

Malvern School Council (MSC) Meeting March 2, 2021

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

Elected Members Absent: Anthea Charles, Samantha Farrell, Andrea Gasca, Maysoun Hatoum, Beth Lee,

Non-Elected Members Present: Catherine Boyd, Lucy Chung, Lori Curgenvan, Lisa Flood, Keith Gould, Valentina Hung, Meredith Kay, Michelle Lavoie, Cynthia McCarrey, Claudia Mueller, Sarah Phang, , Kristin Rogers, Mara Shaughnessy, Susan Smart, Marie Snyder, Gina Wafa

Staff Members Present: Sandy Kaskens, Elizabeth Barsby, 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 February Minutes	February minutes approved by Angela Wright & Kristina Hachey	Laura Beaune
4	SAC Presentation	Update presented by Ariana. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since students back in school after stay at home order, students and teachers have noticed that people have been more careful and better about following COVID regulations. • Workshops for Grade 9 are being hosted every month. Last workshop was on sexism. • The school is in the process of re-decorating the hallway to create a sense of belonging in the school. There are already lots of interesting ideas. If you have kids interested in photography, art, or painting, please let Ariana know. SAC will be advertising on Brightspace and other areas. • Another idea for the hallway is to create a "Hall of Fame" and post pictures of Malvern alumni to inspire current students. 	Ariana Vallejo Zea, SAC External Affairs.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March break is now in April. SAC is creating a spirit week during what was supposed to be March break. Activities and contests will be planned. • Please reach out to Ariana by email to provide your comments Ariana.VallejoZea@student.tdsb.on.ca 	
5	Principal's Report	<p>Updated presented by Sandy Kaskens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school does not yet know what school will look like next year. They don't know if it will be quadesters or semesters or what virtual school options will look like. • Students have been choosing course options for next year. Guidance counselors are now reviewing the course options to ensure they meet students' requirements. • Usually, in mid-March the school gets staffing projections for the following year. However, it is hard to predict this year. At this time, student projected enrollment is stable. • There will likely be summer school but it will probably be virtual. • The school is half-way through Quad 3. Mid quad credit rescue is this Thursday/Friday and next Monday/Tuesday in the afternoon sessions. • March 11th, students will get their mid-quad mark. • There are a few new teachers in the building this quad. Finding teachers to fill in has been challenging, especially in French. • Quad 4 starts April 23. Many students want to adjust their timetable, however, it is very difficult to adjust a timetable in Quad 4. Most classes, including virtual, are full. • The school is seeing an increase in the number of student absent for in-person - often due to contact tracing for COVID. No positive cases at Malvern. • Send Teresa Crosby an email if you want to change attendance for your child. • Last week, the school received a box of COVID testing kits from Michael Garron. So, if students have symptoms, they can be sent home with a testing kit. 	Sandy Kaskens

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In past, the school has given subject awards for commencement. Sandy would like to look more closely at criteria for the awards. Current criteria are to take the highest mark in course. It would be nice to look at intellectual curiosity or impact on other students, in addition to achievement in the course. • The current honor roll average is 80. About 80% of school are on the honor roll. The school is looking to change the cut off at 85. Honor roll is always done locally from one school to the next – it is not board wide. Whether or not student receives honor roll does not impact scholarships. Discussion held. • EQAO for grade 9 is a field test and not mandatory. If students take it and they are not successful, it will not be recorded. It is possible that it will get cancelled. • Should there be caps and gowns for this year’s senior class? Do we want to order for current grade 12’s? Many schools going with cap and tassel. Feedback from council seems to be to have caps only and not the gowns. Suggestion for SAC to survey grade 12. 	
7	School staff teaching representative report	<p>Updated presented by Rafael Escobar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glad to be back in person. • As noted there are more absences due to stricter regulations. Teachers have been doing everything they can to accommodate students how are absent. Some teachers have been trying to “Live Stream” or send completed notes. For assessments, teachers have been trying to accommodate as well. • The school recognizes that the current 3 ½ hour class time is a long time to be in the classroom and break schedules have changed. They also recognize it is fast paced. Teachers are making an extra effort to offer the extra help. • Previously there were two 15 minute breaks, now, the teacher gives break when needed but still about 30 minutes. 	Rafael Escobar
7	Treasurer’s Report	Angie Law presented the Treasurer’s report.	Angie Law

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Red & Black campaign has raised just over \$5,500 to date. Thank you so much to everyone who made a contribution. • In total, there is over \$9,300 to disburse. • School asks for fundraising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1,000 - commencement - \$4,300 – scholarships - \$2,000 – water bottle filling station - \$1,000 – staff/student morale - \$8,300 - Total <p>Laura Beaune asked the council to vote on this allocation of funds. The council voted and it was approved.</p>	
8	Committee Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will be holding a “Grade 9” Meet and Greet panel 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. Contact paget@rogers.com if questions. • “Families Talking Race” session will be held on March 9th at 7 pm with Michelle Munroe. • Diane Montgomery gave an update on meetings she has attended including the January Ward Meeting. Diane heads the Special Education Advisory committee. Diane also gave an update on the parent calendar. • March 24th – There is a discussion about different pathways kids can explore after they leave Malvern. • Parent council members are asked to spread the word about the Red & Black campaign and encourage donations. Can be All paid via School Cash On Line. • Tina Bieber has started the account for Flip Give and will share more information shortly. 	Laura Beaune
9	Other Business/Future Meetings	<p>Council meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Dates are below: Apr 6, 2021 07:00 PM May 4, 2021 07:00 PM</p>	

		Jun 1, 2021 07:00 PM	
	Adjourned		Laura Beaune