



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2024
Meeting at MCHS**

Attending: Mr. Corey Haley (Principal), Paul McCann (Board Trustee), Ms. Meghan Cox (Teacher Representative), Ms. Debbie Miller (Recording Secretary), Taylah-Mae McKenzie (Student Representative), Hannah Wilks (Student Representative), Sarah Corker (Acting Chairperson), Korina Parent, Kimberley Shim, Jane Pytel, Const. Gord Marshall
Regrets: Laurie Haak

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. The agenda was approved by Jane Pytel.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. The approval of the October 28/24 minutes were carried over until the next meeting.

4. Correspondence - None

5. Old Business - None.

6. Presentation - School Resource Officer Program by Constable Marshall

- a. The main role of the program is to humanize policing and help students be comfortable talking to officers.
- b. 99% of the program is education and 1% is enforcement.
- c. The program helps to support Student Services and Administrators.
- d. The constable can be used for vehicle owner info searches as well as being a sounding board for legal questions.
- e. Upon discussion, it was suggested that the constable be a part of events involving parents so they also become comfortable with a police presence in the school (Meet the teacher night, Open House, Grade 9 Parent info night).

7. New Business - None

8. Reports

- a. **Staff - Meghan Cox**
 - i. Indigenous Holiday Market will be at MCHS on November 30, 10 - 3. This market is in partnership with Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Centre. There are 43 tables/vendors (as of Nov 19 - capped at 50) and there will be a Bannock Making competition! Please come support Indigenous artisans and businesses.

- ii. The next Anime Movie Night is December 13, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm starting in room 1065.
 - 1. If students want Pizza and Pop, it is \$10 to the Finance Office by Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024 by 3:30 pm.
 - 2. Lots of games, prizes and anime!
- iii. The MCHS Choir
 - 1. The Choir is preparing for a holiday concert on Dec. 12 for close family and friends. This cozy concert features the choir and several solo and small group performers, with hot chocolate and treats for their guests.
 - 2. The choir is also traveling to the Citadel on Dec. 18 to watch the musical version of The Christmas Carol.
 - 3. And they will be performing in a couple of seniors' homes throughout the month of December.
 - 4. Their end of term public concert is January 17. Tickets for that event will be on sale after the holiday break.
- iv. MCHS German and the Leadership Class are facilitating St. Nikolaus Day, a festive day in Germany celebrating the arrival of St. Nick in Europe. It is celebrated by many European countries. More info about the day and St. Nikolaus is in the Torch Slides from today.
- v. The Interact students have provided the block one classes with a wrapped Christmas Hamper Collection box.
 - 1. The Kinsmen Christmas Hamper collection is from November 25 - Dec. 13. The Interact students will sort the items collected and the Kinsmen will pick up on Monday, December 16th. We are collecting new toys, gift cards and money for the Kinsmen Hampers. If any non-perishable food items are donated, the Kinsmen will take them to the Parkland food bank.
 - 2. Other ways to donate at school: change jar in the office, bake sale Dec. 3 in the Common Area at lunch, BINGO card - Block One Class (most cards filled wins a prize), Class Challenge - donate at lunch time in the Common Area and receive a Paper Christmas Ornament, students put their name on it (if they want to) and it goes on the tree for display. Colors have been assigned for each grade level and staff.
 - 3. The Kinsmen Christmas Hamper collection is a community service project that will help over 710 families in the Stony Plain and West Parkland area this season. Support from our school families is greatly appreciated.
- vi. On Dec. 12, 2024, we have the Edmonton Japanese Community Association bringing out volunteers to put on a mini Explore Japan session for the Japanese students. We are going to have a calligraphy session, tea ceremony, and then kids get to try on kimonos. Erika will also be doing a mini food day with instant ramen as the food of choice. We are

very much looking forward to this event!

- vii. Exams are coming. There will be a torch lesson, google classroom tips, etc.

b. **Students** - Tayla-Mae McKenzie and Hannah Wilks

- i. There are several Leadership activities being planned - Duck Hunt, Theme Week, Bring your own cup for coco.
- ii. The Rotary Club is preparing for Candigrams before Christmas break.
- iii. Memorial Mania is a competition between the staff and Grade 12 students. There has been different sport competitions as well as a "Family Feud" competition.
- iv. Notes of Kindness - Generic notes of kindness were prepared by the Leadership students and given to teachers to pass along to students who looked like they needed something special.

c. **Principal** - Corey Haley

- i. Parent-Teacher Interviews - We held our first round of Parent-Teacher Interviews on Nov. 7. In addition to the evening that people can attend, our teachers also spend 3 additional hours contacting families of students who they feel need an update on progress. One possibility that we are considering is to hold the interview evening earlier in the week (Tuesday), so that teachers can focus their calls to those who do not attend.
- ii. Torch Time Survey - Surveys have been sent out to students, staff, and families seeking feedback on Torch Time. Some initial trends have been interesting. The survey is open until Dec. 2nd. Please encourage others to complete the survey. Parent/Guardian Torch Time Survey
- iii. Professional Development Day for Trauma-informed Practices - All of our staff had a powerful professional learning experience during the last PD Day on Friday, Nov. 8 with Deanna Ledoux. Deanna is a First Nations Therapist that specializes in Grief & Recovery, and Intergenerational Trauma. Her session was powerful and gave us a better appreciation of how we can support students who have experienced trauma in their lives.

d. **School Trustee** - Paul McCann

- i. Thank you to MCHS for hosting the Japanese student for 3 months. Paul and his wife will be travelling to Shikaoi around March for the long stay program.
- ii. The Division is back in negotiations with the 3 unions.

9. **Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

School Council Chair

Principal

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

- January 20, 2025 - Off-site and Apprenticeship Programs Presentation / 2023-2024 Results Report
- February 24, 2025
- March 24, 2025
- April 28, 2025
- May 26, 2025

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