



## Malvern Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting February 9, 2022 | 7 – 8:30 p.m.

**Voting Members Present:** Pam Anderson, Laura Beaune, Tina Bieber, Catherine Boyd, , Kristina Hachey, Marnie Jennings, Michelle Lavoie, Angie Law, Nancy Mallins, Aron McGrath, Diane Montgomery, Victoria Morwick, Marnie Proud, Tracy Scott

**Voting Members Absent:** Alison Burn, Michelle Carlyle, Jacqueline Grossman, Karen McMullin Stephanie Simmons, Adrienne Scott, Natia Athenea, Samer Darwiche, Brenda Doig, Andreea Gasca, Muriel Rosilio

**Staff and Non-Voting Members Present:** Sandy Kaskens, Rafael Escobar, Lori Curgenvan, Tara Duff, Catherine Ellis, Matthew Ellis, Julia Sinclair, Meredith Kay, Michelle Carlyle, Adene Kuchera, Nila Thomas, Sunny Lin, Tia Wi;son, Valentina Hung, Keith Gould, Alison Dillabough, Michael Wiseman, Mara Shaughnessy, Sabrina Traid

### AGENDA

Time	Item	Speaker(s)
7:00	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement</li> <li>• Declaration of Conflict of Interest</li> <li>• Approval of January meeting minutes (action items )</li> <li>• Call for other business</li> </ul> <p>No conflicts were identified No other business</p>	Laura Beaune & Angie Law
7:05	<p>SAC Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valentine’s Day candy bags to be sold for \$2 from Friday February 11 to Monday February 14, proceeds to be donated to Black Lives Matter</li> <li>• Hosting a university career pathway Tuesday March 1st to Friday March 4th, after school starting at 3:30</li> <li>• Tuesday – stem; Wednesday – fine arts; Thursday – Business and social sciences; Friday – other</li> <li>• Speakers needed can be those in university or those already in careers (any age), 20-minute time commitment for speakers. Contact SAC if you can help: <a href="mailto:julia.sinclair@student.tdsb.on.ca">julia.sinclair@student.tdsb.on.ca</a> or <a href="mailto:tia.wilson@student.tdsb.on.ca">tia.wilson@student.tdsb.on.ca</a></li> </ul>	Molly Comfort
7:10	<p>Principal’s Report &amp; Update on Covid School Protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semester 2 has had a very positive start – very positive vibe in the school with the shorter class times and the library has been reopened.</li> <li>• There are 6 new teachers in the school. 2 positions remain open, one for a French teacher and one for a business teacher. The French position will be filled shortly. There is a call to all parents, for anyone who knows someone that may be able to</li> </ul>	Sandy Kaskens

	<p>teach business. If they are not already part of the board, they need to apply and Sandy can help add them to the occasional list. A criminal record check is required. If someone already has one done within the last year, this will help speed up the process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malvern’s absenteeism rates reported on the <a href="#">school website</a>, in Community Announcements/Updates</li> <li>• Extracurriculars and athletics will begin again, the focus will be on spring sports. Sandy is waiting for staff to volunteer, and once schedule is set, teachers will assist students in showing them what is being offered, this hopefully will encourage involvement. Spring sports start after March break</li> <li>• Rapid tests were distributed, thank you to all parents that helped to put the kits together. If you have not received your rapid tests, they can be picked up in the office. More rapid tests will be received soon, parents welcome again to help with the unpacking/re-packing</li> <li>• Report cards for Semester 1 were sent out, Course Selection for 2022/23 is now open – Guidance is running workshops</li> <li>• New wellness initiative to be launched to assist both staff and students</li> <li>• Grad photos to start next week. Sign up sheet was sent out to all graduates and there was mention of this in the newsletter</li> <li>• EQAO testing was completed this past semester, all Grade 11s and those Grade 12s not graduating this year participated. Unofficial results are 264 students wrote and there was a 94.3% pass rate. For those that were not successful, teachers will reach out to assist them for the next EQAO testing what will be done again in the spring.</li> <li>• Construction to make the first floor of the school wheelchair accessible is well underway</li> <li>• Vaping workshop for parents to be held February 24th</li> <li>• Question was asked if students still need to complete 2 e-learning classes to graduate, Sandy was not sure as there has been no communication or direction from the board on this yet</li> <li>• Spirit wear will be made available within the next two months</li> </ul>	
7:55	<p>Teacher/Staff Representative Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More positive environment in the school with the four classes a day format</li> <li>• Reminder to return all Semester 1 textbooks to your teacher</li> <li>• Younger students are having challenges with staying organized, asked that parents ensure kids have binders to help them.</li> <li>• Janine Davies is looking for companies willing to offer co-op placements for students. Term is one full semester, every afternoon. This is an unpaid position. Those interested please email <a href="mailto:janine.davies@tdsb.on.ca">janine.davies@tdsb.on.ca</a></li> </ul>	Rafael Escobar
8:00	<p><b>Updates &amp; Reports</b></p> <p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash balance as of February 9th is \$13,157</li> <li>• have received \$5,333 from the Red and Black fundraiser</li> <li>• commitments from prior year include water bottle station and funds for staff/student morale totalling just under \$5,400</li> <li>• new commitments for this year total \$8,100</li> <li>• Remaining balance is roughly (\$335)</li> <li>• Additional funds needed</li> </ul>	Nancy Mallins

