

Regular Meeting of Medway School Council

Monday May 14, 2018

Welcome and Call to Order: 7:09 pm

Attendance: 4 parents were in attendance including the chair, the treasure and the secretary. Mr. Copeland and Mrs. McCullough were also present.

Agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda.* (Jill, Bernice) Carried

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were circulated via email.

Motion to approve the minutes as circulated (Bernice, Jill) Carried

Principal's Report - (Mr. Copeland)

- Semester II athletics are underway. We have teams competing in Girls' soccer and rugby, Boys' soccer and rugby, track and field, boy's baseball, tennis, badminton, and archery. Playoffs begin next week.
- Track Enhancement Tender has been opened and is nearing the signature stage. A tentative June 1, 2018 start date has been established with completion in July 2019.
- There are significant parking concerns at Medway. The construction of the new athletic facility will temporarily reduce the available on-site parking. A good portion of the parking lot will be a construction entrance. Arrangements are being made with the Municipality to meet the immediate needs of staff, guests, and students.
- Semester I pass rates are:

Arts 96.1%	History 97.3%	Science 95.9%
COOP 82.1%	Languages 99%	Tech 93.4%
English 95.1%	Math 94.8%	Business 98%
Social Sciences 93.8%	Music 100%	Guidance 100%
Geography 97.5%	Physical Education 98.9%	
- 41% of our post-secondary students have applied to College and 59% have applied to University
- Our FTE for 2018/19 is currently 1308. Last year we were at 1187.
- Ms. Seifert and Mrs. McCullough are working to finalize the timetable. We anticipate over 83% of the students will get their first choices.
- Staffing is underway. We have three retirements. Mr. Bennett is retiring from the DE dept., Mrs. McCullough is retiring as Head of Guidance and Jim Copeland is retiring as principal. The new principal is Greg Howard who is currently VP at Clarke Road S.S. Laurie Farquharson will take over as Head of Guidance
- There is a student success teacher available in every period of the day for next year.
- Future Dates:
 - May 16 Music Night @ Banting 7 pm
 - May 24 Intergenerational Choir concert
 - June 5 Jazz Night
 - June 11 Athletic Banquet 12 pm
 - June 13-15 EQAO Math
 - June 13 Special Olympics
 - June 14 Commencement
 - June 20 Last Day of Classes
 - June 21-27 Examinations

- June 29 Last Day of School

Guidance Report – (Mrs. McCullough)

- Timetable is almost complete
- For class changes:
 - End of June – paper copy to request changes – which will be made in August
 - End of August, come in and request a change on paper copy
- In guidance, there are focuses on: welcoming the international students; the transitions – grade 8 to grade 9 and then the transition to post-secondary; and helping students to create a pathway in life to have a direction and a goal to work toward.
- Grade 9 orientation – 3rd week September
- Grade 8 tours in late November

Financial Report

- Current Balance in Parent Involvement Account is \$886.70. There are some outstanding expenses for the Post-Secondary night yet to clear.
- Current Balance in PROgrant account is \$1000.00. There are 3 outstanding expense reports for the Post-Secondary night yet to clear this account.

New Business

- PROgrant Review from March 22, 2018
 - Nancy has written the PROgrant Review from this year
 - Only 2/3 of people who registered actually attended. Feedback was very positive from attendees.
- Application for PROgrant for 2019
 - March 29, 2019 is the date set for next year's PROgrant
 - Because there are so few people who run the event, it was agreed to do a simpler format with fewer speakers.
 - It was suggested to do the larger Preparing for the Future night every second year.
 - A speaker from Guelph was suggested by Mrs. McCullough and Nancy will follow-up
 - The theme for the night will still be Preparing for the Future
- Grade 9 Orientation night
 - ***Motion to make up to \$200 available to purchase supplies for the grade 9 orientation evening.***
(Tracy, Bernice) Carried.
 - It was agreed that School Council should say a few words at the start of the evening to invite parents to be a part of school council.
- School Council wishes to express sincere appreciation to Mr. Copeland and Mrs. McCullough for their dedication and commitment to Medway and the tremendous impact they have had during their time at the school. Their absence will be felt by parents, staff, and students.

Next Council Meeting

- **Next meeting date:** Oct 1st, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Adjournment – *Motion to adjourn* (Tracy, Jill) Carried

Chair – Nancy Blackwell

Secretary – Tracy Loessin