

MINUTES

1. **Welcome**

Present: P. Triantafillakis, M. Kane (Principal), A. Butler (Teacher), T. Thiruchselvam, C. Coore, D. Lee, R. Malhotra, E. Cheung, B. Indzevski, A. Dobbin, Student Council (Cindy & Shirley) & D. Taylor
- last official meeting of 2018-2019 school year

2. **Review of Minutes from February 2019:**

- Passed

3. **Student Council Update:**

- Cindy and Shirley – Co-Presenters for 2019-20
- Starting to plan for next school year’s spirit days – want to focus on Equity & Equality – add new and different events/items that are accessible physically and financially
- Also want to focus on internal team building with better communication between students, parents and administration – want to collaborate more – Peter indicated that “we are here for them”

4. **MDHS School Staff Update - Mr. Butler**

- a) Report Cards – Interim in March, Mid – April, next is final in June
- b) Most courses will have a final exam or a summative/essay for the last part of the course – now is a good time to talk to your kids about time-management
- c) Staffing is in process for next school year
- d) OSSLT results will be in next week
- e) College offers/acceptances should be received by now by those students who applied, but it’s not too late to apply
- f) Most University offers/acceptances are out now, but some are still coming
- g) Lots of events have happened or are still happening at MDHS ...
 - a. Markham Madness
 - b. Mental Health Awareness
 - c. Music concerts
 - d. Wilderness camp
 - e. SHSM – lots of activity
 - f. SAC Spirit Day
 - g. May Day “I Am Canadian”
 - h. Concussion Management
 - i. Wellness Training
 - j. IEP Transition workshops for Elementary to High School – June 6, 6-7pm for parents
 - k. Grade 12 exit strategy (done annually)
 - l. Prom
 - m. Field trips
 - n. Sporting events

- o. Graduation
- h) Exam Schedule has been published – June 19 – 25, Grade 12 students Period 3 will be early on June 18 – encourage kids to get help now, get their notes together, review sheets – will help them get a jump start – even a good idea to make lists of all topics & sub topics, etc.
- i) Therapy dogs will be in the week before exams – June 10-14
- j) If a student has applied to SHSM, they are “IN”

5. Treasurer’s Report

- **Pro Grant** – still communicating – report was sent in September 2018, receipts sent to Ministry, but were returned – Claudia has sent them to the YRDSB Board – Ministry has sent the \$925, but we still do not have it – Claudia is still following up on this and will escalate
 - a. Screenagers movie
 - i. \$763.75 Movie (\$736 movie plus \$27.75 to return by courier)
 - ii. \$140.94 Refreshments
- Have heard nothing about Pro Grant for next year – Claudia to inquire
- **Fundraising** – brought in \$1510.88 (still outstanding - \$6.28/mug – used roughly half of mugs purchased)
 - a. Student support
 - i. \$40 drama
 - ii. \$75 gifted
 - iii. \$735 Prom/baseball/retreat
 - iv. \$246 Travel for grade 12 student
 - b. Perhaps can “sponsor” a student – some students in need will ask for assistance so efforts to continue to raise \$ for these students needs to continue
- Still remaining \$660.59 plus \$925 (Pro Grant \$ when received), plus some coffee mug money

6. School Council Updates/Ideas

- a) 2019 – 2020 – School council meetings – would like more
 - suggested 7 meetings (Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr & May – Jan and March can be sub-committee meetings)
- b) RECAP of School Council involvement
 - a. Sunnybrook Presentation – November 2018
 - b. Cannibas presentation
 - c. Screenagers
 - d. 2 Safety Blitzes – with more to come – next Tuesday May 28
 - e. 2nd Transportation Survey
 - f. YRDSB Active and Safe Routes Person in YRDSB – Reena – whole safety plan has been given to her
 - g. Safety Observation – December 4, 2018
 - h. SAC meetings – attended 3 times and plan to continue
 - i. Fundraising at both Parent/Teacher nights and Grade 8 night
 - j. PEAC – Claudia great at representing

