



## Malvern Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting February 7th | 7 – 8:30PM Virtual ONLY

**Voting Members Present:** Deborah McNorgan, Catherine Boyd, Michelle Lavoie, Shawn Pinto, Pam Anderson, Alison Burn, Victoria Morwick, Angie Law, Taanis Smyth, Nancy Mallins, Adrienne Scott, Rebecca Heart, Michelle Carlyle, Rafael Escobar, Tia Wilson.

**Non-Voting and Staff Members Present:** Sandy Kaskens, Meredith Kay, Keith Gould, Cynthia McCarrey, Claudia Mueller, Karen McMullin, Aron McGrath, Jan Frolic, Lori Curgenvan, Deirdre Molina, Amy Johnson, Lynn Bonhomme, Kristin Demuth, Melanie Bruce, Sarah Walker-Gaudet

### MINUTES

Item	Speaker(s)
<p><b>WELCOME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement</li> <li>- Declaration of Conflict of Interest               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None declared</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Motion to approve prior Council Meeting minutes by Nancy Mallins and Adrienne Scott.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All voting members unanimously approve. Motion is passed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Call for other business               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None requested</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Angie Law</p>
<p><b>SAC REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Black History Month tributes. Clubs are honouring the month with posters etc.</li> <li>- Club heads will be doing workshops about issues around school. More info to follow</li> <li>- March 9th Semi Formal for all grades. First semi for anyone in the school because of COVID! DJ, dinner, students can request friends at their tables. Location is Park View Manor. Approx 250 students are expected to attend.</li> <li>- Course selection Fair - Feb 8th.</li> <li>- One less grade 9 rep. One still in place.</li> </ul>	<p>SAC Rep - Tia</p>

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Sandy Kaskens

- Sandy offers kind words to Tia. She begins every day speaking with her and she is always upbeat and positive and is a pleasure to work with!
- African Heritage Month - two assemblies. One is interactive (Africville). The other is Curtis Carmichael ("Butterflies in the Trenches" - book). Grew up in Scarborough. Fascinating life. Came here from Guyana. Cross country bike ride to raise money and awareness. Presentation should be relevant and educational and inspirational to everyone. E copy of his book will be available for all students.
- Presentation from TEAR (TEEN ENDING ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS) for grade 9 & 10 students. Organization will speak to students about unhealthy peer relationships, homophobia, gender-based violence, etc.
- Second installment of the Pine River Institute presentation took place in January. Focus on Screen management and social media issues with teens. The most important thing in teens' lives is their social/peer relationships which is based in social media connections – teachers will be trying to have students think differently about their relationship with their phones
- Pool is open! Lifeguard on staff. All Phys. Ed. classes in the second semester will have a swim component. Too late to have a swim team but we will try to have a water polo team. New task is getting lifeguard and other teachers registered for the OTAS certification - currently we only have two teachers who are up to date.
- Semester two - tutoring program will start again soon. Schedule will be different, depending on which teachers volunteer and what days they offer.
- Culminating assignments - (question from parent on why students were allowed to work at home for their assignments.) Sandy responds: work was supposed to be done in class only. Requests a follow up conversation with parent to further speak about these students who were working at home.
- Report cards being sent out this week
- Reminder to parents: around this time students tend to try to plan events that are not sanctioned by school. If you are asked to provide cash for an event, it is not a school-sanctioned event since all school event payment is via School Cash Online
- Red & Black society is planning a 120-year reunion. Open House on May 13th. Different grad decades. Pub night. Volunteers needed.
- Danforth Music Hall has been booked for grad. on June 27th
- Safe & Caring School Committee needs parent volunteers. Please reach out to Sandy personally if you are interested in being part of the committee. Would be an In-person meeting, likely after school, once a month.

<p><b>TEACHER REP’S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feb 14, 15, 22, 23 - library will be screening documentary in honour of Black History month. Teachers book for their class.</li> <li>- Exams went well overall. Averages are pretty much in line with class averages going into exams.</li> <li>- Note on Culminating Assignments in response to parent question above: teachers had not realized how much time students were prepared to put into their work.</li> <li>- All parents should be receiving introductory emails from all their child's teachers by end of the week (Feb 10th).</li> </ul>	<p>Rafael Escobar</p>
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<p><b>COUNCIL AND OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer’s Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12k in the bank. 6k prior year commitments. 15k current year commitments. 8k shortfall to meet school requests that were approved by Council in November. (Nancy Mallins)</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraiser: Wine &amp; Dine!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Package for \$199+HST available from 99 Bottles (on Kingston Rd). Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Three course-dinner for two from Ascari (restaurant in Leslieville)</li> <li>- Dessert for two from Gertie’s Pie</li> <li>- Three bottles of wine from Ontario winery (Windrush)</li> <li>- \$10 spirit gift card</li> <li>- Gift certificate for Windrush Winery tour</li> </ul> </li> <li>- MCI receives 10% of proceeds and it is open to the entire Beach community. Order information will be posted on social media, through 99 Bottles and other channels. More information to come! (Karen McMullen)</li> </ul> <p><b>Red &amp; Black Fundraiser</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- parents already received request through School Cash Online for donations to support school.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Council Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The need for Ward Rep is on hold for now as no meetings are being held by Trustee. Angie and Adrienne will reach out to Michelle Aarts (trustee) to invite her to one of our meetings.</li> </ul>	<p>Adrienne Scott</p> <p>Nancy Mallins</p> <p>Karen McMullen</p> <p>Angie Law</p> <p>Adrienne Scott</p>
<p><b>Review Action Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No action items.</li> </ul>	<p>Taanis Smyth</p>

Meeting adjourned - 8:26pm

- Next Meetings:**
- **March 7th (in-person and online)**
  - **April 18th (in-person and online)**