

## Parent Council Meeting MCHS

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

MCHS Library 6:30pm

### In Attendance:

Leanne Boissonnault, Dolly Bolen, Kari Christensen, Mel Christoffersen, Abigail Coughlan, Joan Hughes, Angel Jestin, Ian McLean, Stacey McLean, Barb Meyer, Jennifer Muzichuk, and Cary Wiwchar. Principal: Mr. Don Hinks and Vice Principal/Grade 9 Coordinator: Mr. Wade Michael.

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.
  - 1.0 Opening Prayer & Acknowledgment of Treaty Lands were made by the Principal, Don Hinks.
  - 1.1 Welcome and Introduction of those Parents in attendance were made.
- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda and or additions were discussed and added was 5.17 The Parent Page on Face Book maintained by Tracy ?.
- 3.0 Review of Minutes dated from May 16, 2017, were made and carried by the Chair, Mel Christoffersen.
- 4.0 Old Business – (Elections were further discussed at end of meeting).
- 5.0 New Business/Principal's Report – Mr. Don Hinks presented the Administrator's Report.
  - 5.0 **Enrollment** – 525 total number of students. The increase in enrollment includes both new students and returning Grade 12 students completing upgrading of courses.
  - 5.1 **Staffing** – Trevor Larson resigned his position in early August and his replacement Daniel Pietraszewski was hired to take over from Mr. Larson. Amanda Bulger has returned from Maternity Leave, and both Colette Amyot-Loughren, and Elene Hartman are back from Leave of Absences. Eileen Borchert is working at MCHS on a half-time capacity. Joining the MCHS Staff from Primeau is Paula Rousseau. Dave Garrett will continue his Leave until Christmas. MCHS is proud to have a new School Resource Officer, Peter Tearle, who is completing training and will be joining the staff in October.
  - 5.2 **MCHS CAP 2.0 Reboot** – During the discussion about the CAP program it was explained that the time has increased from 30 to 40 minutes every Tuesday/Thursday mornings between blocks 1 and 2. It will run during the months of October, November, December, March, April and May only. Some concerns about this Program include students use of the weight room versus core course study time with Teachers and students departing the School grounds. The staff would like to remind all students and

parents that although students have freedom to choose how they utilize their time they are not permitted to depart the School during this time.

- 5.3 **Important Dates** – The list provided is important to keep available to be up-to-date about events during the months of September and October 2017.
- 5.4 **Meeting Dates** – A reminder for everyone attending Council Meeting Dates as listed that the new start time is 6:30 pm and meetings are being aimed at a running length of approximately one hour to adhere for both Staff and Parent obligations, as stated by the Chair, Mel Christoffersen.
- 5.5 **Staggered Entry** – This gave new students at the Grade 9 level to have access to the High School before the complete student body was in attendance and was a success.
- 5.6 **Registration Days** – With the break-down of registering by Grade this system was also a success this year.
- 5.7 **Meet the Staff BBQ** – The BBQ was a success; however there was a suggestion made that a couple of food trucks in place of the BBQ be looked into for a different approach to attract a higher attendance.
- 5.8 **First Week** – During the First Week of School each Student received a free cookie when entering the School. It was suggested that in future a gluten free cookie also be made available for those students with allergies. The Luncheon hosted to greet new students was awkward for some of the new students. It was suggested that an ice breaker activity be introduced so that the new people get to know each other. Out of 40 new students, 33 attended the Luncheon.
- 5.9 **Volleyball** – The new season has started and at a recent tournament held the weekend of September 16 & 17, 2017, the Boys Team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- 5.10 **GRAD 2017 Review** – The Graduation Class of 2017 was the first Class to celebrate their ceremony at the Jubilee, and with that a few changes will be made for the Grad Class 2018. Some of the suggestions to enhance the experience include; have snacks & water provided for the Grad's behind the Stage, a shorter Valedictorian Speech, a better layout for the food options to comprise vegan & gluten-free choices, other than desserts offer cheese trays etc., and improvement regarding the entire dance should be adopted. Further discussions will incorporate these ideas and everyone is reminded that the first Grad meeting is taking place in October 2017.
- 5.11 **Trip of a Lifetime** – The payment of the trip is aimed at a baseline price option and the details have been provided for the destinations and proposed itinerary has also been included. No fund raising for this trip has been suggested or will take place.
- 5.12 **Orange Shirt Day** – The Orange Shirt Day is important to bring awareness discussing the aspects of the residential schools and is being held again for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year at MCHS on September 29, 2017.
- 5.13 **Class Improvement Fund** – The Staff at MCHS have discussed the use of the funds to be expended on PD and Resources & Materials for the longevity of new computers, classroom furniture and PD. Also considered was the concern of staffing however would only be secured for one-year vice many years the options provide.
- 5.14 **Transportation** – A reminder about conversation with regards to transportation. The routes and bus times are not scheduled by MCHS and are handled by the Transportation Department. The Transportation Coordinator is Laurie-Ann Turnbull who handles all

complaints and inquires with respect to the above listed issues. It has been suggested to reach Ms. Turnbull via e-mail as the preferred method, as sometimes the phone is not always answered. The specific matter of early dismissal and students arriving home at a reasonable time was discussed at length. Options are being reviewed but for a last step approach a reminder was delivered by the Chair, Mel Christoffersen, who will staff further inquiries to the School Trustee, through her for further options and/or solutions.

- 5.15 **Board Tasks** - The Board currently has the 3 tasks listed being the Enrollment and Staffing Review, Meeting Dates Review, and GRAD Feedback. For any issues that you would like to have discussed please have them submitted to the Chair prior to the next meeting.
  - 5.16 **Elections** – The Parent Council had the following people elected for various positions on the Board. Joan Hughes was nominated by the Chair to be the Secretary and the vote was unanimous. Leanne Boissonnault nominated Dolly Bolen for the position of Chair, and Barb Meyer nominated Mel Christoffersen for the position of Chair. A discussion followed and then a paper ballot took place. The Chair as voted by the members will be; Mel Christoffersen and the position of Vice Chair as voted by the members will be; Dolly Bolen. In the absence of The Chair at any meetings or as needed the Vice Chair will fill in for Mel Christoffersen.
- 6.0 Trustee Report – The Trustee was not present at the meeting and a report should be available at the next council meeting.
  - 7.0 Next Meeting Agenda Items – None at this time.
  - 8.0 Next Meeting: October 17, 2017.
  - 9.0 Adjournment – The Chair, Mel Christoffersen made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. The motion was carried.

**Attachment – Parent Council Contact List**