

Parent Council Meeting MCHS

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

MCHS Library 6:30 pm

In Attendance:

Leanne Boissonnault, Dolly Bolen, Kari Christensen, 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, Dolly Bolen at 6:34 pm.
 - 1.1 Opening Prayer & Acknowledgment of Treaty Lands were made by the Principal, Mr. Don Hinks.
 - 1.0 Welcome and Introduction of those Parents & School Trustee's in attendance were made.
- 2.0 Adoption of the Agenda and an addition for, 5.20 Duet Bike at Aspen House was made.
- 3.0 A review of the minutes for the September 19, 2017 meeting were made by Tracy Reaume. There were two corrections to the minutes including the last name of Tracy Reaume and the correct spelling of Don Hinks for the Administrator's Report.
- 4.0 There was a discussion about the previous meeting elections that were not handled properly. A nomination by Barb Meyer for Joan Hughes to be the Secretary was made and seconded by Jennifer Muzichuk. All in attendance were in favor and the motion was passed. A nomination by Abigail Coughlan for Tracy Reaume to be the Vice Chair was made and seconded by Cary Wiwchar. A second nomination by Leanne Boissonnault was made for Dolly Bolen to be the Vice Chair was also made and seconded by Joan Hughes. A vote took place by secret ballot and it was determined that the Vice Chair would be Tracy Reaume.
- 5.0 New Business/Principal's Report – Mr. Don Hinks presented the Administrator's Report.
 - 5.0 **Enrollment** – 524 total number of students. Three students moved away since the last Meeting.
 - 5.1 **Important Dates** – The highlights for the upcoming events especially being the Awards Night and The Remembrance Day Celebration.
 - 5.2 **Orange Shirt Day** – The event was a success and a lot of students participated as shown by the photo.
 - 5.3 **Jersey Day** – This event also had a very good turnout.

- 5.4 **Thanksgiving Celebration** – The Priest was very well received by everyone.
- 5.5 **CAP Update** – The program is very successful. A nutrition factor has been included where donated bread with the basics including butter, jam and peanut butter has been provided to students to make toast. An unexpected number of students showed up for the toast and all food donations seem to be dispersed quite quickly. The Catholic Women's League also donated muffins & fruit. If there are any other local organizations that want to donate food should contact the Principal, Don Hinks. It was also discussed that instead of providing peanut butter a better option for those with food allergies might be wild butter in the future.
- 5.6 **HOWLS LUNCH** – There were 84 deserving students who attended this lunch and in the future it would be wonderful to see that number increase.
- 5.7 **Cross Country** – The day for this event was a very bad weather day, but those students that did participate represented the School and themselves with Pride as they all finished the course. Hopefully with each passing year it would be nice to see the students continue to improve and a few hopefully to go to Provincials.
- 5.8 **Gallup Workplace Award** – This is a prestigious award.
- 5.9 **Donations** – There was a donation made by Champion Petfoods in the amount of \$925.00 towards the Morinville Youth Internet Club for food for the nutrition program.
- 5.10 **Wolves Volleyball** – The Girls Volleyball team won the JV tournament. The Boys Volleyball team went to the Barrhead tournament and placed 2nd.
- 5.11 **Diploma Results** – The results for the acceptable standard for MCHS is very high and is usually above the Provincial average in every area.
- 5.12 **PAT Results** – The results for PAT are also excellent in all areas except LA, which is the only result that is below the Provincial Standard.
- 5.13 **Preliminary School Goals** – These goals include different areas that affect all students including; faith goals, success in learning goals and real-life goals. They are: Living Like Jesus – Servant, Steward, Shepherd, Success for all students: Providing programming that is of high interest to students, and lastly Wellness goal with a focus on Environmental, social, physical, mental, academic, career and financial wellness. There will be a project of updating classrooms and completing modernization to meet the wellness of both students and Teachers alike.
- 5.14 **Newsletter** – This older version of communicating is both bulky and doesn't include a lot of readers so it is being replaced with more current and informative forms such as a week at a glance email. The email is a more current document that becomes a working document evolving as events change.
- 5.15 **Awards (Sponsorship)** – The Awards that are sponsored by local businesses help the students with both monetary and gifts to reward their excellent efforts. The School is looking for a few \$100.00 sponsorships. The School should have a sponsorship letter to send to interested businesses. It was motioned by Tracy Reaume to sponsor 3 separate \$100.00 awards for each Grade level, and was seconded by Cary Wiwchar. The motioned was carried.
- 5.16 **Welcome Back BBQ** – The food trucks in place of a BBQ were discussed at the previous meeting and researched. The cost to have food trucks is not a reasonable one;

