

Malvern School Council (MSC) Meeting October 19, 2021

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

#	Item	Discussion	Speaker
1	Welcome	Call to order 7:00 pm	Laura Beaune
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.	Laura Beaune
3	Approval of Minutes	Angie Law and Kristen DeMuth	Laura Beaune
4	SAC Presentation	School spirit going strong. Follow the Malvern SAC Instagram page @malvernsac SAC has organized many great activities for the school already with more to come: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 9 & 10 day with many team building activities. (SAC has been doing a lot with Grade 9's and 10's – since 10's didn't really have a "proper" intro last year.) - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with the tying of ribbons on side of school. - Wacky Wednesday is tomorrow when students will dress up for "decades day". - Spirit Week will be the end of October. Each day will offer a different thing students can do – e.g. pajama day and a Halloween costume contest. - Looking do to a Holiday assembly and holiday spirit week. 	Molly Comfort , Preside nt SAC Julia Sinclair, External Affairs Officer Taylor Bird, Vice Preside nt
5	Principal's Report	Sandy thanked the Executive and the Council members for the breakfast goodies that were given to the teachers. Sandy's update included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will not be any exams. Will likely have 1 credit rescue day for Week 1 and another one for Week 2. Parents will receive an email if their child needs to participate in credit rescue. Credit rescue is for students who have not completed work or haven't risen to expected level of achievement (usually under 60%) or who may have missed an assignment or a unit. - Midterms grades will be sent week of November 15th. Parent teacher interviews can be made by appointment so parents can speak with teachers. There will be a software that will be sent for parents to sign up. 	Sandy Kaskens

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November 3rd is Take Our Kids to Work Day for Grade 9 students. Many workplaces may not be running the day this year due to COVID. Malvern will run a program at school for students focussing on career opportunities. All Grade 9 curriculum for that day will be career based. Kids can be excused to go with their parent. Check out the October newsletter. - In the newsletter, there is an extracurricular website. There are announcements every day, but if students don't hear the announcements, they can check out the website. If curious about activities your child can get involved in, please check. It does evolve. - The school is looking to get more intramurals up and running. We know students want to be active and get involved in sports. - Regarding fall sports, Sandy provided some background. TDSAA put out a survey to coaches to see how they are feeling about sports teams, particularly those involved in inter-school competitions. 351 coaches responded and 57% said they weren't going to coach for fall season as they had in past and many were reluctant to convene a sports event. The school recognizes the importance of sports and a chance to interact so the school is trying to work with teachers to start more teams so they can practice and play teams within the school. - If any student wants to start a club, they can do so. Vic Rao is searching for students to work with him on computer club. Rafael is running the Malvern Medicine club for anyone interested in sciences. 	
6	School staff teaching representative report	<p>Update presented by Rafael Escobar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 9's seem excited! - The current schedule does present challenges for teachers – as one week teachers are teaching all week so limited time to mark etc. The second week has less face-to-face class time. Consequently, there may be a lag in getting grades. - Schedule may also present challenge for students as they cover content but then can't review material for the next week. Some students are having trouble with balance. - No exams this semester however everyone will have culminating assignments – between 10-30% of grade. Teachers currently planning culminating and there will be an in-class assessment. - Understand there is a concern from parents that students are not writing exams which they will need to face in post secondary. Students are doing test (mini-exams) as school 	Rafael Escobar, teacher representative

		<p>recognizes students want that skill and practice. It was a board decision not to have exams. The spirit is to be flexible and accommodating but not in such a high stakes format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thank you from all teachers for appreciation for breakfast. 	
7	Treasurer's Report	<p>Angie Law presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scholarship cheques being redeemed. - \$250.00 on staff morale breakfast. - \$10,280 balance - \$7,855 – still have \$2,400 left. Will do Red and Black fundraiser again. - No activity. 	Angie Law
8	Committee Opportunities	<p>Update from Laura Beaune –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephanie Simmons is joining Diane as Ward Council Representative - Looking at re-scheduling “lets talk about race” as there is now a conflict with the OUAC fair which has been changed to run from 5-8 pm on the same day. Many 11 and 12 parents attend the OUAC fair. 	Laura Beaune
9	Elections	<p>The following people were acclaimed as a voting member of the 2021/22 Malvern School Council: Pam Anderson, Natia Athenea, Laura Beaune, Tina Bieber, Catherine Boyd, Alison Burn, Michelle Carlyle, Samer Darwiche, Brenda Doig, Andreea Gasca, Jacqueline Grossman, Kristina Hachey, Marnie Jennings, Michelle Lavoie, Angie Law, Nancy Mallins, Aron McGrath, Karen McMullin, Diane Montgomery, Victoria Morwick, Marnie Proud, Muriel Rosilio, Tracy Scott, Adrienne Scott, Stephanie Simmons</p> <p>The following people were acclaimed to the 2021/22 Malvern School Council Executive: Co-Chair: Laura Beaune, Angie Law Co-Secretary: Andreea Gasca, Adrienne Scott Treasurer: Nancy Mallins</p>	
10	Other Business/Future Meetings	<p>Meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday, November 10 - Wednesday, December 8 - Wednesday, January 12 - Wednesday, February 9 - Wednesday, March 9 - Wednesday, April 13 - Wednesday, May 11 - Wednesday, June 8 	
	Adjourned	8:21	Laura Beaune