



**Malvern Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting**  
**March 9, 2022 | 7 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Voting Members Present:** Pam Anderson, Laura Beaune, Tina Bieber, Catherine Boyd, Alison Burn, Michelle Carlyle, Kristina Hachey, Angie Law, Nancy Mallins, Aron McGrath, Karen McMullin, Diane Montgomery, Victoria Morwick, Stephanie Simmons, Tracy Scott, Adrienne Scott

**Voting Members Absent:** Natia Athenea, Samer Darwiche, Brenda Doig, Andreea Gasca, Jacqueline Grossman, Marnie Jennings Michelle Lavoie, Marnie Proud, Muriel Rosilio

**Staff and Non-Voting Members Present:** Sandy Kaskens, Rafael Escobar, Nadia Olmedo, Nila Thomas, Michael Wiseman, Derek Riendeau

**Minutes**

| Time | Item  |
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| 7:00 | <p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement</li> <li>• Declaration of Conflict of Interest</li> <li>• Approval of January and February meeting minutes</li> <li>• Call for other business</li> </ul> <p>No conflicts identified<br/>Minutes passed</p> |
| 7:05 | <p><b>SAC Report</b></p> <p>Spirit week – great turn out so far<br/>Spirit points are being given and there will be a prize at end of year – council will support with funds<br/>Sandy has asked teachers to dress up as students during spirit week</p>  |
| 7:10 | <p><b>Principal's Report</b></p> <p><b>Anti-semitic graffiti</b><br/>have cooperated with police and reviewed video surveillance<br/>Graffiti was promoting a social media channel that had anti-semitic content<br/>Clear that it is not a student<br/>Was repeated at other schools</p>                         |

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|      | <p>Sandy spoke with teachers to offer support and offered to students the opportunity to speak with her if they felt it would be helpful<br/> Stressed the importance of talking openly together about this and anti semitism<br/> Discussed using a PRO grant toward an event with speakers to discuss the Holocaust and other relevant content<br/> These ideas will be discussed with impacted parents before proceeding to ensure sensitivity and appropriate content<br/> Sandy encourages parents in the jewish community to please reach out to her at any time</p> <p><b>COVID</b><br/> Discussion of lifting of restrictions<br/> The province announced allowing graduation, need to wait for the confirmation from TDSB<br/> Have masks and antigen tests available if needed<br/> 45 students tested positive since beginning of February</p> <p><b>Other</b><br/> Have French and business teacher - recruitment took time<br/> No lifeguard yet<br/> Putting in application for crossing guard on Kingston Road<br/> Also put in request for a snack program<br/> Reminder that request has gone out to sign up for online school next year – one year commitment and not through Malvern<br/> School has changed significantly since lockers are available and 4 classes have resumed – a renewed spirit<br/> Test taking anxiety is high – an occupational therapist will be consulted to help get students back into a routine - after march break, every Tuesday will be a “testsmart” program and students can come and go as they please<br/> Considering providing support to parents as well with a workshop<br/> Parent teacher interviews will be on March 31, before report cards go home – via zoom in afternoon and evening</p> |
| 7:55 | <p><b>Teacher/Staff Representative Report</b><br/> Grade 12 stress is very high – university offers have been received with certain marks required – there is a sense that requirements are higher than normal<br/> Teachers will put together a grade 12 google calendar to help plan so students can identify heavy days<br/> Lateness continues to be an issue with kids – more in the junior classes, there are challenges with homework too<br/> Please make student fee payments if parents haven’t yet<br/> No exams at end of year but will be culminating activities</p>  |
| 8:05 | <p><b>Updates &amp; Reports</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b><br/> There has been some overlap in fees going into the wrong account so an update will come at the next meeting – at last meeting the red and black had raised about 5K – we are still short to cover all commitments</p> <p>Anti-Black Racism Book Club with Alexis Dawson – March 30<sup>th</sup><br/> “So you want to talk about race” will be discussed and all parents are welcome</p> <p><b>Fundraising</b><br/> In the process of finalizing dates for a dinner and wine event (to go) – aiming for a Saturday in late April or early May</p> <p><b>Graduation Committee</b><br/> Difficult to hold a booking without a deposit – if anyone has a venue please let committee know</p>   |

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| 8:15 | <p><b>Parent &amp; Student Check In</b></p> <p>Students are happy to have regular classes back and really excited about sports<br/>School website has sport announcements under community announcements section or extra curricular website</p> <p><b>Action items</b></p> <p>SAC to identify funds needed for spirit prize<br/>Sandy and council will work on ideas for PRO grant to support educational activities to address anti-semitism</p> |
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**Next Meeting: Wednesday April 13, 2022**