

Parent Council Meeting MCHS

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

MCHS Library 6:30 pm

In Attendance:

Leanne Boissonnault, Mel Christoffersen, Abigail Coughlan, Joan Hughes, Ian McLean, Barbara Meyer, Jennifer Muzichuk, Tracy Reaume, and Cary Wiwchar. School Trustee's: Noreen Radford & Rene Tremblay. Principal: Mr. Don Hinks and Vice Principal/Grade 9 Coordinator: Mr. Wade Michael.

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mel Christoffersen at 6:36 pm.
 - 1.1 Opening Prayer & Acknowledgment of Treaty Lands were made by the Principal, Mr. Don Hinks.
 - 1.2 No welcome or Introductions took place as everyone in attendance have participated in a MCHS Parent Council previously and are known to the group.
- 2.0 Adoption of the Agenda was made.
- 3.0 The review of Minutes from the Meeting dated October 17, 2017 were made. There were three points of discussion which included: an addition to 5.0 Enrollment to include 3 students moving away and not one, 6.1 to include the reasons for the fundraising, and removing 1.0 the title of Vice Chair to Dolly Bolen. The adoption of both the Agenda and the Review of the Minutes was motioned as being reviewed and corrected, made by Barb Meyer, and they were seconded by Tracy Reaume. The motion was passed.
- 4.0 Old Business Elections were discussed later in the meeting.
- 5.0 New Business/Principal's Report – Mr. Don Hinks presented the Administrator's Report.
 - 5.0 **Enrollment** – 523 total number of students.
 - 5.1 **School Council Overview** – There was a lengthy discussion about the due process for properly running a School council meeting, which is foremost an advisory role. A handout outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Council and its functions was made available to everyone at the meeting. Among the responsibilities nominations must be held openly and have a majority vote for that person to hold the position for the Council. The Chair, Mel Christoffersen also made an apology to everyone present, in that the meetings will be conducted as professionally and ethically as possible from now on. They are not meant to be a place for parents to vent, and will be a space for respect and the focus of students and their well being a goal for the Council. A Draft for the School Council Bylaws will be reviewed by Barb Meyer, and she will make suggestions

for possible revisions to the Draft for the MCHS Parent Council. These revisions will be prepared and made available by Barb Meyer for the next Meeting, January 16, 2018. The adoption of the Bylaws will be made at this upcoming Parent Council Meeting.

- 5.2 **Important Dates** – There was a list provided of all upcoming dates during the months of November and December 2017. Including the make-up breakfast November 22, 2017, and a reminder of Parent/Teacher Interview Night; November 23, 2017.
- 5.3 **Armory Visit** – The visit to the Armory in Edmonton was well attended and the students that participated had an educational visit.
- 5.4 **Volleyball Season** – The Senior Girls came in 2nd. The Senior Boys Volleyball Team will be going to Strathmore for a Tournament November 23 – 25, 2017.
- 5.5 **Circle K** – Fueling Our Schools program is designed for a specially marked pump on a designated fuel up night or day will earn a portion of the proceeds for the High School. The monies are used towards breakfast program or food and sometimes for School fees.
- 5.6 **Grade 9 Post-Secondary Night** – This is a new event for MCHS and will be an informative session to help students in their Grade 9 year to make choices towards their future goals in a possible career. The session also provides information about scholarships and a range of activities for success in College or University. There are 60 people signed up for the presentation taking place on November 29, 2017. All those interested are encouraged to attend and to bring their children with them.
- 5.7 **HOWLS Lunch** – There were approximately 140 students eligible for the Lunch and about 100 students showed up for the event. The lunch provided for these awesome students was spaghetti and was considered a huge success. It was also noted that a lot of effort is dedicated to this event to show the students how much the Teachers recognize their hard work.
- 5.8 **ELLA (Career Fair)** – A group of different Universities and Colleges were represented for students to get ideas about their future endeavors. All students were encouraged to attend this one-day event organized by Lori McCurdy.
- 5.9 **Awards Night** – This year's Awards Night showed the success of many students as 366 awards were given out and over \$19,000 in money was also awarded to these dedicated students. There was a total of 13 new sponsors that are now participating in helping the donations given to these inspiring students.
- 5.10 **Remembrance Service** – For the Remembrance Day Ceremony there was a lot of involvement by the students and this helps all of them to understand the importance of such a day. It was well received by Staff and Students alike.
- 5.11 **Presentation Request** – The Memories Funeral Home has requested to make a very special presentation on distracted driving. The presentation would be a PowerPoint and could also include pictures of crashes with a possible mock collision, or include bringing in an actual hearse. If this were to happen it would also be encouraged that Parents would be allowed to attend.
- 5.12 **Christmas Play** – In December there will be a play called, James and the Giant Peach that the Students are working hard to present. There are tickets that can purchased for this event and we will try to advertise on the Parent Facebook page to get as many people out for this worthy play as possible.

- 5.13 **Halloween** – This year a lot of students participated in showing up to School in costume to celebrate Halloween. It is nice to see that you are never too old to play dress up and have fun.
 - 5.14 **Formal Day** – It is nice to see the youth of our High School dressing up. The next formal day has been suggested to be the last day of classes before the Christmas break, December 22, 2017.
 - 5.15 **Nutrition Program** – All kinds of food donations and monies have been given to support this worthy cause of helping to have Tuesdays and Thursdays include along with CAP a choice of breakfast type foods. The positive response from families and the community in general is amazing.
 - 5.16 **Hallway Freeze/Birthdays** – The first of its kind and instead of giving treats there was a draw for two \$25.00 gift cards over the intercom. The staff were unsure of the response but surprisingly it was very positive, and most students enjoyed it.
 - 5.17 **Council Tasks** – As discussed earlier in the meeting the MCHS Parent Council will have a standard set of Bylaws to assist the Council follow guidelines for meetings and rules for members of the council to follow to facilitate an ethical and correct objective during our time together.
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- 6.0 **Trustee Report** – There was no Trustee report at this meeting. It was noted by the Principal Mr. Don Hinks that the School Trustee, Noreen Radford will be replacing Rene Tremblay in the future at meetings. Mr. Tremblay has been given the position of the new Vice Chair.
 - 7.0 **Next Meeting Agenda Items** – The meeting was motioned adjourned by Barb Meyer, and seconded by Cary Wiwchar. All were in favor and the motion was passed.
 - 8.0 **Next Meeting** - January 16th, 2018.