

ECOLE MISSION SECONDARY PAC MEETING Minutes – September 18, 2019

In Attendance Mr. Pearce School Principal, Tracey Scott 2018/19 PAC Treasurer, Nicola Mahleuwein, Jessica Norbury, Laurinda Barnard, Dionne Hairsine, Lori McComish, Simone Maassen, Chris Bucholz, Karah Hutchinson, Gloria Bolland

Welcome 7:05 pm

Round table introduction of attendees and age of their student(s) at MSS

Adoption of Agenda: 1st Lori 2nd Dionne

Approval of March 2019 minutes: 1st Dionne 2nd Chris

Principal's report

*School opening went well, greater attendance of students than projected (1326 projected, 1351 actual)

-the increase of students added some challenges of having to increase the number of the classes

-All teacher postings filled & completed in a few days. 84 teachers, and a total of 165 staff.

-Every subject is taught by a teacher that has a degree in that subject. I.e. Math is taught by a Math teacher, English by an English teacher etc. No teacher has a timetable "filled" with teaching subjects that are not their area of discipline.

-Filling a counsellor position last June was quite the challenge, however acquired a individual from MEI who is a Mission resident.

*Sports are well underway with Swimming, Volleyball (Jr & Sr) to name a few that are up and running.

*Momma Mia auditions completed with 75 students auditioning for 35 roles.

-Lois Brown-Evans maternity position is being filled by an MSS graduate Ms. Goertzen

*Lynn Cummings came from Summit Learning to MSS as a Vice Principal

*Summit Learning has moved onto the MSS property, only grade 10 to 12, with 600 cross enrolled students, and 55 full time students.

-K to 9 Summit students are at Silverdale

-Cross enrolled are students that are taking some classes at Summit and at another school.

-A loophole in the curriculum changes of Grad Transitions, this year's grade 12s could enroll in the "old" program online to avoid having to complete the entire block class. Of the 380 who enrolled, 378 completed the first evidence.

-MSS encourages all students to take at least 1 online course at sometime from 10 to 12 to gain awareness, knowledge and comfort of the virtual learning options.

-It is MSS goal to achieve 1000 cross enrolled students.

*Gr10 BBQ was a success. Mr. Pearce continues to like the lineal schedule for the Gr10's as it stretches out the pressure between classes having them every other day.

*Gr12 information night will be coming up in October

*ProD day this Friday. All adults in the building must attend to learn school guidelines, expectations, team building, and the new curriculum rules.

*Grad Cruise for September 24th sold out all 200 tickets in 24hours. No simple way to open it up for more attendees as they have the biggest boat booked and having a 2nd boat adds more complications.

*Question raised of MSS's position on Vaping – As it is against the law for students to have (under 19), any vape equipment will be confiscated and destroyed. They are working to improve the education of the affects of vaping to discourage students from using it..

*There is a smoking area on property to give students a safe place to smoke that is not a back alley.

Administration then can watch over who is there, educating of cessation products & offering support.

*Dionne asked if Mr. Pearce was aware the "My BuePrint" was down to which he responded he was not. This is an online program that is often started with students in Gr 9 or 10 and helps them and their parents to organize or plan for post secondary.

*Check My Mark/Progress has just been launched. The program is voluntary for teachers and they will be sending out emails with usernames & passwords.

*Cash OnLine can be used for shop fee, athletic fees, cafeteria/café cards.

*Suggests adding the "My School Day" add to parents phones. The notifications received can be selected to suit, however the alerts improve communication of what is happening at MSS.

New Business

a. Nomination of individuals for positions of the 2019/20 school year – Individuals accepted, motion presented, no objections, carried.

- i. Members at Large
 - 1) Dionne Hairsine
 - 2) Ori McComish
 - 3) Karah Hutchinson (Vice Treasurer)
- ii. Chair – Chris Bucholz
- iii. Treasurer – Tracey Scott
- iv. Secretary – Carly Smail

b. How to generate more parents attending PAC Meetings? With 1400 students in the school, why do we have less than a dozen attendees to meetings?

- Jim to bring in some specific information speakers with announcements in advance.

- Facebook/Social Media platforms to be more accessible?

Treasurer's report

* Gaming Account and General Account balance reported

DPAC report

Kara reported a brief summary of the items of the Sept 16th meeting. Highlights were:

- Social Media focus to bring more awareness to the community
- District wide enrollment is up about 100 students for a total of 6,200
- Continued work on the Gr 9's sport inclusions

Next meeting date is October 16, 7:00pm

Adjournment 8:26pm