



**Malvern Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting  
December 8th, 2021 | 7-8:30 pm**

**Minutes**

**Voting Members Present:** Pam Anderson, Laura Beaune, Tina Bieber, Catherine Boyd, Alison Burn, Michelle Carlyle, Samer Darwiche, Kristina Hachey, Marnie Jennings, Michelle Lavoie, Angie Law, Nancy Mallins , Marnie Proud, Tracy Scott, Adrienne Scott

**Voting Members Absent:** Stephanie Simmons, Natia Athenea, Brenda Doig, Andreea Gasca, Jacqueline Grossman, Aron McGrath, Karen McMullin, Diane Montgomery, Victoria Morwick, Muriel Rosilio

**Staff and Non-Voting Members Present:** Sandy Kaskens, Rafael Escobar, Keith Gould, Tara Duff, Inge Riendeau, Valentina Hung, Cynthia McCarrey, Natalie Rodrigues, Dierdrie Molina, Meredith Kay, Sabrina Traid, Nila Thomas.

	Item	Speaker(s)
	<p><b>Welcome and Declaration of Conflict of Interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November meeting minutes approved</li> <li>• No Conflict of Interest declared</li> </ul>	<p>Laura Beaune &amp; Angie Law</p>
	<p><b>SAC Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food drive and clothing drive started this week, request that parents are reminded of the drives that support local charities</li> <li>• Candygram orders start this week and will be delivered next week – proceeds go to Centre 55</li> <li>• Next week is spirit week and events include candygram delivery and a virtual assembly on Friday (17<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>	<p>Julia Sinclair Tia Wilson</p>
	<p><b>Principal's Report</b> Sandy discussed at length recent items that have generated concern amongst parents: Recent lockdown</p>	<p>Sandy Kaskens</p>

- There may have been some confusion among staff because a practice lockdown was scheduled for this day
- The lockdown was in response to a student in distress who needed space and time to be helped by emergency services without being surrounded by students and staff
- TDSB procedures were followed, and are available for review on the [Malvern website](#)
- procedures and the importance of following the process in every instance was discussed at staff meeting
- there is a safe and caring school committee that we welcome parents to join that can look at issues like this

#### Vaping

- Sandy has discussed with Principal colleagues and this is an issue that all schools are facing
- Vaping incidents have reduced in recent weeks, possibly due to progressive discipline process in place
- Staff are doing their best to supervise students at break but due to staggered breaks it is difficult to have consistent monitoring of washrooms where students do gather
- A parent workshop is being organized as is a session for students

#### General updates

- Extra curriculums are posted on [the website](#) – great to see students out, lunch sports are especially popular – weight room is not open yet and Sandy will verify what the protocol is
- School has the rapid antigen tests for students to take over holidays but have not yet received instructions regarding distribution
- Semester 2: we are hoping is a regular semester but the final decision is up to Toronto Public Health
- We are receiving a new outdoor classroom near the front door and close to cafeteria where there are currently benches – the grade of the hill will be fixed and will be upgraded with seats and stones – The flagpole will remain because of its symbolic history
- Moving ahead with accessibility on the first floor and Sandy thanked the parents for advocating for this change to allow a staff member to return to work

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to convert a basement room to a drama room since the auditorium is being used as a classroom</li> <li>• Working on making the main floor more inviting as a showcase</li> <li>• In future, parents and students will be invited to work with Sandy on school improvement plan (SIP)</li> <li>• Next week we will honour students for academic achievements - Sandy will do a video congratulating them</li> <li>• Subject award criteria has been amended to be broader than marks - criteria is on the <a href="#">Malvern website</a></li> <li>• Short discussion of honour roll and the setting of the average at 80 – no change made at this time to the average</li> </ul> <p>BUDGET DISCUSSION and VOTE postponed to the January 2022 School Council meeting due to time constraints.</p>	
7:55	<p><b>Teacher/Staff Representative Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noticed students wandering inside school at break time so classes will stick together during break time and one at a time in the washroom</li> <li>• Teachers noticing kids are less organized with notes and require reminders about binders and organizing tools</li> <li>• Teachers are managing curriculum delivery carefully and deciding key areas to focus on given the challenges presented by the current schedule approach. 2.5 hour classes are not the same as two 1.25 hour classes that are properly spaced so it is difficult to deliver all of the required content effectively</li> <li>• No news yet about exams in next semester – this is a TDSB decision</li> <li>• Discussion about cell use in class policy and Rafael clarified that it is up to each teacher to decide effective and appropriate use</li> </ul>	Rafael Escobar
8:05	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash in the account as at December 8th is just over \$9,800</li> <li>• In the month of December, we have received approximately \$1,835 from the black and red fundraiser</li> <li>• We have commitments from prior year, which include some scholarships, water bottle station and funds for staff/student morale totalling just under \$5,600</li> </ul>	Nancy Mallins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remaining balance of roughly \$4,200. This has increased slightly from the prior month due to the donations received.</li> </ul>	
8:10	<p><b>Other Updates</b></p> <p>Updates from committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Ward 16 update today – will do in January</li> </ul> <p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on Malvern Mixer and looking at May</li> <li>Considering whether it will be an in-person event or not</li> <li>Open to have new members join the committee</li> </ul> <p>Communications and Parent Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking at best way to keep parents talking and possible improvements to website</li> <li>Events to come include workshops on vaping</li> <li>Anti racism workshop was well attended and we will look at initiatives to continue the conversation</li> </ul> <p>Graduation committee is up and running</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commencement is June 29</li> </ul>	<p>Catherine Boyd</p> <p>Adrienne Scott</p> <p>Laura Beaune</p>
8:25	<p><b>Action Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remind families of the food and clothing drive</li> <li>Set date for the “after high school” parent workshop</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting adjourned at 8:23PM</b></p>	<p>Adrienne Scott</p>

*Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022*