

Malvern School Council (MSC) Meeting January 12, 2021

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

Elected Members Absent: Anthea Charles, Allison Dillabough, Brenda Doig, Samantha Farrell, Andrea Gasca, Maysoun Hatoum, Karen Ingham, Beth Lee, Stephanie Simmons, Angela Wright

Non-Elected Members Present: Catherine Boyd, Val Cummins, Lynda Grimard, Lynn Godsoe, Keith Gould, Valentina Hung, Meredith Kay, Claudia Mueller, Nancy Nightingale, Nila, Sarah Phang, Marnie Proud, Maureen Reeth, Mara Shaughnessy

Staff Members Present: Sandy Kaskens, Rafael Escobar, 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 Adene Kuchera and Kristin Demuth.	Laura Beaune
4	SAC Presentation	Update presented by Ariana: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC put together a holiday assembly video and it is on the SAC Instagram profile. Click here. • Training has started for the equity workshops. There is different subject matter to help grade 9 students understand difficult issues. This week the issue is consent. The workshop is via Kahoot and has been approved by teachers and counsellors. Parents are encouraged to talk to their kids about it. • University seminars for Grade 12 students started today. There will be a different subject every day. They are in 	Ariana Vallejo Zea, SAC External Affairs.

		regular class time and run for 15 minutes.	
5	Principal's Report	<p>On behalf of the staff, thank you for the amazing treats that were delivered before the holiday.</p> <p>We are approaching end of Quad 2, and school has made adjustments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This week is mid-quad credit rescue week. Students are invited to work with their teacher if they are missing assignments or need additional help. • The school has tried to communicate more and has asked teachers to reach out at the beginning of the quad. Teachers were also asked to communicate with parents and give them their child's mid-quad grade. Based on parents in Zoom meeting, it seems some parents did not hear from some teachers. Sandy will follow up with teachers. All marks are input in Trillium. <p>Other news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is preparing for Quad 3. Deadline for fully remote learning was yesterday. In September, 120 Malvern Students signed up for virtual school. An additional 54 signed up at the start of Quad 2. For Quad 3, 15 more students have signed up to be fully virtual. This is a low rate compared to other schools in city. • School is in the beginning stages of preparing for September. Malvern has not been given direction in terms of preparation. The school is working to ensure students learn about course offerings so that they can make selections in the next few weeks. Dates are in newsletter sent Dec. 31st. • All grad graduation gift bags have been picked up or delivered. • If a student in Grade 12 is applying to post secondary, please see the newsletter (sent Dec. 31st) for 	Sandy Kaskens

		<p>deadlines for applying to universities and colleges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 5th and 12th are PA Days. The plan for the 5th is to continue development on how teachers can engage students with deeper learning on anti-black racism and bias. Per email on December 4th, Malvern had an incident of anti-black racism prior to break. Sandy has learned that the students want to share their stories as black students at Malvern as well as share how they experience the curriculum. Malvern is looking at how we can work with our teenagers to understand the issues more deeply. Sandy and council are looking for possible speakers to have a parent education night. The students would like to help find a speaker. • School will now not be back in session until February 12 due to provincial announcements. • There is a concern about students and their sense of isolation, boredom, and hopelessness. Glad that clubs are up and running. • Karyn Bugelli is compiling a list of clubs and trying to gather right now what clubs are up and running and when they are meeting. Clubs do need to have a staff advisor to oversee them. One parent raised issue that some boys may not be participating in the clubs at the same rate as the girls as they may have been doing sports 	
6	Guest Section	<p>Sue (social worker) and Kristin (youth worker) spoke on the mental health of the kids during COVID.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids have lost a lot and they are grieving. Grade 9's didn't get their Grade 8 send off and there are no sports this year. • They may be grieving the loss of a loved one. • There is a lot of anxiety and isolation. 	Malvern's Youth Worker, Kristen BloodworthFeeney and Social Worker, Sue Knutson

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some kids are finding ways around the situation and may come out with a skill set that none of us have. <p>Ideas on what we can do with or for our kids include: finding a new trail; a new walk; a zoom call with a friend; have them come up with their own ideas and ways to socialize; photography club; have meals together; a board game night.</p> <p>Other thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't work out of bed (should only sleep in bed) and ensure separation between work and get away place. As parents we may need to relax our limits on screen time as there are different things you can do online – even guitar lessons. We can put stress on our kids because its our own guilt. Find something that keeps you motivated and engaged. For example, a dance playlist – music can be very powerful. Ask them questions. Response may be “leave me alone” but at least by asking you have opened the door and maybe later they will come back and talk. 	
7	School staff teaching representative report	<p>Rafael Escobar spoke to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sorry to hear that some of you did not hear from your teachers regarding your child's midterm mark. Please feel free to reach out to their teacher. Email addresses for all teachers are in the newsletter or on website. School will be remote for rest of quad. There will not be any massive culminating projects or exams. 	Rafael Escobar
7	Treasurer's Report	<p>Angie Law presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have disbursed \$3900 since last meeting, mainly in scholarships. \$900 in scholarships still to be cashed. 	Angie Law

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have sent the contribution campaign letter. We have received \$965.00 – this is the only fundraiser for the year. • We have \$17,740 in the bank of which \$16,510 is currently committed. We are still trying to figure out how much of the committed can be released. It’s hard to know since some information is in the school building. • Fundraising. We can’t do a direct email for the Red and Black fundraiser due to anti-spam legislation if asking for fundraising. • For anything that needs to be put into the newsletter, please provide by beginning of the last week of the month to Sandy. • From last meeting, 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 - \$19,850 – total 	
8	Committee Opportunities	<p>Laura Beaune spoke to committee opportunities:</p> <p>Michelle Carlyle and Christine Parris offered to help with parent engagement. Laura to speak with them later.</p> <p>Parent Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Anderson working to do a Thursday night “parent to parent” night in February – will address college/university and other topics. • Looking for speaker on Antiracism. • Looking for speaker on student wellbeing. 	Laura Beaune

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking at having a parent to parent night for Grade 9 and 10 parents to create a sense of community. <p>Tina Bieber will look into using FlipGive as a fundraising tool. When the card is used to buy products, a certain % goes back to the school. It would be marketed by Malvern FB page and spread via word of mouth.</p>	
9	Other Business/Future Meetings	<p>Council meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Dates are below:</p> <p>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	8:33 pm.	Laura Beaune