

# Regular Meeting of Medway School Council

Tuesday February 7, 2017

**Welcome and Call to Order:** 7:02 p.m.

**Attendance:** 6 parents were in attendance including the chair and secretary. Mr. Copeland and Mrs. McCullough were also present.

**Agenda:** *Motion to approve the agenda as circulated* (Deb, Jill) carried

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were circulated via email ahead of the meeting.

*Motion to approve the minutes as circulated* (Deb, Jill) carried

## Principal's Report - (Mr. Copeland)

- The athletic enhancement project is moving forward. A survey has been completed. The Board has committed to re-surfacing the field. This spring is looking to be a favorable possible start date.
- Winter athletics are moving into the playoffs. Spring sports can begin practicing March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Field trips to Vimy, St. Donat and New York (music) are in the final phase of preparation.
- Medway continue to support the community. \$800 recently raised by peer supporters and Grade Nine students for Ronald McDonald house. Items donated by students and 197 care packages assembled for seniors by the Medway Sparrows.
- Medway has the second highest grade nine credit accumulation rate for grade 9 and 10 in the board. (CECI first)
- The grade 8 family night was a big success. The format was appreciated. We will be reviewing the feedback to see how we can improve next year. There were lots of positive comments.
- Registration is underway. Guidance is meeting with all classes individually. New and innovative courses are being offered in grade 9 and 11 next year. Grade 9 academic geography and science. And guitar building in grade 11.
- There are several new staff members this semester in Family Studies, Math, English, and Science.
- Secondary Accommodation Review will be coming out in the spring. This could have significant impacts on Medway.
- The Secondary School Literacy Test will be completed on paper copy exclusively.
- Lunch schedule for 2017/18 will possibly be revised to: Lunch A (Grade 9 and 11) and Lunch B (Grade 10 and 12).
- The school is investing in more Chromebooks and carts.
- **Upcoming Dates of Interest:**
  - Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – Semester II begins
  - Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Semester 1 report cards distributed
  - Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – Semi-formal dance
  - March 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – March Break

- March 30<sup>th</sup> – Literacy Test and PROgrant evening
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – P.A. Day
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Interviews
- April 20<sup>th</sup> – Coffee House
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Mid-term reports distributed

### **Guidance – (Mrs. McCullough)**

- Registration started today grades 10-12
- Each student, each period, is in a lab with hands-on support for registration
- This is their third exposure with guidance this year
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> course selection begins for next year’s classes; Feb 21<sup>st</sup> is deadline for submissions
- Adding and deleting courses for Semester II is happening until the 17<sup>th</sup>
- Kids have had since the first week of Sept. to change their courses, but there are still a fair number of students wanting to change courses at this point.
- More kids than ever are planning ahead and this is reducing panic.
- Literacy Test is on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, and there are no alternate dates.
- Co-op, Peer Support, High Skills Major applications are also due on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

- \$1000 in PROgrant account
- School Council Account sits at approximately \$880.

### **Update from the Chair**

- PROgrant night:
  - March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Sessions include: 2 blueprint sessions, scholarships, funding and OSAP, preparing a post-secondary profile, academic counselling, and identifying student vision.
  - A save the date notice will go out via email from Mr. Copeland soon.

### **New Business**

- Grade 8 Night:
  - All positive feedback
  - An idea for next time – try to get a Medway cookie or something. Deb P will check if we can “Medway” them somehow.
  - Notes regarding food from that night:
    - More water and punch- like 2 large dispensers of each
    - No coffee
    - For the punch, based on this number of attendees - 12 cans of pineapple juice and 6 jugs cream soda

- Have a large jug available to refill water dispensers.
- Saran Wrap to cover left over cookies
- Cookies from Hollandia Bakery were very reasonably priced and very tasty.
- For this number of attendees - 6 boxes cookies: ginger snap, Choc chip, oatmeal raisin, oatmeal
- No coconut – they are really good, but no one recognizes them, so they go for what is familiar
- School Council Award:
  - Top 3 criteria arrived at were:
    - School Involvement
    - Hard working / working to potential regardless of pathway
    - Contribute to a positive collaborative culture in the school
  - It was suggested that the student be nominated by staff or fellow-students and then school council votes among the top 5 at the May meeting.
  - The amount for the award was suggested to be \$200. Mr. Copeland is going to look into how much money school council receives each year so an informed decision can be made and a sustainable amount be chosen.
  - Jane Winsky at the Thames Valley Education Foundation will be able to help us finalize this.

***Motion: Tracy will take the criteria discussed and have a conversation with Jane Winsky to finalize the details. The proposed award and amount will then be decided by email vote.***

(Kim, Trish) carried

## **Next Council Meetings**

- **Next meeting date** week of May 15<sup>th</sup> depending on availability of admin - 7:00 p.m. in the library.

**Adjournment – Motion to adjourn** (Tracy, Trish) carried

Chair – Nancy Blackwell

Secretary – Tracy Loessin