- k. Tech presentation with Mr. Butler
- l. School Climate Survey
- m. We are overdue for a safety blitz – they are important as they reinforce safety and learning
- c) School Safety Initiative Update
 - a. Next School Safety Blitz – Tuesday May 28 – need 3 parents & 7 students – from 7:30 – 8:05 am – Claudia to coordinate
 - i. Observations – need to watch Church Street and drop off areas – students to count and observe
 - ii. Michelle to try YRP for blitz
 - iii. Bylaw has come by 2-3 times/semester We need people (8) to do an effective observation – we need a person for each
 - b. Reena (Board Coordinator) has our whole safety plan
 - c. Student Transportation Survey – emailed to students – 194 responded
 - when done in 2016, was paper and had 1089 responses
 - many responses were similar for the 2 surveys – 2019-more grade 12's responded
 - Question #3 – “How do you go to school?” – has been an increase in “Not Walking”
 - YRT is up slightly to 3%
 - Cars 58% - up 10%
 - Question #4 – “How do you usually leave?” – 17% cars in 2016, 32% cars in 2019 – top 3 feeder schools -48% are 5-6 km from school
 - Question #5 – “Since September, do you walk to school” – 58% in 2016, 40% in 2019
 - Question #11 – “Are you open to walking?” – students are interested, but harder in winter months – weather a concern (pathways not cleared)
 - Question #14 – Safety Concerns 2016-Congestion, Reckless/rude drivers, weather, unsafe - same issues in 2019
 - YRT – road block – will give to Reena and share it with Student Council and perhaps ask Student Council to write a formal letter to YRT and Reena
- d) Student Wellness
 - a. Screenagers – May 2 – expecting 80 people, but 120 showed up (including board representative John Shep and 40% was from neighbouring elementary schools
 - i. Was 93 minutes, Q & A session – lots of questions even from studnets
 - ii. Very positive event with lots of positive feedback
 - iii. 3 classes saw movie as well – all grade 9 students
 - iv. Wellness is a good subject to focus on – there is a need and the turnout indicates this
 - v. Great teamwork

- b. Cannibas Presentation – April 27 – 28 MDHS parents attended, good questions, handouts were offered and was very informative and educational – next year YRP will be ready to assist with presentations
- e) Student Climate Survey
 - a. Claudia sent out a link to the board – we were within 2% of board totals
 - b. Will be a sub-committee to review this with Dean, Thenali, Alexandra, Robert and Claudia
- f) PEAC Updates
 - a. Symposium – 2 weeks ago – invite was in Parent Bulletin – need to add Parent’s from council next time
 - i. Speaker from Indigenous Community
 - ii. Claudia has now completed her time with PEAC, so now there is a vacancy – see Principal Kane for an application if you are interested – Claudia is happy to assist with application process
 - b. Equity and Inclusivity is a key topic

7. School Updates by Principal

- 6 staff surplus, but have some on leave, so we should be OK
- tracking (asked to be done by Board) sections that will be losing due to cuts – 50 sections are to be cut – we have approximately 670 now and it will be reduced by 50 to 620 sections
- staff will get their departments next year
- staffing will be done according to the Collective Agreement for now with 28 students/class
- next Monday May 27, Trustees will be coming to MDHS for “Coffee Time” form 3:30-5:00pm
- finishing budget now – staffing focus – 150 staff
- Other...
 - Music Banquet May 30
 - Athletic Banquet June 10
 - Drama Wed & Thursday – first week in June
 - Grad – Last week – June 26 – 415 Graduates – Congratulations!

8. Other Topics/Concerns/ Questions

- Public Health/Police have issued tickets to vapers on school property – more education in September
- Grade 7 & 8’s are learning about vaping, Grade 9’s learn in Phys. Ed.

- Possible idea for next year – Human Trafficking
- Lunch periods – Grade 9’s period 3, Grade 10’s period 4
- Every school in board offers at least one e-learning course