

MDHS Parent Council Minutes September 12, 2017

In attendance: Principal Petra Goetz, Floyd & Ruth Harper, School Trustees Savannah Hooper and Ally Corcoran, Juanita Power and Linda Vivian.

Petra welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Petra read the Mission Statement.

Student Council Report

Trustees Ally and Savannah informed council that they plan to be actively involved within the school and plan to jazz up the school spirit.

They are currently working on the following projects:

Plans for Grade 7's and grade 9's which may involve lunch time activities such as theme days, dodge ball, etc. - Activities where students will interact and feel welcome in their new environment.

Farmer's Week – once again interactive activities planned over the lunch hours.

Hallowe'en Dance

Fall Formal

Blue Devil appearances on Fridays to increase school spirit.

Principal's Report

Informational Items

1. **Staffing** – 12 new staff joining MDHS

- F. Etwell, A. Frayne, J. Lowe, C. McLeod, C. Oates, R. Pearson, H. Schlumpf, T. Schmidt, M. Wilhelm, B. Windsor, J. Culligan (EA), E. Gordner (TRA)

2. **Student Trustees**

- Ally Corcoran and Savannah Hooper

3. **School Numbers**

- Elementary – 143
- Secondary – 317
- International – 18

4. **Budget Info**

- There are several lines belonging to Parent Council. Each year we need to report to the board, what our plan is for the usage of these funds.

School council

- Bingo Line (line 221) – Balance is \$3,653.49

- Parent Involvement (line 225) – Balance is \$3,705.34
- PRO (Parent Reaching Out Grant) (line 226) - \$54.60

Regional Council (MDHS & UTES)

- Parent Involvement (line 223) - \$1,176.50
- PRO Grant (Healthy Living) (line 265) - \$677.09

School Programming

- E-hub – Heather Cumming – growing number of students selecting online courses. This section (first semester), is to help students manage the platform.
- Pathways teacher – Nick Keller – will support multiple pathway items. One specifically being the SHSM. Would be happy to talk to a parent group (perhaps as a forum before a Parent Council Mtg)
- iPad Distribution – We have been working at distributing the ipads this past week.
 - § Grade 12's did a survey indicating if they would prefer a chromebook/ipad or BYOD
 - § The results were: 65.1% would prefer to receive the same Chromebook they were issued last year
 - § 14.3% would prefer to receive an iPad2 or an iPad mini
 - § 20.6% would rather not receive any device as they have their own.

Grade 7's received new ipads today. Grade's 8 through 11 over the last few days. Some glitches we are working through, as this is the first time for this process to occur.

6. Renovations – Heating & cooling/ventilation system, windows, roof, gym floor refinished

7. Parent Council – is there a way we could support growth in membership/visibility?

Future Parent Council Meeting dates are:

Nov. 21 in W108 at 7:00 p.m. with guest speaker Nick Keller

Jan. 23, 2018 in Library at 7:00 p.m.

April 17, 2018 in W108 at 7:00 p.m.

A request was brought forward asking council to assist in purchasing new uniforms for a new baseball team at MDHS.

Moved by Linda to purchase ball uniforms for a secondary school baseball team up to an amount of \$1500. Seconded by Ruth. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

FYI: Sept. 21st is the Elementary meet the teacher evening from 5-7 Any volunteers to represent Parent Council and perhaps try and recruit new members?? Please let me know if you are available.

Oct. 19th (Secondary Parents night from 5-7) and March 22nd – same time.

Future Bingo Dates: Help needed.

October 7 – matinee

November 11 – evening (Juanita has volunteered)

December 16 – matinee

January 7/18 – matinee

Jan. 25 – evening (Juanita has volunteered)

Feb. 13 – evening

Mar. 3 – evening (Juanita has volunteered)

Mar. 22 - evening (Juanita has volunteered)

3 people are needed at each bingo. One can be a student. Please let me know if you can help.