

Malvern School Council (MSC) Meeting September 14, 2021

Elected Members Present: Pam Anderson, Laura Beaune, Tina Bieber, Michelle Carlyle, Kristin Demuth, Allison Dillabough, Brenda Doig, Kristina Hachey, Angie Law, Diane Montgomery, Victoria Morwick, Tracy Scott, Katharine Williams,

Elected Members Absent: Charlene Butler, Paget Catania, Karen Ingham, Adene Kuchera

Non-Elected Members Present: Shima Basefat, Malayna Bernstein, Adrienne Chin, Paula Comfort, Lori Curgenvan, Joëlle Darwiche, Jen Goddard, Michelle Grahlman, Lynda Grimard-Watt, Valentina Hung, Marnie Jennings, Meredith Kay, Janelle King, Damion Ketchum, Michelle Lavoie, Jennifer Loi-Eysenbach, Nancy Mallins, Cynthia McCarrey, Aron McGrath, Karen McMullin, Claudia Mueller, Kate Milligan, Nadia Olmedo, Sarah Phang, Marnie Proud, Claire Roberts, Kristin Rogers, Mara Shaughnessy, Nila Thomas, Sara Tropea, Rita Yang

Staff Members Present: Sandy Kaskens, Raf Escobar

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

#	Item	Discussion	Recommendation / Action
1	Welcome	Call to order 7:00 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 June Minutes	Will be approved in October meeting.	Laura Beaune
4	SAC Presentation	School spirit going. Follow the Malvern SAC Instagram page!! New SAC executive announced: Molly Comfort (President), Tia Wilson (External Affairs), Julia Sinclair (External Affairs), Taylor Bird (Vice President) Congratulations from Sandy Kaskens!	Ariana Vallejo Sea, SAC
5	Principal's Report	Sandy thanked the Executive and council members and gave a warm welcome to all new parents! Sandy reminded all in attendance that she provides updates in newsletters that go out every month.	-

		<p>Sandy reported that there is lots of activity & energy at the school. It's both hectic and heartwarming!</p> <p>Sandy provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extracurriculars: Toronto Public Health put a pause on extracurriculars. Students and staff are eager to be in clubs and we are patiently waiting.• Covid Screening: Last year screening before entering school was via an app with a QR code. However, the scanning of the QR code took a lot of time. Instead, this year, the school will be using a signed piece of paper which is faster.• Covid Case: First positive case of COVID was on Monday, September 13. The student developed symptoms Saturday and did not attend on Monday. Another student who was in contact with a positive case outside of school was going for test. TPH (Toronto Public Health) deemed second student as probable case. Protocols evolving. The cohort was immediately dismissed and the school worked to give info to impacted parents. The school gave a test kit to every student that went home. Case manager from TPH got back today as to next steps and confirmed the cohorts can return provided fully vaccinated and that they do not have symptoms. Parents must complete an attestation form and then students can return to class. For students not fully vaccinated, they must isolate at home for 10 days after their last attendance day at school. In this case September 23. Sandy did not have all info from TPH when students sent home. Most of the students returning.• COVID Protocols: Students are following the protocols. Since there are a lot of students in halls and outdoors when dismissed, the school is now staggering dismissal for lunch and after school to ensure hallways and stairwells not overcrowded. When weather	
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6	School staff teaching representative report	<p>Update presented by Rafael Escobar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excited to have students back in class. • A lot of classes do have a few virtual students so most teachers trying to do a live stream of class. Teachers share screen so students can see and hear the audio. Teachers working hard to get tech worked out and to be ready in case student need to isolate. • Extracurriculars will start online for those that are starting. • On-line experience: It is hard to do labs and experiential work on-line. Students will get a virtual equivalent of lab. Teachers are working to make classes 	Rafael Escobar

		<p>engaging and doing breaks as much as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to get textbooks from previous years. Please bring textbooks to inside Entrance #2 and leave there. • Exams. In Senior Grades, tests will be lengthy and there will be a test even if not an exam. Students with IEPs have double time. Some teachers give all students extra time if they need. 	
7	Treasurer's Report	<p>Angie Law presented the Treasurer's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since June report – cleared out previous commitments. \$4600 in scholarships from last year. • \$7,075 raised via Red and Black campaign last year • \$12,680 in bank account less \$10,250 commitments. So now have \$2,430 in account. • We will give faculty and administration Individually packaged breakfast treats and coffee to say thank you. Similar to last year. 	Angie Law
8	Committee Opportunities	<p>Update from Diane Montgomery, Ward Council representative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Trustee is Michelle Aarts. There are semi-regular ward meetings. Each school has a representative including elementary schools. Sometimes there are guest speakers. Diane's role is to attend the meetings. If someone would like to join, Diane's child is in grade 12. Please send her a note at Diane@montgomery.ca and you can be added to the distribution list. • There are night school courses available – information in guidance note. <p>Laura Beaune provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the parent organizers who helped with last year's graduation. Thanks from Sandy to parent volunteers. • There has been media attention regarding Karyn Bugelli, our guidance counselor who is now in a wheelchair. Please reach out to Michelle Arts and Superintendent to get Malvern 	Laura Beaune

		<p>wheelchair accessible. Working to get access to main floor and to accessible washroom on main floor. Malvern has 6 entrances, but they all have steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are looking to elect this year's parent council. Voting will be held at our next meeting on October 19. There is a self nomination form if you would like to be voting member. The council can have up to 30 voting members. Please put your nominations in by September 30th. Please let the council know if you are interested in being a Co-Chair, Co-Treasurer, or Co-Secretary. • Our first parent session is October 26th with Alexis Dawson on raising anti racist kids. • We are looking at doing the Malvern Mixer at Balmy but hoping to do in Spring as there is not enough time to do in fall an COVID restrictions may still be in place for indoor gatherings. Previously we also held a Boardwalk BBQ in the Spring (since the Malvern Mixer was in the fall.) Mixer raises a lot of money to go back to school to fund requests and scholarships. If interested, put in form. 	
9	Other Business/Future Meetings	Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 19 th and the remainder meetings will be on the first Wednesday of every month.	
	Adjourned	8:21	Laura Beaune