

School Council Meeting

Minutes – February 21, 2024

6:30 p.m. School Library

1. Call to order – 6:41pm Caleigh

Attendance

Parents: Caleigh Pagnucco, Serene Wakelin, Landis Wall, Stephanie Guertin

Staff: Amy Strachan

Others:

2. MHSAA - Stephanie

- a. Paying for the slide and cameras as soon as details and costs come in. Other things we can help out with? (classroom outdoor buckets, games for Library, No Tech Social Club for Junior Highs...).
- b. Discussion about changing the name of the group to make it easier for everyone to understand who we are, we need to be ready in June to begin the process.
- c. We would like to do a Growing Smiles Fundraiser in time for Mother's Day this year.

4. Principal's Report - Amy

- a. Breakfast Club - we have had one new volunteer
- b. A concern was brought up to the school regarding communication to parents and parents not being encouraged to volunteer, etc. Efforts are being made to increase communication (school council meetings, Meridian Minute, weekly emails by teachers, etc). Longer question from School Council: How do we engage parents?
 - i. Access to School Council Meetings: Despite the technical difficulties, Amy and Caleigh are willing to offer the option to join these school council meetings via google meet for two months (March and April), on a trial basis. The future of this option will be based on attendance. We could also be sure to have information tables set up at events to answer questions and pass out information.
 - ii. Parents are encouraged to reach out to class teachers, Administration, leave a "Thought" on the survey accessible on the website, attend School Council meetings, email and ask School Council questions
- c. Concern regarding drugs within the community entering the school: There are processes and consequences within the school setting if anyone does attempt to bring in substances. We want kids to know that they can talk with staff, the principals, teachers, their parents, etc, to get help or report their concern. Every report of a possibility of substances entering the building is investigated and in line with the Administrative Procedures; anything involving student conduct has to fall in line with procedures: AP760 and AP360, specifics of these on the Division website.
- d. February's Sacred Teaching is Courage
- e. Kindergarten Open Houses - doubled attendance already for French Immersion classes. It was great to see so many families out and looking into French Immersion
- f. Gr. 9's are preparing to transition, open houses at the High School.
- g. The field trip from last year where the kids explored Trades was brought up as a worthwhile excursion. Parents at School Council agree it was so awesome!
- h. Many more field trips are going on, as well as Gr. 9 Quebec Trip and Choir Disney trip, and Cross Country Runners going to Banff.
- i. Chair Trustee, Lorraine Stewart, will attend the next meeting.

5. Meeting Adjourned