	<p>Anti-Black Racism Book Club with Alexis Dawson – March 30<sup>th</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The book that will be discussed is “So You Want to Talk About Race” by Ijeoma Oluo</li> <li>• Please read in advance of the discussion on March 30th.</li> <li>• The book can be purchased at Ella Minnow or at A Different Book List as well as other stores. It is also available as an audio book.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion about PRO Grant and Speaker 2022/2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school won a PRO Grant, the application was focused on “Encouraging a diverse, inclusive welcoming school and parent community”.</li> <li>• Asking all parents for suggestions on who they would like to see and in what format that would apply to this initiative via <a href="mailto:malvernschoolcouncil@gmail.com">malvernschoolcouncil@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> <p>Fundraising – Red &amp; Black Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As we are still short to cover all of our commitments for this year, we will be sending out a reminder to the parent group for donations. Anything helps, even \$5. Contributions via <a href="#">School Cash Online</a></li> </ul> <p>Fundraising Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking for members to be part of the committee as some individuals who volunteered are no longer available</li> <li>• Committee is looking to host a zoom wine and dinner.</li> <li>• Cost would be \$150/couple and event to take place after March Break</li> <li>• Anyone wishing to help, please contact the fundraising committee via <a href="mailto:malvernschoolcouncil@gmail.com">malvernschoolcouncil@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> <p>Graduation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for both an indoor and outdoor event, depending on restrictions</li> <li>• If outdoor, thinking of a large tent that could be used for both graduation ceremony and prom</li> <li>• If indoor, looking for a venue that can hold 900 people for the ceremony and a venue that can hold 245 students plus staff for the prom</li> <li>• Issue is that the board is only allowing refundable deposits to be placed on venues and most are nonrefundable</li> <li>• Beach United Church was presented as a possible option</li> <li>• In the past prom has been held at Liberty Grand, Palais Royale</li> <li>• Asking if anyone knows of a possible venue, to please let them know via <a href="mailto:malvernschoolcouncil@gmail.com">malvernschoolcouncil@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>	<p>Laura</p> <p>Laura</p> <p>Angie</p> <p>Michelle Lavoie</p> <p>Grad Committee</p>
8:15	<p>Parent &amp; Student Check In</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commentators agreed with Sandy and Rafael that Term 2 is off to a great start and lockers very much appreciated</li> </ul>	All
	<p><b>Action Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAC looking for parents for their university career pathway presentation</li> <li>• Reminder to return all semester 1 textbooks</li> <li>• Janine Davies is looking for co-op placements for students</li> <li>• Book club is on March 30th</li> <li>• Submit ideas for PRO grant</li> <li>• Grad Committee is looking for venue ideas for both ceremony and prom</li> <li>• Fundraising committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee</li> </ul> <p>Meeting adjourned: 8:21 p.m.</p>	

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022**