording Secretary - Ms. Debbie Miller
- Typically between six and ten people in total attended the meetings.

### Ongoing Activities

- Meetings were held monthly on the last Monday of each month with the exception of December and June when there is no meeting
- At each meeting the following reports were provided:
  - School Council Chair Report
    - Items from the PSD COSC and ASCA were shared.
  - Teacher Report
    - Items from the staff were shared which typically included school and student events.
  - Principal Report
    - An update on school operations for the previous month was provided along with upcoming key dates for the next month.
  - Trustee Report
    - Highlights from recent Board meetings and other PSD events were shared.
- Each meeting closes with a Table Go Round where participants ask questions or offer comments related to their current perspective on MCHS and/or PSD.

### 2023-2024 Key Topics

- Expected School Council annual topics were presented including:
  - Enrollment Review
  - School Fees Review
  - School Budget Review for 23-24 & Outlook for 24-25
  - School Fees Review for 22-23 & Proposal for 23-24
  - School Development Plan for 23-24
  - Diploma Exam Results Review
  - PSD Stakeholder Engagement - December
  - PSD Educational Planning - April

- Other significant topics that were addressed during School Council meetings include:
  - Parking Lot - A move to assigned parking was implemented in an effort to address the garbage issue in the neighborhood and have better registration information to deal with accidents.
  - Threat Assessment Procedures - Were reviewed following an anonymous non-specific threat was discovered within the school. Parents had been notified via email of the discovery.
  - Belonging Assembly Hosted by the QSA - Married couple Dr. James Makokis and Anthony Johnson were guest speakers; they competed in and won The Amazing Race Canada in 2019. The assembly was paid for by a grant from itgetsbetter.org that the MCHS QSA students won. There was some negative feedback regarding the topic of the assembly.
  - Artificial Intelligence - With the arrival of ChatGPT teachers are grappling with implications for the classroom. PSD has a committee that will be providing some leadership on this topic.
  - Retirement - Ms. Jensen will be leaving MCHS at the end of this school year. Mr. Haley will be coming to MCHS in her place.
  - Determining the Council's position on ASCA Resolutions at the March meeting for the AGM in April.

### **Presentations & Events**

- October - Ms. Klemp - Off Campus Education
- November - Mrs. Nuijens - Post-Secondary Planning, Scholarship Information & MyPass
- January - Cst. Hinman - Youth & Social Media
- March - Mrs. Lisa Kimmerly - AHS - Drug Addiction & Awareness
- Staff Appreciation Event on May 8