

Malvern School Council (SC) Meeting November 10, 2021

Voting Members Present: Pam Anderson, Tina Bieber, Michelle Lavoie, Angie Law, Nancy Mallins, Aron McGrath, Karen McMullin, Diane Montgomery, Victoria Morwick, Marnie Proud, Tracy Scott, Adrienne Scott, Stephanie Simmons, Michelle Carlyle

Voting Members Absent: Natia Athenea, Laura Beaune, Alison Burn, Kristina Hachey, Aron McGrath, Marnie Jennings, Samer Darwiche, Brenda Doig, Andreea Gasca, Catherine Boyd, Jacqueline Grossman, Muriel Rosilio

Non-Voting Members Present: Keith Gould, Michelle Lavoie, Tara Duff, Nadia Olmed, Kristina Hachey, Bronwen Gill, Kristin Rogers, Meredith Kay, Matthew Ellis, Oscar Avila, Claire Roberts, Valentina Hung, Adene Kuchera, Lynda Grimard-Watt, Sarah Phang, Cynthia McCarrey

Staff and SAC Present: Sandy Kaskens, Rafael Escobar (voting member), Tia Wilson, Julia Sinclair

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting was held virtually.

#	Item	Discussion	Speaker
1	Welcome	Call to order 7:00 pm	Angie Law
2	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Definition of conflict of interest: Anyone on council who could have a monetary gain from something that the council is initiating or discussing. No conflicts declared.	Angie Law
3	SAC Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAC is planning holiday spirit week, events include candy grams, and various themed days A hot chocolate drive will be held to raise funds for a charity Charity is yet to be selected - SC and SAC agreed best way forward is to poll students to get their ideas on potential charities – suggested were Centre 55, Red Door Shelter Decision was made that students will be able to use SC funds earmarked for student and staff morale to purchase materials for hot chocolate fundraiser – SC will work with Sandy to get required funds to SAC Holiday assembly is being planned, with a proposed mix of video and live content – will take place right before winter break 	Tia Wilson and Julia Sinclair
4	Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy thanked everyone for a great Halloween participation turnout Discussed the issue that was in the newsletter of vaping in the bathrooms and that the excerpt attracted some press attention Sandy reiterated that the communication was to make sure parents were aware that vaping was occurring on school grounds Discussion of consequences, which include a call home to parents and being sent home for the day. Intent is to balance consequences with building awareness to help students understand implications of vaping 	Sandy Kaskens

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision made to add vaping to the parent workshop list and also hold one for students, with possible inclusion of a public health nurse • Sandy explained how school fees are used and why they are required, as outlined in the newsletter. The absence of fees last year has caused some parents to question them this year. All fees are accounted for to SC. • Discussion of the upcoming standard literacy tests for grades 10 and 11 (in-class tests that are required by the province - EQAO). There are 2 sessions – one before the holidays, and one in the new year. Grade 11s will take the test before December (possible dates are Nov 29, 30 or Dec 1) so that they can retry again in the new year if they do not pass. Grade 10 will participate in the new year. A successful literacy test is required for graduation. • The PA day this month will include a focus on supporting every student, including a discussion on mental health supports for students and supporting every student • No decisions have been made yet about what the next semester will look like in terms of structure. The current quadmester approach was meant to address COVID contact concerns, but it is difficult for students and for teachers and no longer seems necessary. • Decision made to send letters and/or petition to school trustee to lobby for a return to standard semester structure – MSC will reach out to solicit a parent volunteer to take the lead 	
6	School Staff/Teaching Representative report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are great resources available for students to practice literacy tests https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M3VSNy8gudkwNapaDcVLjGqhbOXzQOvv6h4WE0U43Q/edit AND https://d1c1qqn86e6v14.cloudfront.net/#/en/student/ossit-assessment • Outlined attendance at recent credit recovery days – about 100 students per session • Asked that parents please remind students that Chromebooks are to be used for schoolwork – some students are playing games in class • Asked that if any parents have special effects makeup experience to please email Jo Anne Cortes to discuss speaking to students - Jo-Anne.Cortes@tdsb.on.ca 	Rafael Escobar
7	Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current cash balance is approximately \$8600 • Current commitments are about \$6200 leaving approximately \$2400 available 	Nancy Mallins
8	Ward 16 School Council Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support workers attended Ward 16 meeting and provided a great resource for parents that covers areas like 	Dianne Montgomery and

		<p>school council, grade 8-9 transitions and much more – https://www.tdsbhub.ca/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed an initiative called Affinity Spaces which is designed to attract more parents to Council – Stephanie will get more information and report back to committee 	Stephanie Simms
9	Other Business/Future Meetings, Action items	<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-Racism workshop on November 30 – details will be emailed to all parents – Alexis Dawson is the speaker and this workshop has been paid for through SC funds Life after High School workshop on December 1 – details will be emailed to all parents <p>Action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with SAC to fund students holiday charity event Organize parent vaping workshop Explore Affinity spaces initiative Initiate a letter writing campaign to trustee supporting return to regular semesters in Semester 2 <p>Meeting ended at 8:34 pm</p> <p>Our next meeting is Wednesday, December 8th, 2021</p> <p>Reminder to all members to please attend the November 30th Anti Racism workshop which has been paid for through SC funding</p>	Various