

Regular Meeting of Medway School Council Monday November 26, 2018

Welcome and Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Attendance: 7 parents were in attendance including the chair and the secretary-treasurer. Ms. Seifert and Mrs. Farquharson were also present. Mr. Howard sent his regrets as did Becky R., Christy B., and Janice F.

Agenda: Motion: to approve the agenda. (Deb, Angela) Carried

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were circulated via email.

Motion: to approve the minutes as circulated (Deb, Angela) Carried

Principal's Report - (Ms. Seifert)

- Athletic Enhancement project is now on hold for the winter – work will resume in the spring. The clock was installed and it looks great!
 - The Lions are still accepting donations in order to fully-fund the planned aspects of the project, and personal donations are still coming in – recently \$5,700.00 from a former graduate of Medway.
 - School council will send out a letter to parents via email informing them of the project and the fact that donations are still needed.
- A Medway student recently placed 3rd at the World Karate Championships
- Another student received an award for achievement in Science at the Urban Indigenous Student Awards Banquet.
- Football, girls' basketball, and boys' volleyball are finished; girls' volleyball, boys' basketball, and DECA have all started.
- The joint Lucas-Medway dance was a great success. There are plans to have another one in the future with Medway to host.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Grade 8 School Visits this week
 - Music Concert at Banting – Dec 10th
 - Peer Supporters working the Hyde Park Walmart Christmas Kettle – Dec 11th
 - Grade 8 Family night – Dec 13th
 - Peer Supporters packing and distributing Christmas hampers Dec 18th
- Medway applied for and was accepted by the board to run the International Certificate Program – focusing on developing globally-minded, culturally-sensitive students. Students will be able to meet many of the criteria through various things that they are already doing.
- There have been some challenges with the community around the school – with students smoking / driving recklessly, and loitering. The school is working with municipality and the OPP to supervise and correct behaviors within the limits of what the school can enforce.
- There is an alumni group who are sorting and cleaning up the archives and memorabilia.
- The courtyard clean-up plan is in progress.
- Student voice conference was held to hear from students on various issues in the school and the community.
- Percentage of students earning 8 or more credits in grade 9 and grade 10 is above board average – partly due to the variety of course offerings, and various supports within the school for the students.
 - Full report is filed in the minutes binder.

Guidance Report – (Mrs. Farquharson)

- Bring the World to Medway was very successful. Presenters thought it was awesome and gave great feedback.
- Plans for next year are underway
- Grade 8 school tours for the kids are well underway. Peer supporters look after the program.
- Dec 13th Grade 8 parent night – ½ hour presentation from admin, school council, student presidents, guidance, and learning support, and then students and parents wander the school – checking out the various depts.
- Experiential learning – some students are destined for the workplace, and there needs to be more offered to them to prepare them for this pathway. The school is looking at ways of adding more of this.
- Dr. Alex Russel – the school is looking at having him in to speak about resiliency. He speaks to parents, teachers, and students. It would be nice to cooperate with school council and have him come to the PROgrant night and share the cost.
- Registration conversations with current Medway students happen the first week of second semester.
- Feb 15th is deadline for registration for next year.

Financial Report

- Current Balance in Parent Involvement Account is \$419. One expense yet to be paid from Grade 9 night (~\$25.00).

New Business

- Update on letter requesting another VP
 - Roseanne Kuyper will be bringing it to the committee in December to discuss staffing
 - Sean Hunt (trustee) and Arlene Morrel are both on board to push for this
 - The letter should be sent to parents to encourage them to contact their trustees
 - School council should send a letter to parents regarding the grounds project
- Grade 8 Night – Dec 13th
 - Bernice will get the cookies (6 dozen); Deb will get cups, coffee, and cream
 - Coffee – Decaf – make a sign
 - Water, lemonade – need to buy 24 cans – Nancy will pick up
 - Need volunteers from 6:15 – 9:30
 - Deb, Tracy, Nancy, Angela, Kyle, and Jill can all help
- PROgrant
 - We still don't have the funding in place.
 - Nancy will email them to check on the status of the application.
 - The committee is planning on a simplified format compared to the past 2 years.
 - Nancy has contacted the speaker from Guelph that Ms. McCullough told us about – preparing for University
 - The committee will meet after the council meeting tonight.

Next Council Meeting

- **Upcoming meeting dates:** Jan 28th, May 13th 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. in the library.

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

Chair – Nancy Blackwell

Secretary-Treasurer – Tracy Loessin