

Malvern School Council (MSC) Meeting December 1, 2020

Elected Members Present:

Pam Anderson, Laura Beaune, Tina Bieber, Charlene Butler, Michelle Carlyle, Paget Catania, Anthea Charles, Kristin DeMuth, Allison Dillabough, Brenda Doig, Samantha Farrell, Andrea Gasca, Kristina Hachey, Maysoun Hatoum, Karen Ingham, Adene Kuchera, Angie Law, Beth Lee, Diane Montgomery, Victoria Morwick, Stephanie Simmons, Tracy Scott, Katharine Williams, Angela Wright

Elected Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Sandy Kaskens, Rafael Escobar, Fabienne de Cartier, Ariana Vallejo Zea

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

#	Item	Discussion	Recommendation / Action
1	Welcome	Call to order 7:04	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 November Minutes	November minutes approved by Karen Ingham and Adene Kuchera.	Laura Beaune
4	Principal's Report	Sandy Kaskens presented the principal's report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quad 2 has started and has gone smoothly. 1 week completed. • Change in attendance has caused some confusion. Parents now being called if students not logged in for asynchronous learning. Rationale for calls: ministry funding and student attendance. • Reflection on Quad 1 – feedback taken into consideration. Realization that more structure needed and need to be more direct on what to do with asynchronous learning. Working to see how best to keep students engaged in 3-hour class period. • 62 students are fully virtual/in virtual school. For those students, Malvern has partnered with a cluster of schools where it is a “mini” virtual school in 	Sandy Kaskens

		<p>which students share classes. (Exception for French Immersion and extended.) Not sure what TDSB position will be for students who choose to go virtual in Quad 3 or 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still COVID free at Malvern but school concerned about student behaviour outside of class. Breaks are provided but students forgetting to be socially distant outside. A campaign being put into place to stop that. Mr. Barkas has been doing class visits and involving SAC. Otherwise, we may have to revise how we do breaks. • Student clubs have started up again. Information in newsletter. • Deadline for OUAC is January 15th • Malvern starting to look at September. The school is designated closed for optional programs so only students in catchment area can join as well as feeder schools for French immersion and extended. School is looking at courses for next year and wants to offer diversity but doesn't want to have to cancel if they don't have staff. • Do not yet know if will be quadmester for next year. • Question on COVID and support if child misses school. Answer: If a child has been exposed to COVID, the teachers will accommodate. 	
5	SAC	<p>SAC elections held early November.</p> <p>Update presented by Fabienne & Ariana:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Chance to Chat" was first event run by SAC. All students invited to meet on Zoom to hear about thoughts on Quad 1 and ideas for Quad 2. • Movie night held last week. Pretty good attendance. • Ran a "Meet and Greet" with transfer students on Zoom. Filmed a school tour and held online games to get to know Malvern better. • Wacky Wednesday held but was hard to get attendance. 	<p>Fabienne de Cartier, SAC President; Ariana Vallejo Zea, SAC External Affairs.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In December, SAC is focusing on a holiday assembly and is coordinating with different clubs and asking staff to contribute. It will be shared in classes as a video link. Example: running a lip sync song contest to Justin Bieber’s Mistletoe. • Equity council is meeting on a regular basis with Mr. Grant. Planning an equity program for Grade 9’s. Workshops to grade 9’s will look at sexism, consent, mental health, cultural appropriation and anti-black racism. Trying to find a way to reach other grades. • More great events coming up. <p>Some students are concerned about their friends and other students going to parties. We want Malvern to be safe environment. If you can help as parents and teachers to ensure safety for everyone.</p>	
6	School staff teaching representative report	<p>Rafael Escobar spoke to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit maintained due to students and SAC. Thank you to them! • Will pass on positive comments about changes to English reading curriculum to English department. • Teachers have brought up the asynchronous attendance. Teachers will check at 9:05 or 9:10 and will submit attendance. If student wakes up late, they should call the office and let them know they logged in late. • There is a campaign to keep everyone safe with physical distancing. Students doing a great job in the class. Outside has same rules as inside. Please re-iterate to kids at home. • If students didn’t return textbooks from end of Quad 1 – or from last year – they can drop off at check in tables in the morning. • Joanne Cortez looking for guest speakers to speak on occupations as 	Rafael Escobar

		<p>part of connecting the school the with community. Looking for a variety of job occupations and areas. Contact Rafael and Sandy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodations will be made if students have to quarantine or if they have to get tested. Can use credit rescue to make up time if needed. • Sometimes teachers teach 2 classes per quad and sometimes they teach 1 class per quad. Harder for teachers to have 2 classes in a quad. 	
7	Treasurer's Report	<p>Angie Law presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to figure out what will be disbursed of the \$13,500 committed from last year's budget. Expect at least 50% will go through and will present final budget at February Council meeting • So far, SC has \$2000 to disburse this academic year. • Newsletter shares line of Spirit Wear for Grads. Raf will talk to department about non-grad spirit wear. • Mural will still to be done but meant to be done collaboratively with students. • For graduation, school in process of putting together a "video" for commencement featuring every single graduate. Have video from valedictorian, trustee, Bernadette. Each graduate will have their own personal USB. Also doing gift bags for each graduate. 	Angie Law
8	Committee Opportunities	<p>Laura Beaune spoke to committee opportunities:</p> <p>Parent Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are ways we can engage students and parents who are "virtual"? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandy has just sent them a letter with a mask. Not sure virtual students have access to schools daily connects – they may only be getting via virtual schools. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At SAC – try to include everyone – online and at school. • Have small parent engagement committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pam Anderson working on “parent to parent” panel of 4 parents from different streams at school. Looking for a parent whose kid has gone to college vs. University. Jenna Greenfield, VP and a guidance counsellor will attend. - Can email topics for discussion. Idea was to have parents coaching parents. • School asks for fundraising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$2,500 - commencement - \$4,300 – scholarships - \$500 – breakfast program - \$2000 – water filling station - \$5000 – outdoor phys ed kits - \$3500 – outdoor classroom - \$1000 - staff student wellness - \$19,850 – total • Consider a letter to go to all parents to see if parents willing to donate to Malvern. Potentially donate via school cash on-line. Potential for a receipt if a donation of more than \$25.00 was discussed. Currently there is no activity fee per child this year (usually \$30.00 per child). • Would love to hear from anyone who is interested in working on school Equity and Diversity. • Suggestion to move next meeting from January 5 to January 12th. 	
9	Other Business/Future Meetings	<p>Council meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Dates are below:</p> <p>Jan 12, 2021 07:00 PM (exception) Feb 2, 2021 07:00 PM Mar 2, 2021 07:00 PM Apr 6, 2021 07:00 PM May 4, 2021 07:00 PM Jun 1, 2021 07:00 PM</p>	
	Adjourned		Laura Beaune