

**Milliken Mills HS School Council
Minutes
Meeting #3 – Monday, November 16, 2020
Virtual Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Minutes by Minnie Chow and Michelle Zhang**

1 Opening of Meeting

- Welcome and Attendance
- Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from October 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:

Fariha A. (Student Rep), Candy Chen, Minnie Chow (Vice-Chair), Miranda Edwards, Timothy Edwards, Pragasha Eswaran, Jianqiang He, Christopher Hilmer (Principal), Vee Kas, Nada Kesavan, Galina Liang, Tina Liang, Jenna Lynde (Teacher Presenter), Noreen Mian (Chair), Ying Pan, Nadia Pinelli (Non-Teaching Rep), Kamla Reid (Teacher Rep), Raj Shunmugavelu, Premila Siva, Min Su, Ethen Teh, Sue Tiraei, James Wang, Flora Wen (Co-Treasurer), Richard Wu, Li Ye, Michelle Zhang (new Secretary)

Regrets:

Dawn Imada-Chan (Vice-Principal), Irene Petrou (Guidance), Tamar Stein (Vice-Principal), Mike Ved (Co-Treasurer)

2 Call to Fill Vacant Position of Secretary

- The position of Secretary was explained and filled.
- Michelle Zhang has been formally elected as Secretary. She will also begin to take minutes for today's meeting.

3 Student Report

- Fariha A. (Gr. 11 Student Vice Coordinator) presented on behalf of Student Council
- SAC Talent Show at end of November 2020

4 Cooperative Education Presentation

- Jenna Lynde, Head of Cooperative Education at MMHS, presented an overview of the Cooperative Education Program.

- Experiential method of learning that gives students an opportunity to work outside the school while earning secondary school credits
- Cooperative Education allows students to explore a career of interest, develop job skills, obtain career-related practical experience, gather references for a resume, develop self-confidence that is necessary for success in the workplace, provide up to date technology with learning environment and engaging opportunities.
- Cooperative Education placements are possible for most Grade 11 and 12 courses
- The Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) - This program is designed for students who wish to pursue a skilled trade while meeting the academic requirements to graduate secondary school. Students may enroll in OYAP in Grade 11 and may continue with OYAP in Grade 12.
- The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) – This program is a 2-year certification process that students would begin in Grade 11 and complete by the end of Grade 12.
- The focus for SHSM at MMHS are: Health & Wellness, Business, and Environment. Students will receive certifications and a red seal on their high school diploma.
- Dual Credit Program – This programs allow eligible students in high school to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma or a postsecondary certificate, diploma, degree or a Certificate of Apprenticeship
- There is Summer School Cooperative Education program that is offered by YRDSB, not by MMHS.

5 Work on New School Council Constitution

- Article 1 - Accept change
- Article 3 - Added “families”
- Article 6 – Remove “maximum of 30”. Accept changes
- Article 7 – Accept change
- Article 9 – Accept change
- Article 15 - Approved
- Article 19 – Approved

6 School Council Goal(s) for the Year

- Noreen Mian presented the School Council goals for school year 2020/2021. Based on feedback from parents, these are the following goals:
 1. Parent engagement and communication - Communicate and encourage participation.

2. Provide events and programs to support parents in fostering a positive outlook and helping with children achieve physical, mental and academic success.

7 Teacher Report (with Guidance)

- Kamla Reid presented the Teacher Report:
- Guidance News: Currently preparing for the virtual graduation ceremony on November 25.
- All Grade 11 and 12 students are encouraged to attend the Financial Aid and Scholarship seminar on November 30 (in the Guidance Google Classroom).
- Grade 8 Open House will have an online presentation on December 8.
- Information regarding volunteer hours for this year is posted in the Guidance Google Classroom
- IB intake exams for potential G9 Enriched students will be held between November 18 to 23 – The F2F format has changed, taking into account, the Province's and YRDSB pandemic protocols – Nov 25 to Dec 4 teachers will assess package for first round of offers.

8 Administration Report

- For the 40 hours of community service, the Ministry has approved students graduating in June 2021 will only require 20 hours of community service to graduate. Any graduate for this year can earn hours if they have part-time work up to 10 hrs toward community service hrs.
- Literacy Test – graduates in June 2021 are not required to write the test this year
- Gr 10 students will be required to complete the literacy test now. Email Joanna Thompson (Literacy Teacher) with questions.
- Mid-Term Report card – Electronic copy will be available on Thursday, Nov 18. There will be no mail out.
- Full Disclosure – November 19. Student in Gr 11 or 12 that requires a course to be dropped (university will not see this course if dropped). November 20, the student's marks will be uploaded to OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre).
- Secondary School Model Change Request Form for Semester 2 – Deadline is November 16, 2020 at 8:00 am. Complete this form only if there is a change to current model.
- Student of the Month – Receives a certificate for their character attributes. Student's name will appear on MMHS website.

9 Meeting Adjournment at 8:30pm

All Parents/Guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Future Meeting Dates:
Monday, January 18, 2021
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