

MINUTES

1. **Welcome**

Present: Michelle Kane (Principal), Andrew Butler (Teacher), School Council Members and multiple parents/guardians.

2. **Review of September 17, 2018 Minutes**

- passed – correction of one of School Council member's name on email list

3. **MDHS Student Council Update**

- Peter (School Council Chair) is planning to meet with the Student Council on Tuesday October 16th to see what Student Council would like from Council and how we can support and all work together

- Student Council is planning Oktoberfest this Friday October 19th for the students

- "HOCO" – Homecoming is Friday October 26th – Students will be able to attend a sporting event (ie. Flag Football, Volleyball or Basketball) during period 5 with parental permission (permission forms for parent signature are being sent home with students this week)

4. **MDHS School Staff Update**

- a) **Wednesday November 14th** is "Take Your Kids to Work Day" for Grade 9 students
 - on the same day, current Grade 8 students will be joining MDHS for the day and attending 6 periods of school here with some fun activities
- b) **Upcoming Dates**
 - College Fair – Wednesday October 24th
 - November 1st – Parent/Teacher night – appointments are to be made through "EDSBY" – can reach out to individual teachers if no time slots available for meeting at an alternate time
- c) **Skills & Trades Information Night** – was attended by over 200, 2 Trade Unions, Canadian Armed Forces and other Skills companies - will be set up as an "EXPO" next year
- d) **Report Cards** – Interim Reports this week – no marks/comments – Midterm – next month (marks & comments)
- e) **Staff Leadership Retreat** – last Friday before Thanksgiving weekend – teaching is "Inquiry Based Learning" – "Heads" of departments attended – next PA Day the rest of the staff will learn from the Department Heads
- f) **Proposed New Courses for Next School Year (2019-2020) – all are "Elective Courses"**
 - "Gender Studies" – Grade 11 – through English department – How society looks at gender, social structure of gender, gender equality and will also include equity
 - "Directors Craft Class" – Grade 12 – through Drama department – will lead school production(s)
 - "Healthy & Active Living" for females – Grade 11 & 12

- **“Vehicle Ownership” – Auto/Tech – Grade 11** – will focus more on Auto/Management support (Sales and Management) and simple automobile stuff as opposed to the technical side of things
 - **“Programming & Application Engineering – Grade 11 – 2 credits–** Programming and coding – build a robot
 - **All courses for next school year will be selected through new program “My Blueprint” – Details to follow**
 - **This would require some courses to be removed due to staffing, possibly do a rotation every other year with older vs. newer courses – this would keep options fresh**
- g) - IEP distribution will be this week

5. Treasurer’s Report

- September opening balance was \$108 – now with some donations, the balance is \$410.95
- possibly include a note in the bi-weekly bulletin to explain what donations are used for

6. School Council Updates

a) School Safety Initiative Update

- Review School Council plan (tasks completed/in progress) – some completed (ie. 4-way stop at Church & Elm, safety blitz’s, repainting of entrance/exit lines in parking lot)
- Tasks to be done/followed up – crosswalk possibility, encourage YRDSB to centralize safety personnel – help all schools – (see letter attached) – one person has been hired in the board to help with YRDSB and YRCSB (Catholic School Board) – have told School Council Safety members that they will ask for our input
- Next Safety Blitz – in process of selecting date

b) Student Wellness

- “Wellness” Preparation update – presentation by Sunnybrook Hospital – dates need to be confirmed – proposed either Thursday November 22nd or 29th
- “Marijuana” Presentation – there are various parts – Legality and Use/Abuse – waiting to hear back from York Region Public Health and York Region Police – date TBD

c) Budget

- Pro-Grant – in process – need to clarify some issues from previous grant
- Fundraising initiatives/ideas

d) School Council Communications

- Donations – add to Parent Bulletin

e) Safety Initiative Communications

- See attached letter

f) Technology support for Parents

- Add to one of School Council meetings
- Will be using EDSBY in future

g) PEAC Update

- “Climate Survey” found big issues included Mental Health, Special Education and Math
- will need to review findings with parents and encourage parents to review questions on-line
- “Every Student Counts’ survey will be completed on-line by all students in November
- **“School Council Forum” will be held on Monday November 26th at 5:30 at Milliken Mills High School – all are welcome**
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- h) **Meeting with School Council** – planned for Tuesday October 16th – school council wishes to ask what we can do to support Student Council and find out what their main objectives are

7. School Updates by Principal

- a. Semi-Formal – Thursday November 22nd
- b. Purchased 2 new laptop carts
- c. Purchased Modern Learning classroom

8. New Topics/Concerns – Due to being at full capacity there is difficulty with students having period 1, 2 or 5 lunch periods – in reality, students with period 1 or 5, many are requested by student especially in grade 12 due to sporting events and/or jobs – only approximately 60 students are affected. Difficult to give students both period 3 or 4 lunch and all of desired classes. – grade 9’s and 10’s all have period 3 or 4.

Proposed School Council meetings for 2018 - 2019

- **Monday Oct 15**
- **Monday November 19**
- **Tuesday February 19**
- **Tuesday May 21**