



MONCTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent School Support Committee

Minutes for the meeting

of April 9, 2019

Present: Mike Belong, Jennifer Machum, Emily Ostler-Colpitts, Leslie Kelly, Jill MacDonald, Lisa Farley, Michelle Doucet, Krista Kendall, Donna Carter, Janelle Finnegan, Adrianna Campbell, Alice Campbell

Absent: Lorie Edwards, Duane Waye, Andree Bourguinon, Madeleine Platt

Minutes prepared by: Jennifer Machum

1. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by: Leslie
- Seconded by: Michelle

2. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2019 Meeting

- Moved by: Janelle
- Seconded by: Jill

3. Correspondence

- None

4. Student Report

- Lunchtime grade competitions are going well; Grade reps are planning more activities;



- Dodgeball tournament happening now; students will play against the teachers to raise funds for Relay for Life;
- Knight of the week – recognized for doing something exceptional at the school; posted on the grade accounts, main instagram account;
- Relay for Life – raised over \$6,000.00 so far; cookie dough fundraising;
- Dragonboat Races – fundraising ongoing;
- Mandela in Conversation – Many students had the opportunity to attend;
- Easter event upcoming organized by the grade 9 connect group;
- Girl's Night Out (during the day) – Girls will be going to the Royal Oaks Coutry Club to participate in activities and motivational speakers;
- Spring semi-formal – May 2;

5. Teacher Report

- **English Department** – Concern brought forward: having an increase in needs for ELL students and the necessary resources and support not sufficient at this time.
- **Languages and Assessment** – Successful French week with a performance by DJ Bones and several workshops and presentations; 23 students will be participating in the grade 12 French Second Language Oral Proficiency Interview.
- **Science** – ASD-E STEM Expo was very successful with six students placing or receiving honourable mention; All science teachers have been trained in WHMIS and the chem lab has been inspected and updated to WHMIS2015.
- **Math** – Waterloo Math Competition was last week for grade 11 and 12; 12 grade 9s will write their competition at UdeM on May 10; Students will be allowed to take NRF and Geo concurrently in first semester next year to allow them to take Foundations 110 math in the second semester to improve the math and science pathways.



- **Resource / ESS** – New online platform for student PLPs next year called ESS Connects; includes accommodations, adjusted curricula, and newcomer transition support plan.

6. Principal Report

- **Minister Meeting** – Minister of Education met with Mike last week, as their previous meeting a few weeks prior had been interrupted by a safety incident at the school.
- **Personalizations** – Visited JMH Highschool to see their program; looking at providing some of the grade 9 math classes concurrently; students would be self-paced but given support from teachers; achieving 85% or more gives them the credit and they don't need to repeat the class in the higher grade; would like to offer grade 12 students to do an independent study that would be a passion project; outcomes and rubrics would need to be approved by faculty; global competencies and personalization are the focus of new curriculum changes.
- **Staffing** – Normed FTE has been released; Mike to meet with District on April 18 to state what the needs are specifically for MHS;
- **Post-Secondary Opportunities** – Grade 12 students that have achieved all their required credits by first term, are permitted to work during school hours (with approval); also looking at providing an option for students to be permitted to take a post-secondary course;
- **High School Assessment Practices** – Looking at the breakdown of assessments; ensuring that the triangulation of the data is being followed;
- **Connect Blocks** – Working out quite well; many use the time as a study block while others are enjoying doing the activities;
- **School Start-up** – Grade 8 day will be done again this year, but looking at a different format for next year;
- **Fall Start-up** - Grade 9 will not be starting on the day after Labour Day, instead the higher grades will be starting first and the grade 9s will be later; this allows for more time to adjust the higher level selected courses as needed;



- **Field Update** – Legacy committee meets every week to coordinate fundraising; going through all yearbooks to locate the life officers per year to spearhead fundraising; Donor Perfect is the online platform being used to format and organize the campaign;
- **Relay for Life** – Raised almost \$10,000.00
- **Dragon Boat** – the teachers have formed a team for this year and will be competing in the corporate races; students will be participating on the Friday prior for the highschool races.
- **City Presentation** – Mike met with city counsel to talk about the importance of getting city transit out to the school; discussions were positive and ongoing;

7. New Business

- Prom and Safegrad on June 18 and graduation on June 25, 2019

8. Next Meeting

- June 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at a restaurant to be determined.

9. Adjournment – 7:30 p.m.