

Malvern School Council (MSC) Meeting October 6, 2020

Elected Members Present:

Pam Anderson, Samantha Anthony, Laura Beaune, Tina Bieber, Adrien Bradley, Charlene Butler, Michelle Carlyle, Paget Catania, Lucy Chung, Kristin DeMuth, Allison Dillabough, Brenda Doig, Joann Gould, Keith Gould, Kristina Hachey, Karen Ingham, Adene Kuchera, Angie Law, Beth Lee, Diane Montgomery, Sarah Phang, Tracy Scott, Gwen Schwartz, Katharine Williams, Angela Wright, Bills 8&8, Evan, Meredith, Marnie's iphone

Elected Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Sandy Kaskens, Jenna Greenfield, Rafael Escobar (3)

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

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#	Item	Discussion	Recommendation / Action
1	Welcome	Call to order 7:02 pm.	Angela Wright
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.	Angela Wright
3	Approval of September Minutes	September minutes approved by Tracy Scott and Angie Law.	Angela Wright
4	Approval and introduction of elected school council representatives	21 people put in nominations to be on council. Everyone who put in a nomination was elected. Council can have a maximum 30 members.	Angela Wright

5	Election of the school council executive	<p>Officers elected are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Angie Law - Treasurer · Katharine Williams – Secretary · Laura Beaune – President 	Angela Wright
6	New members orientation	<p>Laura welcomed the new members.</p> <p>Laura gave the following orientation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7 pm. - Council members are asked to come each meeting. If a member misses more than 2 meetings, the person may be removed from council. - Laura asked that all members be respectful and positive. <p>Last year we had several committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent engagement committee. Due to COVID this year, it might be more about communication or information sharing. - Fundraising Committee. This year, we may need to be creative as we will not be able to hold event at Balmy Beach Club as in the past. - Look to have parent representation on the Malvern Equity & Diversity Committee. <p>Please come to the council next month with ideas and your area of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pam Anderson suggested holding a virtual parent evening similar to last year’s “Parents Coaching Parents” so parents can ask questions of other parents who have been through certain programs and university applications. - Potentially have a session for those parents whose children are in senior year. - Suggestion came up to hold fireside chats. - Last year council began a Grade 9 orientation and handbook. Was not implemented this year due to COVID. Do want to make Grade 9 parents feel welcome. <p>The school will confirm if there will be a December 17th convocation.</p>	Laura Beaune

7	Priorities for 2020-2021	<p>Sandy Kaskens spoke to priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Right now, school is focused on building capacity for teachers with use of technology and curriculum development. The Quadmester format is new for everyone. There are 4 hours in class, 4 hours independent study and then synchronous learning. - The school is supporting each other and providing professional opportunities for teachers to pivot. Trying to share best practice. - Working to understand what students are learning and their engagement. Looking at ways to get a higher level of engagement with students during their independent work time. - School is also focused on the well-being of the students. Some students in virtual school feeling isolated and lonely. - Have heard positive feedback that teachers seem to have better understanding of students' needs when working in the classroom with 15 students. - Some teachers teaching 2 different quads of two different courses have a very high workload. 	Sandy Kaskens
8	Principal's Report	<p>Sandy Kaskens presented the principal's report.</p> <p>Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trying to get SAC (student council) going to build spirit. - Working to build relationships – especially with the Grade 9's – so they can get to know more people outside the cohort of 30. <p>COVID Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On September 23, school informed parents that informed 1 student Malvern had tested positive. As soon as Sandy was informed, she followed protocol for Toronto Public Health and TDSB. - So far, there are no other cases. An outbreak is considered 2 or more cases and likelihood those were caught at school. - The school is receiving a lot of calls every morning from parents asking what to do if their child is not feeling well. Parents should use the questionnaire from Toronto Public Health. 	Sandy Kaskens

Second quadmester:

- Email communication sent to parents October 6th. Deadline is October 15 at 4 pm. It is a firm deadline and it is system wide. This may mean re-organizing staffing structures at school and re-deploying some teachers.

Student attendance.

- The school has not seen a significant increase in absences.

Reporting:

- We are almost mid-way through the Quadmester.
- A mid-term mark will be issued on October 17/18. This is not a formal report card, but a mark sent to all parents. There will not be a formal parent/student interview night.

Clubs:

- A few clubs have just started. Mr. Falla is running band virtually.
- Have just started a peer tutoring program through guidance. A form is in the Google FAQ for students to either volunteer or to use a tutor.

Grade 8 Information Night:

- Schools is working on the Grade 8 parent information night. Sandy would like a 20-30 second clip from the council to add to video.

Commencement:

- Schools is working on commencement and the December 17th date and operating under assumption that it will happen and be an in person event.
- Looking at award winners.

Yearbooks:

- Students have received their yearbooks.

Facilities:

- The school caretakers have been amazing - wiping down railings and high touch surface areas.
- School is receiving complaints that the Track and Field areas is being used as an off-leash park. Sandy is working with community.

9	School staff teaching representative report	<p>Rafael Escobar spoke to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has been a learning curve for both staff and students, but things are starting to go a bit more smoothly. Teachers are trying to make classes as engaging as possible and trying to work in small group activities. - Mental wellbeing is top of mind as there is a lot of anxiety. Hard for not to see friends. There are supports and a student success team is following up. - Trying to start up clubs within reason such as the student council (SAC). - One of the big concerns across the board is how to make up gaps in learning from last year. The content was covered but not in the same way. - Guidance will be doing classroom visits tomorrow. Tomorrow is grade 12. For seniors, the midterm grade will not count, and it will not be up-loaded to OUAC. Better to use term "mark to date as it is not a 50% grade 	Rafael Escobar
10	Other Business	<p>Jenna Greenfield spoke to the following:</p> <p>Grade 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance has spoken to all Grade 9 students via home form visit and let them know who their Vice Principal and guidance counsellors are. - School is focused on having meetings with Grade 9 teachers in case there are gaps from Grade 8. - Applied has been eliminated this year. Eliminated applied this year. - Looking to help Grade 9's with pier tutor or getting grade 12 to help. <p>College/University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance will be doing Grade 12 visits starting tomorrow. The event is being done virtually. - Guidance has their own Brightspace page. - Seniors will get a PIN code mailed to their home. Guidance will hold sessions at school to help them log on to look at University selection. Final mark in Quad 1 	Jenna Greenfield

		<p>and Quad 2. Final dates for acceptance is May 27th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early acceptance is huge at Malvern and is based on Grade 11 marks. Students can be admitted in November vs. waiting until May. Students can book an appointment at guidance. Karen Bugelli is A to L; Lisa Bourgard is M; and Evan Grant is N to Z. <p>Other comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 11 and 12 can be peer tutors. - This year, Grade 12's only need 20 volunteer hours to graduate. There are other opportunities for volunteering – like virtual elderly visits. - Students are expected to log into their on-line classroom during independent learning to do their readings. Teachers are finding that students are not logging in but sleeping in. It is an expectation to be doing independent work. School will look at giving assignments where they need to do it and submit during that time. Teachers are trying to share ideas on how to use that 3 hour 45 minute block. Better to chunk the work. - Brightspace can track if students have opened attachments and how much time they've spent on it. It's part of their assessment. - Some teachers are using Google classroom – but doesn't have same tracking abilities as Brightspace. 	
	Adjourned	November 3 rd will be the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.	Laura Beaune