

Parent Council Meeting MCHS

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

MCHS Library 6:30 pm

In Attendance:

Kari Christensen, Mel Christoffersen, Abigail Coughlan, Dineane Duckering, Krista Gratton, Joan Hughes, Kim Lavoie, Colleen Van Brabant and Velda Wall. 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 6:34 pm.
 - 1.1 Opening Prayer & Acknowledgment of Treaty Lands were made by the Principal, Mr. Don Hinks.
- 2.0 Adoption of the Agenda, and no additions were made by Velda Wall and seconded by Abigail Coughlan.
- 3.0 The review of the minutes from the Meeting dated March 20th, 2018 were made. There were no corrections or additions. The adoption of Review of the Minutes was motioned by Abigail Coughlan. The motion was passed.
- 4.0 Old business. Absent from this meeting were the Vice Chair, Tracy Reaume and School Trustee Noreen Radford.
- 5.0 New Business/Principal's Report – Mr. Don Hinks presented the Administrator's Report.
 - 5.0. **Enrollment** – 512 total number of students has remained the same for some time. It is anticipated that the stable number of students should remain above 500 in the new School year also.
 - 5.1 **Coffee House** - There was some amazing talent showcased at this event, which earned approximately \$2000.00 raised for the duet bike. There were over 19 wonderful performances and those who attended had a hard time finding a seat.
 - 5.2 **HOWLS Lunch** – Over 255 students were honored for their hard work at the lunch. The lunch was spaghetti with garlic toast, a cookie with a smoothie or iced tea served to about 200 students. The event was sponsored by SERVUS.
 - 5.3 **Trip of a Lifetime** - The students that travelled and represented MCHS came away from this amazing experience with a deeper appreciation of being Canadian. The many photos taken to commemorate this event were shared and treasured by all. Many compliments were received by the Supervisors on the overall good behavior and polite youth from MCHS. A special thanks to both Mr. Owen, Cathy Whittle-Williams for all their hard work towards this wonderful event.

- 5.4 **St. Albert Music Festival** – At the recent music festival the MCHS Band/Choir group led by Corinna Cormier, performed exceptionally well and received a Gold Award with Distinction. The comments from the Judicator expressed high praise for all their hard work and abilities. As a reward the group went out bowling afterward to celebrate.
- 5.5 **Important Dates** – The upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews are the last of this School year and a polite reminder if more time is needed for longer discussions please book an appointment. The last School Council meeting is also scheduled for May 15th, 2018.
- 5.6 **Cheer** – The MCHS Team competed in the Provincial Championships held in Lethbridge and placed 3rd overall. The Team was well rehearsed and did receive a deduction for a move they have been performing all year.
- 5.7 **Code of Conduct** – The Principal, Don Hinks has not received any comments or e-mails regarding questions or changes to the current standard code of conduct. The Staff feel confident that the current code of conduct has included all important areas of concern. At this time, there are not any major changes required, and as such the current code of conduct will remain as is.
- 5.8 **Cell Phone Policy** – Some School's in the area are incorporating a new no cell phones policy in the classrooms. As stands at MCHS, students are permitted to have their cell phones with them, but only using them during breaks and lunch. Teachers in some classes and programs require students to occasionally use their devices. At this time, with both the cooperation of students and Teachers this policy will remain in effect.
- 5.9 **Duet Bike Update** – The funds required to raise to purchase this bike is approximately \$10,000.00 and right now about half has been raised. The variety of events to raise this money have included; BBQ, Alumni Tournament, Crush for a Crush, Coffee House and others. The remainder will hopefully be raised through the upcoming: 24-hour Bike-A-Thon. It was asked if there was a website to provide updated information on this worthwhile cause.
- 5.10 **Diploma Results Semester One** – The Semester One results for Diploma Exams have shown that MCHS students are very successful when compared to the results within the Province of Alberta. The excellent results showcasing the hard work by the Students and Teachers alike.
- 5.11 **Humboldt Broncos** – At the front of the School in a display case is a cross with yellow ribbons and photos of the Humboldt Broncos Team to show the support from MCHS. There was also participation by the majority of the School on Jersey Day to show support for this tragic event. About \$300.00 was raised to support the Go fund me page.
- 5.12 **Drive to Stay Alive** – There is a scheduled Speaker named, Parker Thompson a young race car driver coming to make a presentation at MCHS. The presentation is for May 17th, 2018 at 1:35 pm. The presentation is being sponsored by the Town of Morinville. The Drive to Stay Alive campaign is designed to discuss distracted driving, the repercussions and targets young drivers to develop good habits while driving.
- 5.13 **Final Meeting** – The last meeting for the Parent Council is scheduled for May 15th, 2018. At this meeting as a Thank you for participating and conducting these meetings the Principal, and Vice Principal want to provide a supper for the council. Options were discussed and a reminder that the meeting might be conducted at 6:00 pm vice 6:30 pm.

- 5.14 **Venues** – The two main venues that the School and the Parent Council are reviewing for the Graduation Ceremonies in the future include; The Winspear, and Millennium Place. We hope to have a venue agreed upon to hold future Graduations for several years to come. The religious component of the graduation was discussed and reviewed as important to represent the meaning of the Catholic School that MCHS is and will always be.
- 5.15 **Council Tasks** – The main issues to discuss and review include the: Code of Conduct Feedback, Cell Phone Policy and Final Parent Council Meeting, May 15th, 2018.
- 6.0 **School Trustee Report** was not made at this meeting as Noreen Radford was absent.
- 7.0 **Next Meeting Agenda Items** – The meeting was motioned adjourned at 7:25 pm by Abigail Coughlan and seconded by Kim Lavoie. All were in favor and the motion was passed.
- 8.0 **Next Meeting** – May 15th, 2018.