

## Malvern School Council (MSC) Meeting November 3, 2020

### **Elected Members Present:**

Pam Anderson, Laura Beaune, Tina Bieber, Charlene Butler, Michelle Carlyle, Paget Catania, Anthea Charles, Kristin DeMuth, Allison Dillabough, Brenda Doig, Samantha Farrell, Andrea Gasca, Kristina Hachey, Maysoun Hatoum, Karen Ingham, Adene Kuchera, Angie Law, Beth Lee, Diane Montgomery, Victoria Morwick, Stephanie Simmons, Tracy Scott, Katharine Williams, Angela Wright,

### **Elected Members Absent:**

**Staff Members Present:** Sandy Kaskens, Rafael Escobar

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting is being held virtually.

#	Item	Discussion	Recommendation / Action
1	Welcome	Call to order 7:02 pm.	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 October Minutes	October minutes approved by Pam Anderson and Tina Bieber.  Laura announced there is a new Malvern Council Facebook page. Please like, join and follow. There will be a Malvern Facebook page.  Thank you to Sandy Kaskens for the newsletter sent October 28 <sup>th</sup> .  Reminder to take part in PIAC (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee) - <a href="#">14<sup>th</sup> annual session</a> – on November 21 and 22. Register if you are interested.	Laura Beaune

<p>4</p>	<p>Principal's Report</p>	<p>Sandy Kaskens presented the principal's report. There are 3 priorities for the year:</p> <p><b>1. Focus on Academic success.</b>  We want students to all experience success this year. The quadmester is not easy for a lot of the students as they don't have a lot of time to learn the concepts and they are not used to the level of independent work. Teachers are navigating through the process as well. The intention is to have opportunities for students to be successful. In the last 4 days of the quadmester, teachers will have time to work with the students who may be at risk of not being successful.</p> <p>Looking at Quad 2, the staff will look to see what we may need to change. Will survey parents and students in the next 1-2 weeks to get feedback. A simliar survey will go to staff.</p> <p><b>2. Continue to build a sense of community.</b>  Sandy thanked the staff who provided articles for the recent newsletter. There is more happening now. A lot of virtual clubs are starting up. Announcements are made over the PA. There is a bit more energy and community at the school.</p> <p><b>3. Continue work on equity.</b>  The school will continue to work with students to understand what bias is; how they can recognize it; how it translates into different forms of discrimination – specifically anti-black racism. The work is more than an event. The school will bring current events into the classroom with the goal to learn about systemic racism – what it is and how to recognize it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· December 1 &amp; 2 – there is a workshop for Grade 9s on inclusivity with a reflection on identities. All online.</li> <li>· February 18 &amp; 19 – workshops for Grade 10s on anti black racism and how to unlearn biases. To be delivered by the "Get Real Movement" which is founded by former Malvern alumni. Guest speakers are also Malvern alumni.</li> </ul> <p>Other News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Week of October 19<sup>th</sup> all students will be informed of their mark to date. Some parents said they did not receive anything from the teacher. All parents should be informed of students' marks as well.</li> </ul>	<p>Sandy Kaskens</p>
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5	SAC	No presentation from SAC.	

<p>6</p>	<p>School staff teaching representative report</p>	<p>Rafael Escobar spoke to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Rafael commented on how students have really stepped up to plate and adapted to the quadmester model.</li> <li>· The school sense of community is coming back: SAC just had elections and clubs are starting up. They are also looking at potentially having a student focused addition to the newsletter that Sandy sends where students can write their own article.</li> <li>· Hosting a series of lectures with Malvern graduates. A great means of inspiration and way to connect school to community.</li> <li>· Quad 1 is coming to an end so the next 2 ½ weeks may be stressful. There are multiple opportunities to hand in work and there are credit rescue days.</li> <li>· Credit rescue available if a student is close to failing. Ms. Bougard will send out invitations to students and parents. If work was missed because a student was sick - they have a chance to make up work.</li> </ul>	<p>Rafael Escobar</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Angie Law presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· As we won't have a Malvern Mixer or other traditional fundraising initiatives, we will need to be creative in fundraising.</li> </ul>	<p>Angie Law</p>

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Committee  
Opportunities

Laura Beaune spoke to committee opportunities:

- We need a Ward Council representative.
- **Parent Engagement.** Last year council held a speaker night in the auditorium as well as a parent night for grade 11 & 12 parents. (The parent night, held in the library, had 4 current parents giving advice to those whose children were entering the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade and wanted to know more about the University admissions process and more!) If you are interested in helping, or if you would like to speak at the parent night, we'd love to have you.
- **Grade 9 Orientation.** We are looking to update the Grade 9 Welcome page on the Malvern website. It has been taken down since information out of date. Sandy would like to work with parents on it and we'd like to have a corresponding parent handbook.
- **Communications.** We are looking for help with Facebook Pages as well as updating the Malvern website. Would love help.
- **Student engagement or partnership with the SAC to create community spirit.** Tina Bieber has offered her help. If interested, please reach out.
- **Fundraising.** We would like to form a fundraising committee, please reach out if interested. In a quick brainstorm, committee suggested that we can fundraise for guest speakers, water stations (close to gym), breakfast snack. Potentially sell items (hats, t-shirts etc.) that commemorate this highly unusual year.
- **Governance and decision making.** We always want to get parent's perspective. Areas would include things like reviewing the code of conduct.
- **Equity & Diversity.** Can you use a parent perspective, so if you have an interest, please get in touch.

9	Other Business/ Future Meetings	Council meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Dates are below: Dec 1, 2020 07:00 PM Jan 5, 2021 07:00 PM 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	
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