

Parent Council Meeting MCHS

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018

MCHS Library 6:30 pm

In Attendance:

Kari Christensen, Mel Christoffersen, Abigail Coughlan, Dineane Duckering, Joan Hughes, Kim Lavoie, Jennifer Muzichuk, Tracy Reaume and Velda Wall. **Principal:** Mr. Don Hinks, **Vice Principal/Grade 9 Coordinator:** Mr. Wade Michael, and **School Trustee:** Noreen Radford.

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Tracy Reaume at 6:31 pm.
 - 1.1 Opening Prayer & Acknowledgment of Treaty Lands were made by the Principal, Mr. Don Hinks.
- 2.0 Adoption of the Agenda, and one addition was made to include The Awards Night Sponsorship.
- 3.0 The review of the minutes from the Meeting dated April 17th, 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.
- 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 determined that the School is funded for 522 students, which usually includes the returning Grade 12 students for one or two semesters.
 - 5.1 **Staffing** – Mrs. Caron from the Cosmetology department is retiring after a dedicated teaching career. The position she will be leaving is very hard to fill and currently there have been no qualified applicants. The on-going situation with Mr. Garrett is still unsure of what will happen in the future as he is still on leave. A new position for a K&E Teacher is being resourced to fill in aiding the needs of the students. The French Teacher Madame Boucher will also be departing and a replacement for this position will be needed also.
 - 5.2 **Bike-A-Thon** – There were a total of 83 students and 15 staff members who participated in raising approximately \$6,600.00 to purchase the duet bike. Organizing everything was made by Daniel Pietraszewski. The duet bike has already arrived at the School and was put together by some students and will be presented to the Aspen House sometime soon.

- 5.3 **Circle K** – The fuel up for schools sponsored by Circle K is dedicated to giving back within our own community. Over \$2000.00 was given back to MCHS this year and as a thank you students were given free slushies and chicken kabobs for helping with this program.
- 5.4 **Kelowna Band Trip** – This trip for the Band includes a lot of fun and a time devoted to learning their instruments better by implementing new techniques. During their time in Kelowna they celebrated World Education Catholic Day and wore band T-shirts to commemorate this special day.
- 5.5 **Roger Champagne Memorial Presentation** – This year marks the 25th anniversary of the presentation of a new bike in honor of Roger Champagne. This well-respected man in the community that passed away has this very special presentation made by his family in his honor to a very deserving student with a new bike.
- 5.6 **HOWLS Lunch** – The monthly HOWLS lunch had over 200 students attend a BBQ and was sponsored by CWL.
- 5.7 **GRAD Fundraising** – The graduating class of 2018 had a variety of bake sales and bottle drives to help raise funds being used for specialty decorations. The Grad's raised over \$800.00 for this item.
- 5.8 **Important Dates** – Attached to this meeting agenda are a list of important dates for the remainder of the School year. One noted change is the North Central Zone Track Meet will be on May 22nd and NOT May 24th as indicated. Also the last day of school is scheduled for June 18th, 2018.
- 5.9 **Saskatoon News** – A recent article regarding the hosting of banquets for graduating classes within Saskatoon was decided in not continuing this practice. The article is very interesting and was attached to the agenda items for review.
- 5.10 **Thought Exchange** – A questionnaire designed to address areas of interest by the students was sent out. The major concerns that students want to have more learning in include; life skills, running a household, financial concerns & budgets, and increased skills available in the shop program. With the upcoming addition of the Business Administration program the School is already going in the right direction.
- 5.11 **Exam Schedule** – Included with the agenda items is the current exam schedule. Please take the time with your children to review the schedule and ensure that there are no conflicting exams with different courses. If there are the administration will ensure all exams are given as required.
- 5.12 **Distance Learning Centre** – The students attending classes in the learning centre have a lot of options. The many different classes they can take and the furniture in the class make it a unique environment. The furniture includes bean bag chairs and adjustable tables. All of this is necessary to conduct learning in a comfortable area and at your own pace.
- 5.13 **Business Administration Program Update** – This course is available for 18 positions with a \$500.00 deposit required, and will be returned upon the completion of the course. The classes will be conducted during a 10-month period and a 1-month practicum at the end. The Teacher will be Mrs. Receveur and this Program is aimed at returning Grade 12's and is being conducted in conjunction with Norquest College.
- 5.14 **Spring Play** – The Play that was proudly showcased by our students was very well received. They all worked very hard and should be proud with their efforts.
- 5.15 **Chaplain Model** – In the future MCHS is considering having a faith Leader by the Name of Doug Kramer visit the School. He has a large family of 5 and a farm himself and has a

way of connecting with people. The help that he could add to the student population would last for one day & a half and greatly enable them with another outlet for talking through their issues.

- 5.16 **Rutherford Breakfasts** – It has been suggested that for the breakfast food break some Hamilton Beach makers would be purchased and breakfast sandwiches made at a \$2.00 cost to students.
- 5.17 **Garbage Clean-Up** – Students and Staff recently participated in a garbage clean-up of the School grounds and fields. The idea is to remind students we are all responsible and to help give back in your own community is a life-long lesson.
- 5.18 **Awards Night Sponsorship** – The funds are needed to continue for sponsorship for scholarships and awards for the students. A reminder e-mail can be sent to the current sponsors for their support and renewal, while new sponsors can be also canvassed.

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

- 6.1 **New Logo for the District** - Noreen Radford distributed cards with the new logo displayed for everyone to view. They symbol of the butterfly with a reference to a cross represent both transformation and faith orientated learning.
- 6.2 **MCHS top in the District** – It was reported that MCHS is the top in the district for accountability.
- 6.3 **Education Week** – There was a recent celebration of Education for Catholics and the color promoting this was to wear the color blue as shown by the Band during their trip to Kelowna.
- 6.4 **Tour of the School** – recently took place.
- 6.5 **The New Elementary School** – progress is being made and fine tuning on some issues is taking place.
- 6.6 **Trustee Retreat** – This year topics included; how to become better listeners, giving needed feedback and a faith component was addressed.
- 6.7 **The Alberta School Board General Meeting** – This year this event will be taking place in Red Deer.
- 6.8 **Mental Health Supports** – This current issue is of great importance to Noreen. The biggest advice she gives is that sharing information is vital and that Teens have issues we have to respect and learn more about to help them become better adults.
- 6.9 **Coffee Meeting** – The on-going issue about Transportation issues is being addressed at the meeting for School Trustee's May 28th, 2018. Due to the late nature of these results, Noreen would like to conduct a coffee meeting sometime in June with any parent that wishes to know of these results. For further information on this topic or any other Noreen Radford has suggested that interested persons may follow her on twitter and Facebook.
- 6.10 **Game** - A very interesting game of True or False was conducted by Noreen Radford with those in attendance on the topic of indigenous people and how are prejudices cloud our judgements.

7.0 **Next Meeting Agenda Items** – The meeting was motioned adjourned at 7:46 pm by Abigail Coughlan and seconded by Jen Muzichuk . All were in favor and the motion was passed.

8.0 **Next Meeting** – September 18th, 2018.