

Malvern School Council (MSC) Meeting February 2, 2021

Elected Members Present: Pam Anderson, Laura Beaune, Tina Bieber, Charlene Butler, Michelle Carlyle, Paget Catania, Kristin Demuth, Brenda Doig, Kristina Hachey, Karen Ingham, Adene Kuchera, Angie Law, Diane Montgomery, Victoria Morwick, Tracy Scott, Katharine Williams, Angela Wright

Elected Members Absent: Anthea Charles, Allison Dillabough, Samantha Farrell, Andrea Gasca, Maysoun Hatoum, Beth Lee, Stephanie Simmons

Non-Elected Members Present: Allyson Blood Catherine Boyd, Lucy Chung, Lori Curgenvan, Lisa Flood, Lynn Godsoe, Lynda Grimard-Watt, Connie Vitello Harding, Valentina Hung, Meredith Kay, Michelle Lavoie, Tricia Lille, Cynthia McCarrey, Nancy Nightingale, Nila Thomas, Sarah Phang, Cheryl Reid, Claire Roberts, Kristin Rogers, Jorge Rojas, Kim and Claudio Scarabello, Mara Shaughnessy Marie Snyder, Brigitte Walsh

Staff Members Present: Sandy Kaskens

Student Council Representative Present: Ariana Vallejo Zea

Guest: Michelle Aarts, Trustee Ward 16

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 January Minutes	November minutes approved by Kristin Demuth & Angie Law	Laura Beaune
4	SAC Presentation	Update presented by Ariana: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last week was Mental Health week. SAC posted resources. Remember to ask your kids how they are doing.• SAC is redecorating the main hallway and entrance to school. Currently have pictures of students from decades ago but want to make murals that represent different ethnicities, cultures, genders, and sexuality.• Please reach out to Ariana by email to provide your comments Ariana.VallejoZea@student.tdsb.on.ca	Ariana Vallejo Zea, SAC External Affairs.

5	Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of clubs is in the latest newsletter (sent January 28) with a link that will take you to all the clubs that are running. • Responding to a question asked by a parent about opportunities for boys, Sandy responded that clubs are student generated. Sandy approached Steve (hall monitor) and Adrian (lifeguard) and they are now running a session from 12:30-2:00 pm in Google Meet to open the communication. So far, they have not gotten a lot of business with about 4-5 students having "dropped by" each day. • Parents pointed out that students not putting their camera on. Per Sandy, students have been encouraged but "cameras on" are a work in progress. • The Malvern website isn't working right now. Malvern is using an older platform, so the school is in the process of re-building a website with a new platform. It should be live by the end of this week. School is also working to put up useful parent information. Goal is for every department to have their own website with updated info and links to their curriculum. (Math and guidance have developed websites.) • Malvern is closed to optional attendance for all. Malvern is significantly over capacity at 1140 students. Boards want schools to be at 90%. Parents in community still ask about options to get their children into Malvern but, unfortunately, the answer is "no" even with a sibling in the school. • So far there is no information on structure for next year. Currently administration and teachers are planning for next year via course selection. • Quad 3 starts Monday with same schedule. • Report cards will be sent home the week of February 15th. • A call was put out to see if any students wanted to go fully virtual for Quad 3, only 16 students signed up. 	Sandy Kaskens
6	Guest Section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning has started for September with conversations about learning gaps and wellbeing for students. 	Michelle Aarts, Trustee Ward 16

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, the Board is focusing on flux of those students wanting to switch between virtual and “bricks and mortar”. • Michelle was not able to provide further information on the return to in person learning. The decision to return has input from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Medical Office of Health (Ontario Public Health) and looks at local infection and transmission rates, ICU beds and more. • There will be asymptomatic testing when schools return but where it will be done is determined by public health. Asymptomatic testing will likely not be done in our ward. • COVID-19 spread in the schools has been limited. • In some areas, types of PPE are being upgraded (e.g. medical masks to KN95 masks). 140 schools still open for children with high needs and there has been an upgrade in PPE. • A second installment of federal funds is coming to school boards and to public health units (e.g. for asymptomatic testing). • When we return to in person learning, students will not go outside for the two 15-minute breaks (during their three hour class) but they will be in the classroom. This is because students go outside and remove their masks. • In response to how we catch kids up, the board is assessing the gaps and where students are at. It is ongoing work for teachers and administrators right now. • Social workers have changed approach and have hired additional staff to support staff. • There was a pause on search for full time Director of TDSB – as it is not a good time to hire a Director. • A parent asked if there will a grade 13 as some kids in the past have come back for a “victory lap”. Board has had conversations with the Province, but funding would be needed for that. • Ministry of Education has spoken with group that manages universities and universities are adjusting their expectations. 	
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7	School staff teaching representative report	Rafael Escobar was not able to attend tonight.	Rafael Escobar
7	Treasurer's Report	<p>Angie Law presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have over \$19,000 in the bank but have over \$14,000 worth of commitments from last year which will be disbursed once we are able to get back into the building. • Currently have \$5,160.48 available to disburse against this year's requests. • The Red & Black campaign raised \$3,475. Thank you so much to everyone who made a contribution. • School asks for fundraising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$2,500 - commencement - \$4,300 – scholarships - \$500 – breakfast program - \$2000 – water bottle filling station - \$5000 – outdoor phys. ed kits - \$3500 – outdoor classroom - \$1000 – staff/student morale 	Angie Law
8	Committee Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will be holding a "Grade 9" panel likely Wednesday, March 3rd from 7-8:30. Paget Catania spoke to the event. Grade 9 parents have their own concerns and they hopefully can connect with each other at this event. Paget is looking for 5-6 people to sit on the zoom call to answer questions. Looking for parents from Grades 11-12 who would be willing to share experiences. paget@rogers.com • Pam Anderson spoke to the parent panel for Grade 11 and 12. The date is February 18th. There will be 5- 6 parents on the panel who will answer questions. Ms. Bourgard and Vice Principal Greenfield will also be there. 	Laura Beaune

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent council members are asked to spread the word about the Red & Black campaign. • Tina Bieber has started the account for Flip Give and will share more information shortly. 	
9	Other Business/Future Meetings	<p>Council meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Dates are below:</p> <p>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	8:31 pm.	Laura Beaune