



**Memorial Composite High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2025 - 7:00
MCHS Conference Room**

Attending: Laurie Haak (Chairperson), Corey Haley (Principal), Tayla-Mae McKenzie (Student Representative), Sarah Corker (Vice Chairperson), Meghan Cox (Teacher Representative), Kimberly Shim (Parent), Korina Parent (Parent), Declan Kosowan (Student Representative), Brittany Tremblay (Parent), Debbie Miller (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Paul McCann (Trustee)

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

- a. Ms. Haak acknowledged Parkland School Division's presence in Treaty Territories #6 and #8.

3. Approval of Agenda

- a. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Korina Parent.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. The motion to approve the February minutes was made by Korina Parent.

5. Correspondence (Ms. Haak)

- a. None

6. Old Business (Ms. Haak)

- a. Alberta School Councils' Association - Korina Parent has offered to attend the Spring Symposium (April 26) and Annual General Meeting (April 27) on behalf of MCHS.
- b. Staff Appreciation - Wording for the Torch Newsletter was provided by Sarah Corker. It will be posted on social media. A list of dietary restrictions will be brought to the next meeting and Mr. Haley will confirm if the Foods class can help with preparations.

7. New Business (Ms. Haak)

- a. Anonymous Donation - It was agreed that the donation would go towards the staff appreciation.
- b. Torch Time - A parent brought forward their concern that reducing the number of Torch Times next year from four to one would negatively impact their students academically and mentally. Corey stated that since only approximately 20% of students utilize Torch Time that a change was necessary. The school is looking at other methods of support for the students who use Torch Time such as teachers providing time in class for doing assignments and providing help sessions during lunch hours.

8. Reports (Ms. Haak)

a. Staff – Ms. Cox

- a. Course selections - grade level teams are visiting classes this week (pink and blue planning sheets). Online will open up after spring break (April 8-17)- a video tutorial will be posted, as well as a link to the request form if needed.
- b. Taylor Tompkins won first place at the District level for Black & White Poster in the Senior category in the Legion's Remembrance Day contest. Andrew Benkovich was here March 10 to present Taylor with a certificate and a cheque. Taylor's poster will move on to compete at the next level.
- c. The most recent Anime Movie Night was on March 14. It was a fun night with lots of games and Anime! The next Anime Movie Night is going to be on April 25, 2025 from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm in room 1065.
- d. Our Anime Convention, Memfest, is happening on May 10 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. More information to come but we will have participants, performers, and vendors from current and past students. This is truly a Memorial project from start to finish with all vendors and participants being either present or past students. Posters and information pamphlets will be sent out to Parkland schools as this is an invite-only event. This is a fun and safe environment where everyone gets to experience a mini anime convention. Break out the cosplay, watch some performances, and play some games!
- e. German 20 & 30 will be having a field trip to Old Strathcona in May, where they will enjoy a traditional German dinner and some sightseeing of some German landmarks in the neighborhood.
- f. All German classes (10/20/30) will be painting Easter eggs in April, a cultural activity in many regions of Germany.
- g. MCHS E-Sports had our first Alberta-based online tournament this weekend (March 22-23), a big milestone for our new team.
- h. Robotics completed their first Season of our new robotics league - FIRST Tech Challenge. The team was almost entirely newcomers so it was a building year, but they competed in 4 tournaments and built a lot of skills.
- i. Choir:
 1. The choir sang at the Good Samaritan Care Centre on March 5. It was incredibly joyful, the residents loved it, and it was heartwarming to see the students interacting with the seniors!
 2. The choir sang three songs at PSD's Choral Celebration on March 17. It's a highlight of the choir year to perform and inspire the younger singers in our division. Our Vocal Ensemble represented MCHS beautifully, and we even received fan mail from total strangers who greatly appreciated our performance.
 3. The Vocal Ensemble also performed on March 21 at a sold-out community choir event at Horizon Stage, impressing everyone with their pop stylings.
 4. A group of MCHS singers sang the national anthem at The Battle of the Badges hockey game on March 22 in Spruce Grove. Again, I'm proud to report the students represented our school most respectfully and professionally at this event.
 5. The choir performs next in the St. Albert Rotary Music Festival on April 8, performing four competition pieces; French, Latin, an African-American spiritual piece, and a contemporary setting will all be showcased.

- 6. A small tour choir is off to another festival in Whistler, BC at the end of April, performing much of the same material.
- j. The French 20/30 class hosted a small winter carnival for fellow French learners and friends on March 6. We experienced some traditional foods, activities, and music of the francophone culture.
- k. The General Music class is beginning plans to host the school-wide talent show, April 14-17. There are so many talented students at MCHS, and the event is sure to be an amazing series of lunchtime shows!
- b. Students –Tayla-Mae McKenzie (Gr. 12) & Declan Kosowan (Gr. 12)
 - a. A dance is planned for April 11, 2025.
- c. Principal – Mr. Haley
 - a. 2025-2026 Fees - A table that provides fees for this year and last year was presented.
 - b. 2025-2026 Registration - Several students still need to register. Messaging will be sent to parents reminding them to register and how to confirm if the registration has been approved.
 - c. Shikaoi Sister School Agreement - The agreement is being planned for the 40th anniversary of municipal sisters. This will mean increased time at MCHS for the Shikaoi visitors as well as increased opportunities for the long-stay program in Shikaoi.

9. Questions, Comments, Concerns (Ms. Haak)

- a. None were shared.

10. Next Meeting Dates – Monday at 7:00 (Ms. Haak)

- April 14, 2025 – Voting on ASCA AGM [2025 Resolutions](#)
- May 26, 2025

11. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

School Council Chair

Principal