



# MONCTON HIGH SCHOOL

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## Parent School Support Committee Minutes for the meeting of January 14, 2019

Present:	Mike Belong, Jennifer Machum, Emily Ostler-Colpitts, , Michelle Doucet, Donna Carter, Jill MacDonald, Janelle Finnegan, Leslie Kelly, Krista Kendall, Lori Edwards, Madeleine Platt, Lisa Farley, Adrianna Campbell
Absent:	Duane Waye, Alice Campbell, Andree Bourguinon
Minutes prepared by:	Jennifer Machum

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| 1. Approval of Agenda   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moved by: Donna</li><li>• Seconded by: Janelle</li></ul>  |
| 2. Approval of Minutes of November 27, 2018 Meeting   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moved by: Donna</li><li>• Seconded by: Leslie</li></ul>   |
| 3. Correspondence   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>  |
| 4. Student Report   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boys spirit basketball game in December</li><li>• Students received invitations to winter semi-formal dance – 400+ students attended. Stranger Things theme;</li><li>• Theme week in December; students did a variety of activities and games to raise money for students needs at school and Fill the Bus;</li><li>• Winter assembly and winter carnival; music performances, games, competitions, movies;</li></ul> |



- Friday lunch activities organized by student counsel; games, performances, various entertainment during the lunch hour;
- Spirit board – post notices of activities, awards, achievements;
- Encouragement posters being put up during exam week;

#### 5. Teacher Report

- Focussing on school improvement framework plan;
- Truancy rate is well below the national norm;
- Students are more open to talk to staff about bullying;
- Academic standards are high;
- Need to improve social engagement at the school – our rate is lower than average, due to the location of the school;
- High rate of reported mental health concerns; 34% rate of mental health issues reported; need to verify severity of these issues;
- PL on Jan 7 – staff analyzed report and brainstormed solutions;
- Staff recommended bringing back regular assemblies;
- Build time into the schedule for leisure activities or academic support; assist students to feel a part of their school community;
- Propose adjusting bell schedule to accommodate this connect time; will start new schedule in term 2;
- SIP – New facility has brought a lot of enhancement to the school experience, but the location has made it difficult to do afterschool activities; the lack of an auditorium has hit the school spirit.

#### 6. Principal Report

- Classroom composition: MHS has a very high proportion of newcomers to Moncton; many do not speak English; need to be accommodated in the school system; these students enter into the core classes, which puts stress on the abilities of the teachers to fully accommodate the learning needs of the class;
- PSSC requested to write a letter to the DEC regarding classroom composition; need more autonomy to support all learning needs according to the specific demographics of their school; would like the ability to have grade 9 immersion students take their math in English so that more of the EAL students can be accommodated in those classes while still meeting provincial French immersion policy requirements;



would also like to support the advanced skills students to keep them challenged;

- Exam schedule has been posted to the website; Jan 21-25; exceptions are available for some students but must be approved by teachers;
- Review of the 10-year-plan; committee viewed a powerpoint on Everyone at Their Best, released by the Province; will be distributed to the committee by email;
- Legacy campaign update; tender closed for design phase; the Glen Group won the design; breaking ground in April 2019; \$2 million estimate; planning a fundraising night on Wednesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. for alumni to raise the remaining funds;

#### 7. New Business

- Automated system to advise parents that students are absent or late from classes; need to call the number provided to set preferences for contact;

#### 8. Next Meeting

- February 19, 2019 (Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m.

#### 9. Adjournment

- Adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.