



Malvern Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting November 15, 2022 | 7 – 8:30PM

Voting Members Present: Shawn Pinto, Michelle Lavoie, Tia Wilson, Rafael Escobar, Deborah McNorgan, Rebecca Hart (Cooper), Victoria Morwick, Meredith Kay, Pam Anderson, Angie Law, Nancy Mallins, Taanis Smyth, Adrienne Scott

Staff and Non-Voting Members Present: Sandy Kaskens, Nadia Olmedo, Adene Kuchera, Kirstina Hachey, Sarah Walker-Gaudet, Cynthia McCarrey, Lori Curgenven, Tim Burgess, Jan Frolic, Kristin Demuth, Karen McMullin

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Item	Speaker(s)
<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement • Declaration of Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None declared • Approval of October meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Boyd and Shawn Pinto approved. • Call for other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<p>Angie Law</p>
<p>Student Council Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First student council went well. • YWEG (Young Women’s Empowerment Group) - boxes of woman hygiene product, council looking to donate for holidays. • Holiday Spirit Week coming up. • Holiday Assembly (one period long) slated possibly for Dec 23rd. Audition for things such as jazz choir and other fun events. • Food drive coming up in same week. • Hot cocoa stand to replace candy grams. Trying to reduce waste. Considering a couple of different local charities to donate proceeds. 	<p>Tia W.</p>
<p>School Statement of Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has updated this annual document to reflect Malvern’s values and intentions should we be required to replace principal (there are no plans at present to replace the principal) • Tia asked if the statement includes quality of life in classrooms or only overall school life. Angie confirms statement applies to classrooms as well. • Motion is approved by voting members of council. 	<p>Angie Law</p>
<p>School Budget – Request for Council Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition program tabled by Sandy. • Current snacks consist of granola bars and other packaged items. Not the healthiest and must be kept away from students or they will over-take. Cafeteria not open as per board deemed not sustainable so if no lunch/ snacks brought to school by students, there are no alternatives except what office can provide. • Sandy suggests fresh fruit, whole wheat crackers, yoghurt, etc for students to help themselves. • Support local grocers. • \$1000/month as estimate for program. • Scholarships and staff appreciation to cover off funds request. 	<p>Sandy Kaskens Angie Law</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy: \$6700 can be applied to nutritional snack request • Budget Chart for Council 2022/2023: School Nutrition Program (front half) (\$5000) Scholarship (\$4600) Student/Staff Well-Being (\$500) School Nutrition Program (back half) (\$5000) - TOTAL: \$15,100 • TDSB does not fund nutritional programs. Sandy applied through City of Toronto for nutritional program and it was denied. • Voting members approve principal budget request and student council request (15 voting members in total). 	
<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 open house next Wednesday November 23rd. First in-person in a few years. • Malvern is closed for all optional attendance as over capacity already • Report cards have been submitted by all teachers. A few calls to school about concern over student performance. Sandy reminds us that it is only first half of the course. No one panic. Mark at end of school year is cumulative, not 50% first half 50% second half. • There are many student help offers in school (tutoring, etc.) • Parent teacher interviews coming up. • Construction at front of school continues. Armoured stones will replace unsafe slope. • EQAO (literacy test): ~30-40 students in grades 11 & 12 have not written literacy test (covid, deferral, misc. reasons). They will have to write it in December. Grade 10s will write it in Spring. • Grad photos taking place soon -- sign-up information included in October school newsletter • COVID devastated music program. After few grade 9s took music during COVID, it has now rolled into senior grades having little experience in music. Therefore music program is really starting from scratch. Senior band performing at Glen Ames and Courcellette to encourage music study • Sandy would like to reinforce student advocacy. Encourages students to advocate for themselves instead of parents doing it for them (re. anxiety, scholastic trouble etc). • Extracurricular/ Athletics: Students have been asking for an Eastern European group (supporting Ukraine). If they can find teacher to run group with them, principal supports and encourages it. Trying to offer as many sports as possible but cannot run without teacher. Short supply of teachers who can help out more than they already are. • Guidance visiting grade 12 classes. University applications have started. Guidance will continue to do workshops and update their websites. • Student Leadership Council - bullying, racism, equity etc. TDSB equity coach coming in next week for workshops. • Nice Remembrance Day. Many students went on walking tour of neighbourhood for soldiers who never came home. Initiative from Notre Dame. • Ongoing sewage problem is being resolved on Hanford. • Congrats to our Knights who were crowned City Champs (football) 	Sandy Kaskens
<p>Teacher/Staff Representative Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterated that more and more parents are advocating for their child. Reminding students to advocate for themselves. It empowers students and gives them confidence. • Carter Livingstone (head of athletics) would like to bring awareness of poor field condition. Was inquiring if parent available to spearhead a fundraiser to fix field. Sends regrets re. meeting attendance. • Midterm marks are the first marks universities look at. • Grade 11 marks are only looked at for early acceptance. 	Rafael Escobar

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 12 students are no more stressed than they have been in the past.	
Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nothing further to report. Budget approval provided	Nancy Mallins
Council and Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">No other business	Angie Law
Review Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">No action items	Adrienne Scott