

**Milliken Mills HS School Council
Minutes
Meeting #34– Monday, January 18, 2021
Virtual Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Minutes by Michelle Zhang**

1 Opening of Meeting

- Welcome and Attendance
- Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from November 2020 Meeting (posted on the school website)
Agenda & Minutes were approved and can move forward. Attendees supported.
- Attendance was taken. Noted present for all or part of the meeting:

Present:

Christopher Hilmer (Principal), Calire Duan, Dawn Imada-Chan (Vice-Principal), Daniel Zheng, Dina Saweriss, Even Yiwen Tang, Even Yiwen Tang, Flora Wen (Co-Treasurer), Fernand Boudreau, Kamla Reid (Teacher Rep), Minnie Chow (Vice-Chair), , Miranda Edwards, Nada Kesavan, Noreen Mian (Chair), Nadia Pinelli (Non-Teaching Rep), Navin Yadav, Michelle Zhang (new Secretary), Mike Ved (Co-Treasurer), Navin Yadav, Raj Shunmugavelu, Timothy Edwards, Thaoshgan Viamlanth, Tharshini Balakumar, Vee Kas, Shanshan Chen, Xiauying Liu, , Z Su, Sofia Yang (Student Rep)

Regrets:

Candy Chen, Jianqiang He, Galina Liang, Jenna Lynde (Teacher Presenter), Ying Pan, Tina Liang, Premila Siva, Min Su, Ethen The, Sue Tiraei, James Wang, Richard Wu, Li Ye Irene Petrou (Guidance), Tamar Stein (Vice-Principal)

2 Student Report

- Sofia Yang (Gr. 12 Student Rep) presented on behalf of Student Council
- Virtual talent show hosted before Christmas break
- Purple Project – Food drive
- New Club formed: Nice connection Club to connect students from each grade together
- November/December newsletter to be posted on school website

3 Guidance Presentation on the Course Selection Process for 2021/2022

- Dina Saweriss, Head of Guidance office at MMHS, presented course selection process for next school year
- This presentation was pre-recorded for each grade running on lunch hour on this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- A Google Form was provided to student to fill in questions before and after presentation
- Presentation for Grade 10 showed in the meeting which started from graduation requirements , go backward to what courses to choose for Grade 10
 - Graduation requirements
 - Course types

- How to choose courses in my blue print and parents can also use it to track the progress of student
- My Blueprint opens on Feb 13th and closes on Feb 24th
- Dina to provide link of this presentation in parent newsletter

4 School Council Goal(s) for the Year / Parents Reaching Out Grant

- Maximum \$500 grant for this year, to be applied for by Jan 29th, 2021. Minnie to submit the form
- Initiative to arrange some sessions to help parent and student to cope with this stressful time. Can be 3-4 sessions for mental health/wellbeing related
- Other topics are welcomed and to be submitted to parent council by this Friday 5 pm Jan 22nd, 2021

5 Teacher Report (with Guidance)

- Kamla Reid presented the Teacher Report
- Ms. J. Batson from Music department: A successful online, digital winter concert held on December 16, 2020
- Ms. M. Coleman from ESL Department: As it is near the end of semester, requested parent to help students submit school work on time
- Ms. K. Middleton from Art Department: Students contributed to Gallery 44, MMK was invited to fiber arts landscape project
- Dr. K. Reid from Science department: move away from pen/paper test, using gamification, podcasts, and youtube instead

6 Administration Report

- Dawn Imada Chan: Student Success team was formed by individuals or department heads from different departments
- Mental wellbeing survey was sent out to students about the challenges during this time, closed last Wednesday.
- Actions to be taken from this survey: distributed the data to student success teams, and prioritize the needs of students
- There are 2 other support teams:
 - Workshop team for grade 9 student: every Wednesday. The topic of this month is "study tips".
 - After school support team: it is a targeted support to students who need extra help to pass the credits starting today through Jan 29th, 2021
- Minnie: how parents could support online learning to ensure students are more engaged, e.g. one-on-one meeting with teacher, and ask student to turn camera on
 - Mr. Hilmer: due to privacy view, school can't force students to turn on camera, but could encourage them to do so. Teachers also like to see students' facial expression to know if students understand what has been taught

- Dr. Reid: check the group chat, schedule 5-10 mins to make sure students' questions answered, ask students questions during class to keep students focused, encourage to raise hand, sharing screen, and more dialogue during class are helpful
- The bandwidth also limits when more videos, images are displayed at the same time
- Mr. Hilmer: Encourage to create a sense of community within class. e.g collaborative activities, break time half way of the class time etc.
- Mr. Hilmer's items
 - Jan 29th is the last day of semester 1
 - Report card will be distributed electrically in the first week of Feb
 - Semester 2 time table – still in progress, will be ready on Jan 26th
 - Feb 10th: back to in person class as scheduled
 - IB applications: the 1st round offers have been sent out, the 2nd round offers will be out next week
 - Incoming Grade 9 students open house took place virtually last week
 - Grade 12 graduation ceremony of some kind in last week of June
 - Ministry of Education announced that there will be a change to the Grade 9 math curriculum. There will be no more academic or applied math for Grade 9 students in September, but Grade 9 math only
 - Nadia Pinelli is in office Monday – Friday 8 am – 4 pm. Only 1 or 2 admin staff in office during this time

7 Meeting Adjournments at 8:37pm

All Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Future Meeting Dates:
Monday, March 22, 2021
Monday, May 17, 2021

Meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
At this time, meetings are held virtually.

Chair: Noreen Mian | Vice-Chair: Minnie Chow
Secretary: Michelle Zhang | Co-Treasurers: Flora Wen & Mike Ved