

Morinville Community High School Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2015

School Administrative Team Report

If you have a positive attitude and constantly strive to give your best effort, eventually you will overcome your immediate problems and find you are ready for greater challenges.

Pat Riley

Welcome to the second School Council Meeting of 2015. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend these meetings so that together we can learn and grow as a community. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you this year to make a positive difference in the lives of students, parents, community and staff. Our hope is that we will discuss and revisit various topics throughout the terms as this document serves only as a starting point for discussion and action. As such, this report serves as a very brief introduction to a number of topical areas that will be examined in substantial depth over the course of this school year.

If you have any questions/feedback/suggestions/advice, please contact us prior to the February meeting or bring your discussion item to the February meeting.

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Thank you for being able to make the time to be here with all of us this evening. Please encourage friends and neighbors to attend and participate in School Council so that together we can learn and grow as a community.

MCHS is an excellent school and we are committed to continue to improve. The following is a brief historical update of what has taken place to this time. It is our custom at each School Council Meeting to share a report in this type of format for your review and consideration. Our hope is that we will discuss and revisit various topics throughout the term as this document serves only as a starting point for discussion and action. This report serves only as a very brief introduction to a number of topical areas that will be examined in greater depth over the course of this school year.

Facilities Update

Flooring work has continued on the other two of our three stairways. Work should be completed on them in the next few days.

Parent Volunteers – Thank You!

MCHS parents and guardians need to become a much bigger part of our school culture. With your enthusiasm and energy we can do so much. The opportunities for involvement are endless and the abilities, knowledge, expertise and time that volunteers provide can only enhance the opportunities for our youth.

General Newsletters – Ideas and Suggestions

We look forward to your comments and suggestions regarding possible information items and articles for the MCHS General Newsletters. Our intent is to inform our stakeholders and strengthen community relationships. We also welcome information items from community services agencies in the newsletter as a further way to communicate in the greater community. School Council suggestions are welcome as we work to foster open communications.

Semester 2 Start-Up

The text book distribution for semester 2 that happened on January 29 went well with approximately 82% of the students picking up their new texts after having returned all semester 1 books. This number is equal to that of last year. This process is less disruptive and means that students have the correct texts for the first day of class.

Open House - March 12

We have been looking to expand this event in the same format that was undertaken for last year, with both what we offer as part of an open house and who we target to invite to attend. Currently we have a number of post-secondary institutions that have confirmed their participation:

- Athabasca University
- MacEwan University
- NorQuest College
- CDI College
- Marvel College
- Pixel Blue Academy
- NAIT

We also have a number of other organizations who will be present:

- Alberta Health Services
- Morinville Fire Department
- Alberta Learning Clicks
- Canadian Armed Forces
- RCMP
- Community Futures
- Careers: Next Generation

There will also be displays from Notre Dame, Legal School and GH Primeau emphasizing that the K to 12 journey.

We have been looking to expand this event and create something that is a ‘one-stop shop’ for students and youth. We are excited to be able to partner with the Town of Morinville to offer a *Youth Job Fair*. With the Town, we have been able to attract a number of local businesses who are looking for employees, both part-time and full-time.

This format is intended to increase the options for our students who are looking to work for the summer, or full-time upon graduation, possible careers, along with the information needed to move onto post-secondary.

MCHS Cookbook – 150th GSACRD Anniversary Edition

We are looking to collect 150 recipes from students, parents, faculty and community members to put together for a cookbook. It is hoped that the recipes will include either a brief story from the family about the recipe (i.e. It was my Grandma’s from 50 years ago, etc.) or possibly a family prayer. The selected recipes would include the family name.

The artwork for the front and back cover, along with the copying and bookbinding would all be done by our students...all in-house making this a complete MCHS project. The finished product would be sold for \$20 and all profit would go to the Philippines Build-a-School Campaign that we are involved with as part of the GSACRD initiative.

2015/2016 GSACRD School Calendar

The approved calendar was received last week and sent out to all families.

School Council Generative Question

District Office has requested that a generative question from each School Council be created and submitted. This is a request and School Council's do not necessarily have to come up with one. The generative question is intended to be one that is overarching for the entire district and not directed towards the operations or governance of one school.

MCHS School Discipline Report -

For the Period of August 31, 2011 to February 10, 2012 there were 51 suspensions earned by students.

For the period of August 31, 2012 to February 19, 2013 there were 45 suspensions earned by students.

For the period of August 31, 2013 to February 18, 2014 there were 23 suspensions earned by 19 students.

For the period of August 31, 2014 to February 17, 2015 there were 20 suspensions earned by 16 students.