

Parent Council Meeting MCHS

Tuesday, November 20th, 2018

MCHS Library 6:30 pm

In Attendance:

Leanne Boissonnault, Kari Christensen, Abigail Coughlan, Dineane Duckering, Kenzie Gaetz, Joan Hughes, Kim Lavoie, Tracy Reaume, and Velda Wall.

Principal: Mr. Don Hinks; and **School Trustee:** Noreen Radford.

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by the 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 Adoption of the Agenda, and no additions were made.
- 3.0 The review of the minutes from the Meeting dated October 23rd, 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.
 - 5.1 **Enrollment** – 523 total number of students. It is determined that the School is funded for 525 students.
 - 5.2 **Important Dates** – There are various activities taking place this Fall/Winter Season. A reminder that the Parent Teacher Interviews take place 22 November 2018. For those wishing to attend the Play; "The Sound of Music", please purchase their tickets soon, it might be sold out. The last day of classes prior to the Christmas Break is 21 December 2018.
 - 5.3 **Volleyball** – Both the Girls & Boys Teams are doing excellent this year. The Grade 9 Boys won a recent tournament and will be going to Provincials at the end of the Season.
 - 5.4 **Halloween** – This year the annual tradition of taking the Grade 12 costumes on the front steps was taken. The Student Council has incorporated activities for more student involvement and the Team Jurassic Park won the Family Feud game played.
 - 5.5 **HOWLS Lunch** – The most recent monthly HOWLS Lunch was sponsored by the Parent Council. The lunch included grilled cheese sandwiches & chicken noodle soup, and approximately 199 students attended this lunch. Mel Christoffersen & her husband served the lunch.

- 5.6 **The Sound of Music** – The Drama production of this historical play entitled; “The Sound of Music” has been rehearsed a lot and should be a great production. Please get your tickets prior to the performance as it should be a huge success.
- 5.7 **Awards Night** - There were a total of 310 awards given to 232 very deserving students that included \$18,355 total in monies awarded.
- 5.8 **Remembrance Day** - The celebration attended by students and staff was shown with a great amount of dignity and respect. The students were dressed in formal attire and the event went very well.
- 5.9 **Student Council Events** – The Student Council is planning events to encourage participation and showing School spirit. The Twin Day was successful, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed taping Teachers to the gym wall for 25 cents per strip of tape.
- 5.10 **Student Project** – Students in the Media and Shop classes have some very awesome projects including a laser engraver Dinosaur head. The project looks phenomenal.
- 5.11 **GRAD Update** – A recent survey was sent to both parents and students to help decide what time the Graduation should start and whether food should be served before or after the Ceremony. The results showed that 3 pm is popular for a start time, and the preference for food being served before the event. Not everyone took the time to answer the survey, so another survey with a few more questions may be sent out soon.
- 5.12 **S.S. Presenter** – A recent presentation by Scott Pittman a Crown Prosecutor was given to all Grade 9 students. The conversation involved discussing the Justice System with a specific focus on Youth Criminal Justice Act. Most of the students really enjoyed the presentation and learned a lot from Mr. Pittman.
- 5.13 **Accountability Pillar** – There are two sections that were identified for the accountability pillar which include; work preparation and a six-year transition rate. The School Priority that focuses on how to prepare our students to be lifelong learners and participants in the world of work. We would like to give our students more options.
- 5.14 **Report Card** – The administration has noted that a few areas we need to concentrate on include; student strengths, safety on buses, extended bus routes, Vaping videos, and having an additional adult on buses for discipline & safety.
- 5.15 **School Council Tasks** – MCHS is looking for one more possible sponsor regarding the HOWLS Lunch program. The surveys regarding GRAD info and getting their feedback is needed in the new year.

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

- 6.1 **Catholic Conference** – Recently, local School Trustees attended the ACSTA & ASBA general meeting and Serena Shaw was elected as the President of ACSTA.
- 6.2 **Long Service Awards** – A survey was sent to staff asking how long years of service should be awarded, such as a pen or watches or monetary gifts. It has not been determined what should be awarded for long service.
- 6.3 **Accountability Pillar Reports** – The Province has reviewed the areas for improvement. Overall the Province has declined considerably; however, MCHS has had parental involvement, school improvement, high school completion rate, and scholarship eligibility. Hope is the greatest prediction of improvement and future accountability.

- 6.4 **Student Strengths Survey** – There was a request for information regarding how the Gallup Strength survey is being used for further educational growth. In earlier grades students receive individualized explanations of their top five strengths to help them throughout their education. We need to continue this in the High School years and help our students define themselves and work on their strengths.
- 6.5 **Enrolment** – The district has an increase student enrolment, and this has been acknowledged by School Trustee, Noreen Radford to advocate for continued excellent education.
- 6.6 **Mental Health Education** – There was a proposed motion for Alberta School Boards Association to dedicate funding for having an accredited mental health professional available within Schools. This issue will not be going away and future advocating for mental health if you are interested should be continued to be discussed and brought attention to.
- 6.7 **St. Kateri Tekakwitha School** - The infrastructure for this project of the new School has been awarded to Jen-Col Construction Ltd. A meeting of all related consultants was held on November 15th, 2018.
- 7.0 **Next Meeting Agenda Items** – The meeting was motioned adjourned at 7:53 pm by Abigail Coughlan and seconded by Kari Christensen. All were in favor and the motion was passed.
- 8.0 **Next Meeting** – January 22nd, 2019.