



Malvern Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting
January 16, 2024 | 7 – 8:30PM

In-person: School Library – Please enter through Entrance #1

Join <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/92830527132?pwd=TkZQLzRtblcrVDIwaExjOUFXtMl4dz09>

MINUTES

Item	Speaker(s)
Welcome Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement Declaration of Conflict of Interest -none Approval of November meeting minutes Motion - Nancy Mallins Seconded- Karen McMullin	Adrienne Scott Taanis Smyth
Student Council Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Launch of a morning show on the announcements to provide club updates- Candy grams for valentines day- Working on some ideas for fundraisers- Promoting cafeteria fundraiser with the students- Semi-formal this spring is still be considered	SAC Rep Allie Wilson (External Affairs Rep)

Principal's Report and discussion

- Aaron wanted to repeat some important items mentioned in the bulletin
- Important to arrive on time and prepared for school every day
- Responsibility of all staff and students to take care of the school- not yet a problem but being proactive to make sure this does not become an issue
- Scholarships and awards- award numbers were reduced last time from what has been awarded in the past. Aaron reviewed this with teachers and they came up with recommendations. Teachers suggested a consideration of bringing in a new award concerning equity for a student who shows this in the school and the community. Still under review.
- Cell phone use – continues to be an issue. TDSB is looking at bringing in stricter rules surrounding this. Malvern will wait for TDSB to present this new policy to the schools. In the meantime, please remind students to not use phones during class time. Asking parents to not text kids during school time unless it is an emergency. Timing of this new policy from the TDSB is unknown. Michelle Aarts, our Trustee will be discussing this at the next meeting.
- Exams begin Jan 24, 5 day exam schedule. All exams will be completed within first 4 days. January 31st morning is exam review, afternoon is an opportunity for credit rescue. Feb 1st PA day. Feb 2nd is the first day of semester 2 – Day 2.
- School marks are based on 70% term work, 30% culminating work and/or exam. It is up to the teacher how the 30% will be split between culminating and exam. For Grade 9 math students they will write their EQAO during exam time. For second semester, it will likely be part of the exam time.
- We have had three openings filled for teachers and these new teachers will be allocated in second semester.
- Question online if vaping has gotten better – no vapes have been confiscated in the last couple of weeks
- Students hanging in the bathroom have also been reduced. Steve the hall monitor and female teachers are being diligent about this.
- New cafeteria furniture will be arriving shortly so hopefully this will further help the problem with students hanging in the bathroom

Aaron Gotfryd

<p>Teacher/Staff Representative Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cell phone usage is still a problem. Students are not putting them away. Younger grades are a bigger problem than the older grades. Asking parents to continue to ask students to put their phones away during class time. - Punctuality is still an issue in the morning and after lunch. - Culminating and exams, students are stressed. If kids are feeling overwhelmed, encourage them to reach out to the teachers as exam review will be happening over the next week. Culminating work is meant to be done in class, as much as possible. It should be the student's own work. - Absences for culminating and exams, require a doctors note in order to be rescheduled. Medical note must state that the culminating work or exam had to be missed due to the medical illness. If the conflict is a school sport event, then they can make up the time missed - Question regarding students using AI, there is a software that assists the teachers with noting plagiarism however this is more difficult with reports created by AI. Teachers are working on ways to ensure students are still learning the material. 	<p>Rafael Escobar</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently \$12k in the bank - Strong fiscal position 	<p>Adrienne Scott/ Taanis Smyth</p>

<p>2023-24 Council Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cafeteria launch ● Fundraising committee update (Catherine) ● January 23 event with Jennifer Kapler ● Apple Square <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cafeteria Red and Black fundraiser, launched last week. Donations are going to the TDSB account so parents can get a donation receipt and that is why they are not on the school cash on line website. It is only on the school website but a link was sent out with the original email. To date, we have received \$3,875 in donations. Great job! Our goal is \$7000 for the Red & Black fundraiser. - Fundraiser Committee update (Catherine Boyd): committee who organized the Malvern mixer and fresh from the farm. Working on boardwalk BBQ which has not happened for a number of years. Thinking of having it at the Balmy Beach club however occupancy restrictions may be an issue. If anyone would like to join the committee please reach out to Catherine or Paula (via council). - January 23rd, Jennifer Kapler (TDSB Psychologist) is doing a presentation about school avoidance, learning needs, healthy habits. 6:30-8pm, need to register online. Link was sent out in school email. (Taanis) - Two new apple squares have been purchased by parent council to make it easier to collect funds for any fundraisers or club events. These will be in the office and can be signed out by either parents or students for use during school events. 	<p>Adrienne Scott/Taanis Smyth</p>
<p>Review Action Items – none Next meeting February 13th, 2024 7-8:30pm, Michelle Aarts (School trustee will be in attendance)</p>	<p>Nancy Mallins</p>

**Attendees
In Person**

- Taanis Smyth
- Adrienne Scott
- Catherine Boyd
- Paula Stephenson
- Karen McMullin
- Christina Toporas
- Janine de Vries
- Petra Juulsgaard
- Nancy Mallins
- Rachel Brown
- Zorana Sadiq
- Jan Frolic
- Michelle Lavoie

On Line

Nadia Athenia Olmedo

Kristin Demuth

Alison Burn

Katie Dela Calzada

A Brown

Emily

Lori Curgenvan

Mary

Rebecca Hart

Shawn Pinto