



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2024
Meeting at MCHS**

Attending: Mr. Corey Haley (Principal), Jill Osborne (Board Trustee), Ms. Debbie Miller (Recording Secretary), Laurie Haak (Chairperson), Sarah Corker, Michelle Gardiner, Jane Pytel
Attending online: Ms. Meghan Cox (Teacher Representative)

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. The agenda was approved by Laurie Haak.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. The September 23/24 minutes were approved by Sarah Corker.
4. **Correspondence - None**
5. **Old Business - None.**
6. **Presentation - Post-secondary & Scholarship Opportunities by Ms. Cox**
 - a. Students must be sure to sign up for MyPass before finishing Grade 12 using a personal email address, not the PSD email address as it will be deleted upon graduation.
 - b. Refer to the ALIS website for information on what to do after graduation. Think beyond the big 3. Attend Open Houses to get information.
 - c. Be aware of the minimum versus competitive averages.
 - d. Some programs have additional requirements such as a CASPER test, first aid certificate, interview, portfolio, or audition.
 - e. There is a list of Awards & Scholarships on the MCHS website. It has both internal and external scholarships listed.
 - f. Studentaid.alberta.ca is where you apply for the Rutherford Scholarships.
7. **New Business - None**
8. **Reports**
 - a. **Staff - Meghan Cox**
 - i. Apply Alberta Sessions were a success to get students started on their applications for post-secondary schools.
 - ii. Grade level Google classrooms - students can find general information about many things, including study tips, myPass, upcoming post-secondary info visits and more.
 - iii. Anime Club has kicked off with a fun and strong start with its weekly meetings on Thursdays at lunchtime. Anime Club had its first Anime

- Movie Night which was a big success on Oct. 18, 2024. The next Anime Movie Night is on November 22, 2024 from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm.
- iv. The Interact Club collected a few bags of gently used winter gear and have donated the items to the Family Connections Center in Stony Plain.
 - v. Mr. Berney from the Kinsmen club of Stony Plain will be coming in on November 6 at lunch time to speak to the Interact students about the Kinsmen Christmas Hampers. Our school collection campaign will start on November 25 and run until Friday, December 13. The Kinsmen will pick up the gifts and monetary donations in the morning on Monday, Dec. 16.
 - vi. Performing Arts update:
 1. Mamma Mia rehearsals are underway - 55 students performing on stage, over a dozen wanting to help with Tech
 2. Drama 30 performed their one act play "Poe! Poe! Poe!" for 3 audiences on the 29th including 100 students from Woodhaven. And will be performing for 2 more student audiences and a staff audience next week
 - vii. Foods 30 class Meal experiences were a big success - 6 different three course meals could be won through a silent auction
 - viii. Ski trip forms to Fernie on February 13-15 are now available in the main office.
 - ix. Volleyball wrapping up.
 - x. Basketball tryouts are coming up soon!
- b. **Principal - Corey Haley**
- i. PSD Modular Submission Request - We anticipate that we will be at capacity next year and we have submitted a request for 8 modular units.
 - ii. SGCHS Construction Funding - Funding has been approved for the new building.
 - iii. Shikaoi Visit and Future Planning - Currently the Town of Stony Plain and the Town of Shikaoi have a relationship which involves a visit from a group of students from the Shikaoi High School. A discussion was held on whether or not it would be beneficial to have a more formal relationship between the two high schools. Mr. Haley will pursue this possibility.
 - iv. Torch Time usage rates - Currently, only 18.1% of students are utilizing Torch Time. A discussion was held on how this could be improved. A parent survey will be conducted.
- c. **School Trustee - Jill Osborne**
- i. Background information was provided related to the PSD Modular Submission Request.
 - ii. More information was provided about the SGCHS Construction Funding.
 - iii. The number of suspensions in the Division has increased significantly especially in the Grades 4, 5 and 6.
 - iv. The total number of students enrolled in PSD has increased slightly and is currently around 12 000.

9. Table Go Round

- a. The possibility of inviting some students to attend the School Council meetings was discussed.

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

School Council Chair

Principal

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

- November 27, 2024
 - Cst. Gord Marshall - RCMP School Resource Officer
- January 22, 2025
- February 26, 2025
- March 18, 2025
- April 22, 2025
- May 27, 2025