

Parent Council Meeting MCHS

Tuesday, January 16th, 2018

MCHS Library 6:30 pm

In Attendance:

Leanne Boissonnault, Kari Christensen, Mel Christoffersen, Joan Hughes, Barbara Meyer, Jennifer Muzichuk, Tracy Reaume, Dolores Rivard, Nicole Rogers and Denise Towpich. School Trustee: Noreen Radford and Principal: Mr. Don Hinks and Vice Principal/Grade 9 Coordinator: Mr. Wade Michael.

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Tracy Reaume at 6:37 pm.
 - 1.1 Opening Prayer & Acknowledgment of Treaty Lands were made by the Principal, Mr. Don Hinks.
 - 1.2 A welcome to some new faces at the monthly meeting was made.
- 2.0 Adoption of the Agenda was made. The addition was made for the topic of Grad Fundraising Jewelry by Leanne Boissonnault.
- 3.0 The review of the minutes from the Meeting dated November 21, 2017 were made. There were no additions or corrections to be made. The adoption of both the Agenda and the Review of the Minutes was motioned by Jennifer Muzichuk, and they were seconded by Barb Meyer. The motion was passed.
- 4.0 Old business.
- 5.0 New Business/Principal's Report – Mr. Don Hinks presented the Administrator's Report.
 - 5.1. **Enrollment** – 521 total number of students is decreased by two since the last meeting.
 - 5.2 **Basketball Season** – There has been a lot of good results for our Teams. The Senior Girls Team won a recent tournament. They are a great Team but also wonderful ambassadors of MCHS.
 - 5.3 **Toy Drive** – There was almost \$500.00 raised in money for gift cards and approximately \$1300.00 in toys donated. A total of 109 families in the local area including 255 kids were helped with these donations.
 - 5.4 **HOWLS Lunch** – The Lunch was sponsored by the Royal Bank and over 255 students were nominated with a good majority of approximately 90% of them showing up for the event. There were hotdogs/fries/carrot sticks provided to this monthly lunch.
 - 5.5 **Christmas Lunch** – The Turkey/Ham with all the fixings was served up to well over 450 students to enjoy the holiday season. A big thank you goes out to Sherry Wiley for her time and preparation towards the success of this event.

- 5.6 **Christmas Celebration** – The celebration was supported by the Band playing music and really helped the kids to connect at this time of the year. A special thanks to Doug Kramer for making that happen and also how respectful all the kids seemed to be.
- 5.7 **Hockey Game** – The Staff against the students is an annual event and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The Principal, Mr. Don Hinks was the Referee.
- 5.8 **James and the Giant Peach** – The play was considered by all who enjoyed it, a wonderful performance by such hard working students. There was a concern with the props possibly falling over, but the production was a huge success.
- 5.9 **Ugly Christmas Sweater Day** – The Staff were not certain if the students would want to participate in this day, but it was actually very well received by those involved. The students also ensured they did not lose out on having a formal day, and they were well dressed and very respectful.
- 5.10 **Important Dates** – The Exam schedules have been listed, along with other reminders, including Grad Photos, and Shrove Tuesday upcoming in February 2018.
- 5.11 **Grant Application** – There is a \$1000.00 community grant application that was submitted in November 2017, being assigned and accepted to the Drama Program. The primary use is to enable a Technician to help for the three evenings that the play was scheduled for.
- 5.12 **2018 – 2019 Calendar Feedback** – An instructional calendar for the upcoming School year was provided to those at the meeting. We were asked to review it and to make any suggestions if there was a conflict with any of the dates on the suggested schedule. There were none made at this time.
- 5.13 **Graduation Jewelry** – There was a group of Graduation Jewelry selections made by Leanne Boissonnault for review to the Grade 12's. It was suggested this information be provided to the Graduation Committee for their support and or approval.
- 5.14 **GRAD Update** – The Graduation date has been set for June 23rd, 2018 and will take place at a new venue which will be; The Winspear Centre in Edmonton. There were complications when discussing the details of the graduation with the Jubilee, unfortunately this meant that MCHS, had to find another location for the Graduation Ceremony. The Ceremony will be for 3:00 pm and include a Dessert Reception with ticket prices to remain at the amount of \$30.00 There is a Graduation Committee for the Parents including both Principal and Vice Principal and Michelle Boucher. There will be an information sheet sent out to Graduating Parents.
- 5.15 **School Council Tasks** – This item was not discussed at the meeting.

6.0 **School Trustee Report** by Noreen Radford.

- 6.1 **Development with Peace Plaque** – A letter or recognition for building the school in the Phillipines was made to thank all those involved.
- 6.2 **New School Development** – There was an issue with not being able to get the tendering done with the road. There are talks continuing with the Minister to resolve this issue.
- 6.3 **Mental Health Services** – The School Board acknowledges that this issue is a real part of current general well being of all students, and especially for teenagers. There is a

review being conducted concerning access to programs in the Morinville area that the Board is working on with the local MLA, Marie Renault.

- 6.4 **Class Sizes** – This issue is also under review by the School Board in that some classes are extremely unrealistic and the mandate is possibly being revised.
- 6.5 **Post-Secondary Night** – This event hosted approximately 100 people and was very well received and should be considered an asset when planning for the future of our students.
- 6.6 **School Fees** – This is a legislated amount that the School Board cannot change, and must be captured within the School year. However; our Principal, Mr. Don Hinks noted that everything is done to ensure those families with financial hardship are aided by the School.
- 6.7 **District New Branding** – The current District Logo has been given a facelift and Noreen Radford explained that until the official reveal words cannot describe this new logo.
- 6.8 **School Council Awards** – If there is a parent of distinction and consistently helps the student continue to have excellence in learning please think of nominating them for this award.
- 6.9 **Waiver Fees** – As previously mentioned those in financial hardship are aided in this area if they ask. The District realizes for some this is a hard thing to do but there is a form to fill out if your student needs this kind of help.
- 6.10 **Transportation/Busing** – Noreen Radford needs to revisit this issue and discuss with Rene Tremblay due to the history that he has concerning this topic. A delegation may have to bring their concerns to the Board if this issue does continue to bring dissatisfaction to the parents and students involved. However; a request for information was completed and we are currently awaiting for the Council to get back to us.
- 7.0 **Next Meeting Agenda Items** – The meeting was motioned adjourned by Barb Meyer, and seconded by Delores Rivard. All were in favor and the motion was passed.
- 8.0 **Next Meeting** – February 20th, 2018.