

Regular Meeting of Medway School Council

Monday November 27, 2017

Welcome and Call to Order: 7:07 p.m.

Attendance: 5 parents were in attendance including the chair, the treasure and secretary. Mr. Copeland and Mrs. McCullough were also present.

Agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda with date corrected.* (Bernice/Jill) Carried

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were circulated via email along with the agenda.

Motion to approve the minutes as circulated (Sue/Jill) Carried

Principal's Report - (Mr. Copeland)

- 2 PA days since the last council meeting – focusing on global competencies:
 - Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
 - Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship
 - Learning to Learn – Self-Aware and Self-Directed Learning
 - Collaboration
 - Global Citizenship
- If students can master these skills, they can be successful wherever they end up. Each dept. chooses their own global competency to work on – must be measurable. Mrs. Farquharson presented to staff about her recent trip to Finland and some of the things they do differently in Finland with regard to education. Medway is looking at implementing some of the ideas generated from her presentation.
- Way out West in a Dress will be running from Dec 4-8.
- School tours start tomorrow through next week. This gives students a snapshot of life at Medway.
- Semester 1 athletics are finished. There were many successes - both individually and as teams. Semester 2 sports are well underway.
- Intergenerational Choir has a fall concert at Oakridge Presbyterian at 4:00 on Thursday, November 30.
- DECA Business Club had 4 finalists and one silver medalist in the regional competition attended by over 1000 students.
- Staff preparing international field trips to Spain, Italy, and Florida.
- Current FTE enrollment is 1169. Over 1200 actual bodies.
- The semi-formal was a success.
- Achievement across departments for last school year is summarized below:

75% and above

Level 3/4 in specific courses (2017/18 1M) <i>departments</i>		
Arts 88%	History 86%	Science 84%
COOP 94%	Languages 93%	Tech 85%
English 75%	Math 74%	Business 76%
Social Sciences 85%	Music 98%	Drama 89%
Geography 90%	Physical Education 92%	Guidance 92%

- Future Dates:
 - November 27th Full Disclosure
 - December 4th Way Out West in a Dress begins
 - November 28th Elementary School Tours Begin
 - December 13th Medway Christmas Concert 7 pm @ Banting
 - December 13th Hockey Buyout 12 pm @ Western Fair
 - December 14th Grade 8 Family Night (snow date Dec 20th)
 - January 22nd-24th EQAO Math for Grade 9 students
 - Jan 26th – Feb 1st Examinations
 - February 2nd P.A. Day
 - February 5th Semester Two Begins

Guidance – (Mrs. McCullough)

- All students at Medway have attended their first session of BluePrint individual pathway planning. They will also get a second session.
- Take Our Kids to Work Day and Celebration of Excellence took place on the Nov 1st and both were successful.
- Guidance offered 4 sessions of Scholarship and application tutorials from Nov 13 – 16
- University and College presentations are on-going. Due Date for College applications is February 1, 2018, and University is January 17, 2018. University PINs can be picked up from Guidance.
- The school has been working hard to build community among the grade 9's and the efforts seem to be paying off.
- Our LST, Grade 7 and 8 teachers met on November 24th to review changes in registrations, go through 7 and 8 lessons for Blueprint and focus on Math pathways. It was a success!
- Grade 8 tours start November 28th and go to December 1st.
- The Peer Supporters created a pamphlet summarizing all the clubs available at Medway. It is very well-done!
- Family Night is December 14, 2017 with a snow date of December 20th.
- Guidance and SST has been offering sessions for Grade 9 students to help with test-taking, organization and tutoring.

- Grade 8 registration begins on January 8 and goes until February 13th.
- The process should be much easier this year with the addition of a “Student Transfer Form” within the TVDSB which makes transfer of student information much less arduous.
- Registration for new students (other than grade 8’s) for second semester will take place on January 23-26.
- Registration for Medway High School for the 2018-2019 school year is January 10th - February 13th.
- All Out of Area forms are due February 16th.
- All students have had a session with Blueprint in the fall to look at their course selections.
- January 9th, all students will be given a registration package.
- The “All Council” Club - where all clubs together as a group to coordinate the efforts among all the clubs is a tremendous success and is entirely student-driven.

Financial Report

- Currently there is \$437.00 available for School Council activities.
- \$1000 in the PRO Grant Account.
- Itemized receipts attached to an agenda showing the event took place – turned into Jill who will sign off and give to Debra LeClair. Mr. Copeland signs off on it, and then the cheque will be cut.

New Business

- Grade 8 night, December 14th (20th is the snow day), 2017:
 - Cookies and Punch and Water will be served
 - We need parents to serve as all people present are unable to attend.

Motion – To approve up to \$150 for food and supplies for the December 14th grade 8 night.

(Jill/Bernice) Carried

- PROgrant for 2017/2018 School Year
 - Thursday March 22 from 6:30 – 9:00
 - We need a flyer for the grade 8 night packages. Tracy will make and get to Mrs. Emery.
 - Format will be the same as last year.
 - The committee will meet after the council meeting.

Next Council Meeting

- **Next meeting date:** Tuesday January 30th @ 7:00 p.m. in the library – pending Mr. Copeland availability

Adjournment – *Motion to adjourn* (Jill/Sue) Carried

Chair – Nancy Blackwell

Secretary – Tracy Loessin