

Malvern School Council (MSC) Meeting Sept 15th,2020

Present:

2019/2021 Executive:

Co-Chairs: Angela Wright, Paget Catania

Treasurer: Charlene Butler

Co-Secretaries: Laura Beaune, Katherine Williams

Parent participants: Christopher Payne, Angie Law Kristina Hachey, Adene Kuchera, Catherine Boyd, Marie Snyder, Anthony Parise, Valerie Brown-Dufour, Tracy Scott, Janet and Hylton Mann,, Mara Shaughnessy, Sharon Azim, Gwen Schwartz, Nadra Qadeer, Marnie Proud, Nataline Rodrigues, Maureen Reath. Mike Donovan, Shahad Mohamed, Francis Lavallée, Taiyara Kareem, Lynda Grimard-Watt, Sarah Phang, Gabriella Kashmeri, Alison Williams, Sarah Vanderburg, Kristin Demuth , Connie Vitello Harding, Samantha Anthony, Alexandra Clark, Camilla Sutton, Karen Jackson, Mike and Allison Dell , Ann Taylor, Tricia Lille, Meredith Kay, Greg Walton, Jane Sanders, Paola Diaz, Michelle Lavoie, Shamil Kashmeri, Victoria Morwick, Gabriella Kashmeri , Claire Roberts, Alice Chin, Michelle Carlyle, Darren Ervine, Joanne Lovell, Maria Puopolo, Mike Trigonidis, Christopher Corcoran, Shahad Mohamed , Patrick Wymes, Diane Montgomery, Brian Bowes, Liz Doyle Harmer, Michelle Carlyle, Michelle Lavoie, Allison Dell

Staff Member Present: Sandy Kaskens (Principal)

Meeting held by ZOOM

#	Item	Discussion	Recommendation / Action
1	Welcome	Call to order 7:00 pm.	Angela Wright
2	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Conflict of interest declared by one participant (parent and TDSB teacher).	Angela Wright
3	Approval of March 3, 2020 Minutes	Deferred	Angela Wright
4	MSAA / Student Council Report	Deferred until Student Election is held.	Angela Wright.
5	Principal's Report	Angela introduced Sandy Kaskens. She brings a wealth of teaching, vice principal and principal experience across the TDSB with her to Malvern (she was a VP at Malvern about 13 years ago and her own	Sandy Kaskens

children have graduated from Malvern).
Sandy expressed her gratitude for the warm welcomes from Malvern parents and acknowledged the efforts of Parent Council and praised the 2020 Grad signs that went out to Malvern grads in the Spring (a School Council initiative).

She acknowledged the challenges of the changing TDSB communication to parents and students and provided us with her communication strategies such as the FAQ google document which is updated several times a day). This link can also be found on the Malvern Parent FB page.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bVZt2qV2EWzceurcarO_XosdrluO_MTC4HJ6Or2Ois/edit?usp=sharing

Sandy suggested that the best place for daily school updates is through TDSB Connects app (although this may not be practical for all parents given that it requires the student's email address and student ID.

Other places for school wide information: emails from the school/principal, Malvern school website, Twitter, Malvern Student Council (SAC) Instagram, Malvern Parent FB Group and monthly School Council meetings.

Graduated Students

Commencement ceremony is booked for Dec 17th at Parkview Manor and hopes are that this will go ahead as a face to face ceremony. Alternative planning will be worked on in combination with the school staff, students and School Council as needed.

Scholarships and awards are still being worked on with donors and/or teaching staff and will be finalized by Sept/October.

Diplomas have not been distributed by the MOE at this time.

Distribution of Yearbooks for graduating students and last year's students is still being considered with respect to safety.

Sandy provided us with school photos that illustrated social distancing efforts within the classrooms, school grounds, washrooms and computer labs. Students will be asked to wipe down desks/computers before and after each use (sanitizer and wipes are available)

Community members who live around Malvern have raised concerns about late night use of the new paved parking lot by young people for skateboarding and recreation – Sandy is working with Board security and the community to address this.

Parents should be aware that students are being invited to attend a ski trip in March organized by Breakaway Tours – this is not a Malvern sanctioned event nor a Malvern supervised event. At this time, there

are no planned field trips planned by Malvern or the TDSB.

Grade 9's. New parents and students were welcomed to the school. A virtual orientation has been emailed out to all new grade 9 students – includes an orientation to the school layout, welcome by teachers, peer leaders and guidance counsellors and ideas on how to get involved in the school community. Grade 9 students will have the school to themselves on the first 2 days of school from 8:45 to 9:45 and there will be school staff on hand to welcome them and direct them to their classrooms.

Class Size

Malvern has been able to “cap” their classes to 15 students or less with the exception of Computing Science which has 18 students.

