



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025
Meeting at MCHS**

Attending: Corey Haley (Principal), Paul McCann (Board Trustee), Debbie Miller (Recording Secretary), Hannah Wilks (Student Representative), Laurie Haak (Chairperson), Sarah Corker (Vice Chairperson), Jen Geddes (Parent), Troy Stuckey (Presenter), Kathy Klemp (Presenter)
Regrets: Ms. Meghan Cox (Teacher Representative)

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Sarah Corker.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. October minutes - Motion to approve minutes was made by Laurie Haak.
- b. November minutes - Motion to approve minutes was made by Sarah Corker.

4. Correspondence - None

5. Old Business - None.

6. Presentation - Off-site Programs Presentation (Kathy Klemp and Troy Stuckey)

- a. **Career Internship 10** - Students will be assisted in finding places that will allow them to try different work positions. Students can try a few different types of jobs to earn 3 - 5 credits. This is typically a non-paid position.
- b. **Work Experience** - Most students already have a job when signing up for this program. They can earn up to 15 credits by working 25 hours for one credit.
- c. **Green Certificate Program** - This is an agricultural program where students work in an agricultural setting. There are 11 different types of specializations. Students work with a manual under the supervision of of a trainer. Testing is oral.
- d. **CAREERS** - This is a not-for-profit organization that acts as an intermediate between students and the trades. The main goal is to encourage students to join the trades. They are paid internships that are predominantly done during the summer. The six areas are trades, agriculture, information technology, energy, forestry, and health.
- e. **Registered Apprenticeship Program** - A maximum of 40 credits can be earned for a total of 1000 hours of work. Students get paid to work and also participate in learning. You must do research into which trade you would be interested in. It is recommended that students enroll in the grade 10 and 11 CTS courses first before entering this program.
- f. **Dual Credit Program** - This is an opportunity to do post-secondary courses during high school at no cost. Examples of courses happening this year are Sociology, anatomy, and physiology.

- g. **Building Futures** - Students work on an actual building site to build a home. Students get to experience the different types of trades necessary to build a house. They also work on their core subjects. The program for grade 10 students is a full time program where students can earn up to 60 credits. For grade 11 and 12 students, the program is half a day and the student can earn 10 credits.

7. New Business

- a. **Grade 10 Open House** - Feb 13, 5:30 - 8:00 - A table for School Council will be set up. Laurie Haak and Jen Geddes will work at the table. A QR code will be set up to get contact information. A discussion took place about how to better communicate to families about upcoming School Council meetings.
- b. A suggestion was made to start the School Council meetings with the Land Acknowledgement after the Call to Order.
- c. A suggestion was made to modify the agenda format to move the Next Meeting Dates to before the Adjournment.
- d. It was suggested that we discuss Staff Appreciation at the next meeting.

8. Reports

- a. **Staff** - Corey Haley on behalf of Meghan Cox
 - i. **Open House** - looking forward to meeting all the incoming students and parents
 - ii. **Registration and course selection** - PSD registration is required before students do course selection. For current 10s and 11s, we will be visiting classrooms after spring break and give planning sheets for students to take home and there will be a week in April where students will select courses through Power School at home. A video "how to" will be posted and sent out.
 - iii. **Bike-a-thon** - March 21 - Info will be on announcements. Students have to have permission from teachers and be in good standing.
 - iv. **Rotary Pancake Breakfast** - April 25
 - v. **Drama** - rehearsing for Mama Mia!
 - vi. **Anime Club** - Movie Night - Feb 28 and Mar 14
- b. **Student** - Hannah Wilks
 - i. This past month has been busy with exams.
 - ii. A lot is happening in Semester 2 - trips, bike-a-thon.
 - iii. Student Leadership group is hoping to plan a school dance for the month of April.
- c. **Principal** - Corey Haley
 - i. Torch Time survey - Families, students, and staff were surveyed. Results show that parents think their students are participating more than they actually are. Discussions are still happening about what improvements can be made to the system.
 - ii. 2023 -2024 Results Report - The report was created by Carolyn Jensen, the principal during that time. The report was reviewed.

- d. **School Trustee** - Paul McCann
- i. Eleven teachers in PSD have agreed to participate in a nationwide Artificial Intelligence study to see how it will impact learning and teaching in schools.
 - ii. The Financial Report shows that the budget is on track.
 - iii. New tools have been developed to assist teachers in assessing students with regards to literacy and numeracy in Kindergarten and Grade 1.
 - iv. The results from the Parent Engagement Survey from Grade 6 families has led to a couple of suggestions.
 - v. The Division is still in negotiations with the 3 unions.

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

- February 24, 2025
- March 24, 2025
- April 28, 2025
- May 26, 2025

10. Adjournment

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

School Council Chair

Principal