



MONCTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent School Support Committee

Minutes for the meeting

of March 12, 2019

Present: Mike Belong, Jennifer Machum, Leslie Kelly, Jill MacDonald, Michelle Doucet, Adrianna Campbell, Alice Campbell, Lori Edwards, Janelle Finnegan, Donna Carter, Krista Kendall

Absent: Emily Ostler-Colpitts, Duane Waye, Lisa Farley, Andree Bourguinon, Madeleine Platt

Minutes prepared by: Jennifer Machum

1. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by: Jill
- Seconded by: Michelle

2. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2019 Meeting

- Moved by: Lori
- Seconded by: Donna

3. Correspondence

- None

4. Student Report

- Musical "Where I've Been" put on by the music department;
- Rose-grams fundraiser for Valentine's Day;
- Grade-level lunch activities initiated - more successful than the combined grade activities;
- Theme week – activities and prizes; hat day to raise money for United Way; assembly and carnival activities on Friday;



- Dodgeball tournament starting soon; teams will be a mixture of grades and genders;
- Grade-level competitions planned;
- French week is coming up next week; there will be an assembly with activities and musical guests;
- Relay for Life is on May 10, 2019 – raising money for cancer research;
- Dragon boat competitions coming up on May;
- Mike commented that the student counsel and leadership committee do a phenomenal job organizing and encouraging students.

5. Teacher Report

- No report provided this week.

6. Principal Report

- Whooping cough (Pertussis) – There has been a minor outbreak in MHS; new students are required to provide a copy of vaccination records, but this is not always enforced; Immunization clinic will be held at the school, available to students and staff;
- Course selections for grade 11 and 12 will be taking place in the next few weeks; Parents will be asked to discuss the choices with their children;
- School calendar – next year's calendar will be available soon but the final version is not yet released; time is limited for the remainder of the year and there are several four-day weeks coming up; teachers are encouraged to make the most of their time;
- MHS student died recently; support has been provided to grieving students and staff;
- Snow days – 11 days have been missed thus far;
- Connect blocks – various activities and tutoring available to students during the school day; allows for extracurricular activities during school hours rather than after school, as location of the school makes that different; Students that don't want to participate are given the time to study and catch up on work;
- Respect in Schools program – Mike and Craig Eagles will be presenting to the DEC meeting on March 19; program based on the program developed by Sheldon Kennedy to prevent abuse and harassment in



sports; Craig has included a variation of the program in the PDCP grade 9 class; hope to get approval from the DEC to enhance this program for the school;

- City of Moncton presentation – Mike will be scheduling time with City Hall to discuss the extension of the public transit to come out to the school. Counsellor Shawn Crossman has indicated that he believes there is room in the budget for a limited service.
- Meeting with Education Minister on March 15 to discuss classroom composition and the extension of the credit system to grade 10.

7. New Business

- Legacy project for sports field – Volunteers are chosen to connect with the alumni from each year of graduates; a website is being developed for various fundraising options, such as naming a seat at the field; several major donors have already contributed; The DEC has agreed to help fund the project on the caveat that they have a surplus in their budget.
- Glen Group has been awarded the tender for the design and the tender for the build will be put out in the next few weeks; construction will start in the spring;
- Letter to DEC regarding classroom composition is on hold pending the new hire of a curriculum director and the meeting with the minister;
- Collective agreement with teachers guarantees them two days after exams to prepare the grades to determine if students will have graduation requirements, so it was not feasible to give up those days in January to make up time from the snow days;
- Some teachers are able to use Schoology to keep up on lessons online, but not all students have access to the internet or computers; There will be ongoing discussions with the department about options for handling the now days; Google classroom is not feasible for the schools because of the firewall; currently some teachers use Schoology and some use the iTunes platform;

8. Next Meeting

- April 9 (Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m.
- Last meeting to be determined

9. Adjournment – 7:45 p.m.