Teaching Staff

Malvern has a fairly high percentage of students who chose in-person learning (only 9% opted for Virtual School), resulting in a very small impact on teacher reassignment (3.5 positions). 9 Malvern teachers volunteered/requested to teach at the Virtual School. Malvern has been assigned 5 teachers who were from other TDSB schools who lost staff allocation due to lower in-school enrolment. Some students may see ZZ as their teacher name – those teachers’ names are in the process of being updated in the system. Their names should be reflected in student timetables shortly.

Malvern Emails

Some grade 9 students/parents reported that they are not receiving school emails. This may be for a number of reasons: students who are transferred from another school board may take longer to get set up into the TDSB or students may need to reset their TDSB passwords. It was suggested that students/parents contact the TDSB IT support system.

IT Support and Other Important Information

For students/parents who are having trouble accessing email, student ID, timetables, etc, this document will provide you with further information:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bVZt2qV2EWzceurcarO_XosdrluO_MTC4HJ6Or2Oiis/edit?usp=sharing

Timetables

Timetables are available through the TDSB Connects app and have been emailed by the TDSB to each parent/student (Sept 15th and 16th). If students are unable to access their timetable in that way, hard copies will be available at the school.

Timetable Changes

		<p>Sandy recommended that students use the following link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4KpItPb_PsJ5RQg_Bb5_w3y4JIPwiQGRXyWw3Z_1BXJ1d8g/viewform to make any course changes – this will expediate the process as she, the VPs and Guidance Counsellors will be working through each request form quickly. She suggested that this is the preferred method rather than calling the Guidance Counsellors by phone.</p> <p>Extra-Curriculars and Clubs These are vitally important to school life and efforts will be made to offer virtual ECs and clubs. Stay tuned.</p> <p>Student Council (SAC) Student Council will go forward and it will be important for students to have a voice in this year’s school year. Elections will be coming up – stay tuned.</p> <p>Registration Fee There will be no student registration fees this year as there are no costs for sports, ECs, field trips, etc. A \$25.00 per student fee is being considered for this year’s Yearbook and the school will partner with School Council regarding supporting this initiative financially.</p> <p>Masks & Safety Students will receive 2 masks on the first day of school (both black, one with the Malvern logo). Students may also choose to use their own masks or disposable ones will be also available at the school. Desks and computer labs are clearly designated and spaced apart - students will clean their desks before and after use (sanitizer and wipes are available). Only 2 students will be allowed to be in the washroom at one time. The school is divided into 4 quadrants with their own entrance/exits, washrooms and classrooms. Students will be given 2 15 minute breaks while in class. They are encouraged to bring their own water bottles, laptops and snacks.</p>	
6	Teachers’ Representative Report	Deferred	Angela Wright
7	Treasurer’s Report	<p>Balance is \$18,167.95 (\$17,000.00 has been assigned for 2019/2020 approved expenditures (robotics, mindfulness program, spin bikes, artist in residence, commencement, scholarships/awards, etc.) but given abrupt end of school year, monies have not been paid out yet or invoices not yet sent to School Council)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anticipate about \$1,100.00 available to start off this school year - Artist in Residence - Philippe Cote – has primed hallway space 	Charlene Butler

		<p>and will commence painting commissioned mural Sept/October and will connect with students virtually (his fee has been paid-invoice to be sent to School Council)</p> <p>- \$2,500.00 has been set aside for commencement for 2020 Grads (venue booked for Dec at Parkview Manor)</p>	
8	Fundraising	<p>Angela provided a brief history of past Malvern fundraising initiatives and the process for choosing which initiatives to fund (such as teacher led proposals). The November Malvern Mixer parent social has been the primary fundraiser in the past years and has successfully raised \$12-15,000.00 each year for the school. Other initiatives have included Winter Blues and the Spring Boardwalk BBQ. This year, parents and Council are being asked to be creative in coming up with fundraising ideas that maintain social distancing and respect that some families may have been financially impacted by the pandemic.</p>	Angela Wright
9	Election	<p>The School Council election will take place at next month's meeting in October (October 6th). An email will be sent out to the parent community with a self-nomination ballot. Parents will be asked to return the ballot checking off if they would like to be a voting member of Council (our by-laws state that up to 28 parents will make up the voting members of the Council).</p> <p>Upcoming Executive positions: (please self nominate yourself if you are interested in one of these positions – an election will be held if there is more than one person interested in one of the positions):</p> <p>Chair/Co-Chairs Treasurer Secretary</p>	Angela Wright
10	Q & A	<p>Sandy addressed the following parent questions:</p> <p>Will there be a peer leader program? Yes it is underway.</p> <p>What will the process be re photos and issuing student cards? Photos and student cards will not be issued this school year given social distancing restrictions.</p> <p>What will music look like this year? Music, vocals and band classes are still being offered this year. The music teachers have been very creative with ideas for concerts and performances (such as virtual and use of outdoor space). There will be no Marching Band.</p> <p>The courses names are abbreviated codes - how can she tell what the subject is? Course codes can be searched to find the course name.</p> <p>Other parent comments</p>	Sandy Kaskens and Parents

		FlipGive.com online fundraising platform	
11	Adjournment	8:00 pm	Angela Wright