

## Parent Council Meeting MCHS

Tuesday, March 20th, 2018

MCHS Library 6:30 pm

### In Attendance:

Leanne Boissonnault, Kari Christensen, Mel Christoffersen, Abigail Coughlan, Dineane Duckering, Krista Gratton, Joan Hughes, Kim Lavoie, Tracy Reaume, and Velda Wall. 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 6:34 pm.
  - 1.1 Opening Prayer & Acknowledgment of Treaty Lands were made by the Principal, Mr. Don Hinks.
- 2.0 Addition of the Agenda was made to include 5.13 Bike-A-Thon; and 5.14 Council Tasks.
- 3.0 The review of the minutes from the Meeting dated February 20th, 2018 were made. There was a clarification about the item number 5.9 to read 2019 vice 2018 regarding the Questions and Answers for Graduation. The adoption of both the Agenda and the Review of the Minutes was motioned by Kari Christensen, and they were seconded by Leanne Boissonnault. The motion was passed.
- 4.0 Old business.
- 5.0 New Business/Principal's Report – Mr. Don Hinks presented the Administrator's Report.
  - 5.0. **Enrollment** – 512 total number of students is decreased from the Grade 12 students upgrading not returning for the second semester.
  - 5.1 **Cheer** – This year's Cheer Team has done amazing in their competitions. They placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their Zone Competition and will be attending the Provincial Championships April 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. All their hard work is recognized by these results.
  - 5.2 **Basketball** – Both the Boys and Girls Teams were successful at the Zone Competitions and respectively represented MCHS at the Provincial Championships. The Girls Team finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place overall, and the Boys Team finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place overall.
  - 5.3 **Grant Update** – The Business Administration Program GSACRD High School Grant was awarded to MCHS. Approximately half of the grant will go towards the Business Administration program and the School will have to obtain the rest of the grant monies. There are only a limited 18 available spots for the Grade 12's. The planning needed to be completed before the start of this program includes ordering equipment and creating a work space for the program.

- 5.4 **Social Media Awareness for Parents** – There will be an information session for parents regarding the topic of social media including being constantly connected to technology, and what parents can do to protect their teenagers. The session will be April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, at the St. Albert Catholic High School and is available for all parents with school aged children to attend.
- 5.5 **Safe and Caring Schools** – There should be a code of conduct in place to include a basic group of statements that define the proper conduct that should be observed by parents, Teachers & Administration and student behaviours that are acceptable. Having these outlined and defined makes everyone aware of approved standards within our School. All of which is based on the School Act that ensures the education of our students will include a safe and caring environment.
- 5.6 **Open House** – In the recent Open House for the MCHS approximately over 500 people attended. During the event both the Band and Drama groups performed and showcased the talent that our School produces. There were a variety of items given out that included; smoothies, cookies, munchies, popcorn, candy and T-shirts. Mr. Coxen also demonstrated making jewelry boxes in the shop area using a new Router that were very beautiful. There were also some Secondary Institutes represented to be present and provide information about their own programs and benefits.
- 5.7 **Important Dates** – There are included a group of upcoming important events and the dates that they are taking place on. The Coffee House is outstanding.
- 5.8 **Program Options/Fees** – There are some additional fees included in some of the Arts & Optional programs and have been reviewed to eliminate those that are not absolutely necessary. At the same time it needs to be observed that when students participate in some classes there are additional costs to enhance that particular program.
- 5.9 **HOWLS Lunch** – The most recent HOWLS Lunch honored over 185 students and approximately 160 students attended the lunch. This lunch was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato or chicken noodle soup, crackers & cookies were served to these deserving students.
- 5.10 **Lucky Charms** – To commemorate March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day, the Principal & Vice Principal provided 22 boxes of Lucky Charms with milk for students. All students who grabbed a bowl of cereal enjoyed the day that much better.
- 5.11 **Badminton** – The Badminton Team will be attending the Zone Tournament; however this sport has a very short season.
- 5.12 **Parent Research Update** – A group of parents met with the Principal & Vice Principal to discuss the research they conducted regarding the Graduation Ceremony for GRAD 2019. Included in the research was different venues, a dance & banquet and all consideration will be given to all options. In the future there is a potential that a survey will be sent to both students & parents to find out what the Graduation should include.
- 5.13 **Bike-A-Thon** – On May 3, 2018, beginning at noon, participating teams will begin biking for 24 hours. Finishing at noon on May 4, 2018. Teams of 4 students will collect pledges with a minimum goal of each student raising \$100 each. At this time approximately \$3000 has been raised. There will be 17 bikes used for this activity. This year all proceeds will help fund the purchase of a duet bike for the residents of Aspen House. The duet bike provides a cycling experience for people lacking the coordination or strength to cycle themselves.

- 5.14 **Council Tasks** – There will be a code of conduct approved and provided for those attending or working at MCHS. The review is in process and additions or deletions are under current review.

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

- 6.1 **Board Meeting Update** – The recent food drive in honour of Constable David Wynn was very successful. The Sports Teams from MCHS were recognized for their accomplishments including; The Curling Teams, Grade 9 Boys Basketball Team, Junior Girls Basketball Team, Cheer Team, Senior Boys Basketball Team; and Senior Girls Basketball Team. The recent Capital Plan was approved with priorities to include the 3-year plan of updating modernization projects and the CTS lab. Lastly the Visual Identity is going through a 3 Phase update to include; all signage within the district office and other district buildings, update all school signage and key promotional materials and to replace all other visual elements.

- 6.2 **Understanding “Treaties” Exercise** – Noreen Radford had those in attendance participate in an exercise to help develop an understanding of “treaties” and what they mean historically and presently with respect to our relationships between non-indigenous and indigenous peoples. A true or false 9 questions about the history of indigenous peoples was answered by everyone in pairs and then discussed to highlight our own opinions and views on this topic.

7.0 **Next Meeting Agenda Items** – The meeting was motioned adjourned at 7:40 pm by Abigail Coughlan, and seconded by Kari Christensen. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

8.0 **Next Meeting** – April 17th, 2018.