however, it would be a good idea to co-ordinate with Primeau School to have maximum participation.

- 5.17 **SRO (Constable Peter Tearle)** – Constable Peter Tearle is the new SRO for MCHS and is very approachable with both students and Teachers. He spoke with individual classrooms about the issue of taking compromising photos and sharing them on the internet. In these discussions he was helpful in reminding students about the legal aspect of taking inappropriate photos and then sharing them.
- 5.18 **Poster Contest (Dolly Bolen)** – There is a Poster Contest for any student with a deadline of October 23, 2017 and the winners receive monetary awards for both local wins and Provincial.
- 5.19 **Council Tasks** – These issues include; Newsletter feedback, Sponsorship ideas for Awards and Welcome Back BBQ ideas.
- 5.20 **Duet Bike Aspen House** – A student takes a senior out for a run on a special bike that allows the senior to enjoy the outdoors. It would be wonderful to obtain one or two of these special bikes to allow students to assist the elders and sharing this with them.
- 5.21 **NAIT Open House** – This event was posted on the bulletin as a field trip for students; however, it did receive a lot of interest and reached full attendance quite quickly. In the future something like this should be sent out on the week at a glance by email to all parents.

6.0 **Trustee Report** – Mr. Rene Tremblay reported on the following issues in his Monthly Trustee Report.

- 6.1. The District reached a goal of \$200,000 for the development of a Peace School in the Phillipines.
- 6.2 Enrollment at Schools including Primeau are up making Morinville a competitive place for Schools in this area.
- 6.3 Alberta Health Services are focusing on Healthy Teens and so is Mr. Rene Tremblay. One concern that has been raised is having the Circle K so close to the High School and it is an issue that Mr. Rene Tremblay is personally spearheading.
- 6.4 Consultation on the New School being built in Morinville will be taking place, November 30, 2017. Issues being discussed will include programming and will be held at an Open House.
- 6.5 Diploma Exams & PAT results – In this area Mr. Rene Tremblay wants to look at improvements within certain subjects that could be made for better results.
- 6.6 The Election results for the Board of Trustee's remain the same. Mr. Rene Tremblay won his seat by acclimation as no-one ran against him.
- 6.7 Shaw McGinnis is retiring and there is an opportunity for someone to replace him.
- 6.8 Transportation Issue – The questions about the busing issue from the previous meeting has been addressed to Mr. Rene Tremblay. A letter was sent to him by the Chair of the Parent Council, Mel Christoffersen. The issue will now be discussed by the Board including the Senior Administration which may include a motion with a possible vote. Once the decision has been made Mr. Rene Tremblay will then report the results back to

the Parent Council. In future if any issues need to address the School Trustee's a letter format is the best form to contact and foresee an answer regarding issues.

- 6.9 Mrs. Noreen Radford was selling tickets for an educational foundation group for a Night in Italy with all proceeds going toward a fund to assist special innovative needs which could include retreats or special needed equipment.
- 7.0 Next Meeting Agenda Items – Circle K issue and phones being set aside by students for Teachers to ensure undivided attention during class.
- 8.0 Next Meeting – November 21, 2017.
- 9.0 Adjournment - A motion by Barb Meyer was made to adjourn meeting and seconded by Jennifer Muzichuk. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned.