

**Milliken Mills HS School Council
Minutes
Meeting #5– Monday, March 22, 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 January 2021 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), Dawn Imada-Chan (Vice-Principal), Junying Zhang, Vanessa C. (Student Rep), Noreen Mian (Chair), Nadia Pinelli (Non-Teaching Rep), Ayla Rana, Yun Li, Dawn Lo, Susan Ci, Sathees Thanga, Kamla Reid (Teacher Rep), Flora Wen (Co-Treasurer), Michelle Zhang (Secretary)

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), Daniel Zheng, Dina Saweriss, Even Yiwen Tang, Even Yiwen Tang, Fernand Boudreau, Minnie Chow (Vice-Chair), ,Miranda Edwards, Nada Kesavan,, Navin Yadav, Mike Ved (Co-Treasurer), Navin Yadav, Raj Shunmugavelu, Timothy Edwards, Thaoshgan Viamlanth, Tharshini Balakumar, Vee Kas, Shanshan Chen, Xiauying Liu,Z Su

2 Student Report

- Vanessa C. presented on behalf of Student Council
- Amazing Race: school-wide events lasted for 2 weeks. It was a huge success.
- Spirit week: to boost student moral during this stressful time from now to before April break.
- Encouraging students to turn camera on during class. Dr. Reid said she has class with very high participation rate when students were encouraged to do so.

3 Parent Reaching Out Grant

- \$500 was granted. This fund needs to be used before the end of school year
- The MMHS School Council will host a virtual presentation for parents/guardians
- The topic is “Promoting Your Teen’s Mental Health During the Pandemic”
- Speakers are registered psychotherapists Janice Leblanc and Joddie Walker
- The duration is 1 hour with Q&A included
- Date/Time: Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

4 Teacher Report (from Dr. Reid)

- Guidance department: Guidance department did a check-in survey to get feedback from student about semester 1. With the survey results, guidance department will be creating next step activities, seminars and sending extra resources to share with students starting in April.
- Courses selection verification emails were sent to Parents/Guardians last week. No response is needed if no change requested. After today, students need to contact guidance office for changes.
- Computer Science department: University of Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition was held on Feb 17th, 2021. MMHS had 33 registrants (the highest number of registrants), 10 of 21 receiving certification of distinctions, 15 of 21 scored national mean, 3 out of 12 registered Waterloo junior competitions and placed in 25th percentile.
- IB teachers: all teachers were engaged in marking IB assessments to meet deadline of April 1st.

5 Administration Report

- Dawn Imada Chan:
 - Graduation photos: will be held on April 26th 9:30 am – 5:30 pm in cafeteria
 - It will be only 10 minutes per session, booked in advance
 - Individual gown will be provided to each student during the photo shoot
 - Students need to be well prepared before their appointment
 - Proper health procedure will be in place
 - More appointment dates/times will be opened once the current date is fully booked
 - The price for graduation sitting fee is \$30 + HST
 - Payment needs to be made to vendor directly
 - Next workshop by student leaders (SLAM): theme is mental health and wellbeing next Wednesday 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm
 - April 21st: Virtual grade 8 panel for incoming grade 9 students
 - Annual Earth Day celebration: April 22nd and 23rd

- Mr. Hilmer
 - Course selection change request deadline was March 22nd, 4 pm
 - Parents/Guardians interview appointment has been open for booking until noon today
 - April 7th is the last day of term 1
 - Mid-semester report card will be out on April 27 – May 3rd
 - April break: April 12 -16. No school during break
 - April 20th: deadline to drop a course for grade 12 students before the upload of marks to OUAC/OCAS
 - June 3rd: full disclosure. Dropped courses will be shown as withdrawal on the transcript
 - Feedback day: this Wednesday. All courses are held online in the morning
 - New rotation: 4th rotation starts this Thursday, March 25
 - Graduation ceremony: Last week of June. Whether virtual or in-person hasn't been determined yet – students have already had the opportunity to purchase a grad gown, cap and tassel

6 Zoom Practice

7 Meeting Adjournments at 8:47pm

All Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Future Meeting Dates:
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