

Regular Meeting of Medway School Council

Monday May 15, 2017

Welcome and Call to Order: 7:06 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 the addition of an update on the school council award* (Deb, Sue) carried

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

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

Principal's Report - (Mr. Copeland)

- Semester II Athletics are wrapping up
- Due to bussing challenges, kids are having to miss classes in order play games. It is concerning how much school kids are missing for sports. Weather also caused re-scheduling issues over the past couple of weeks.
- NY music trip was successful.
- Track Enhancement Proposal looks like it's nearing signature stage with potential shovel in the ground in the summer. Possibly with the field available for the fall. Ilderton Lions have committed around \$800,000.00.
- Semester One Pass Rate is 98.2%. 80% of the students are at or above the provincial average. 58% above 80%. 26% above 90%.
- The FTE for 2017/18 is 1187. We believe we will be over 1200 students next year.
- Mr. Tamminga and Ms. McCullough are working to finalize the timetable. We anticipate over 80% of the students will get all of their first choices.
- Staffing is underway. We have 2 retirements and one transfer. Mr. Tamminga has been transferred to H.B. Beal as VP. Melanie Seifert from B. Davidson will be joining the admin team at Medway next year.
- Looking to do a live feed of commencement this year via a YouTube link. Space is becoming an issue.
- Next year lunch will be: Lunch A – Grade 9 and 11 Lunch B – 10 and 12
- **Upcoming Dates of Interest:**
 - **May 17 Music Night at Banting 7 pm**
 - **May 25 Coffee House 7 pm**
 - **June 8 Athletic Banquet**
 - **June 15 Commencement**
 - **June 21 Last Day of Classes**
 - **June 22-28 Examinations**
 - **June 30 Last Day of School**

Guidance – (Mrs. McCullough)

- Right now there are no course changes allowed. The timetable is being built and it is created around what kids chose for classes. Creating a schedule that meets all the criteria is very difficult. In June, course changes will be allowed if there are conflicts or failures. In August, students will get their timetables, and they can make some changes before school starts. During the first 2 weeks of Sept., students can add and delete. All changes are completed by the end of the 2nd week of school.
- When students are finished their summer school courses, they will be placed in alternate classes in August.
- Commencement team has met and is working on plans for the evening.
- Presently working on scholarships and awards. A new award has been created – the Cam Fergusson award.
- Helping students make sure they have ACCEPTED their university offers.
- OSAP, OUAC, OCAS will be attached to Blueprint next year.
- Students at risk are being contacted by teachers to create an action plan.
- Student Success team meets weekly to address kids who need support.
- Grade 9 Orientation night and Grade 8 nights are being scheduled for the upcoming year.
- Peer support tours are August 30th for new students coming in to the school.
- Jan 18th / 24th tentative dates for Grade 8 night

Treasurer's Report:

- PROgrant Account Balance - \$570.00
- School Funds approximately \$730.00

Update from the Chair

- PROgrant night:
 - Survey Monkey results are in and are filed with the minutes.
 - Extra Funds were allocated toward food for this evening. The motion was put out and voted on via email. The motion and results are filed with the minutes.

New Business

- School Council Award:
 - Unless we come up with money via fundraising, we cannot give a student award with the money we receive from the board.
 - It was generally agreed upon that we will not pursue this any further at this time.
- Graduation Greeting:
 - The chair has been invited in the past to give greetings to the graduation class at commencement.
 - This year, the chair has a child graduating.

- Council agreed that the chair should deliver the greetings as per usual.
- Grade 9 Night:
 - Sept. 21 – 2:30 – 8:30 (parents join students from 7:00 - 8:30)
 - **Motion – to allocate up to \$250 for the grade 9 welcome night.** (Deb/Tracy) carried
 - An email will be sent out in Sept. to organize
 - Tentatively council members will bake some cookies and some will be purchased.
- PROgrant for 2017/2018 School Year
 - Report Back form needs to be submitted for this year. It was completed as a group and is ready for submission.
 - The survey from this year’s night was reviewed and general plans for next year were discussed in order for the application to be submitted for 2018.

Next Council Meeting

- **Next meeting date** Monday October 2, 2017 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn (Deb/Sue) carried

Chair – Nancy Blackwell

Secretary – Tracy Loessin