

Minutes Merivale High School Council Meeting, June 1, 2021

Attendance: Jean Fulton-Hale, Carolyn Berezowsky, Tim Embury, Rhonda Cameron, Bruce Levine, Mei Qiu, Jasmine Albagli, Christina Hackman, Megan Fox, Isabelle Mercier, Joanna Yi, Laura Storrie, Daniel Ayoo, Aidan Duong, Xiangyi Xu, Janet Gibson, Jennifer O’Doherty, Rula Worrall,

Regrets:

Welcome & Introductions:

Welcome by Tim

Approval of agenda:

Motioned by: Mei Qiu

Seconded by: Tim Embury

Review & Approval of Minutes from April 2021

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Reports

Student Council Report- Daniel Ayoo & Hasset Efrem

- Merivale Choice Awards – Planning an award show. They made a list of awards and gave a form to the student and they nominate who they think fits the description.
- One winners are notified there will be a video done and shown through you tube

Q: Are the awards just for seniors? No, they are for grade 9-12.

Wellness Wednesdays will continue in June

Intermediate Report – Bruce Levine

Grade 8 teachers deciding on merit awards and valedictorian

Recording video messages for a Celebra8

IPRC Meetings are taking place

Teachers are working very hard to keep students engaged

Secondary Report – Megan Fox

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ENGLISH / Languages	Presentations and guest speakers related curriculum topics such as Britta B poetry presentation for English class for Poetry month sponsored by Ottawa Public Library.
ART / TECH	Virtual Spring Concert coming soon! We will be featuring pieces from all three of our concert bands. We'll be sending the link for parents to watch the concert on June 3.
Extracurricular	Relay for Life from May 28 - hopefully a good MHS turnout Grad Memory book ordering is available now. Contact Mr. Hughes (scott.hughes@ocdsb.ca) or visit mhryearbook.ca for more information.

Question: Is there intermediate participation in book club? Yes very informal, they chat about books
For Secondary a theme is chosen and interested students read books about the theme.

Question: Will the kids go back to school? Kids work hard and want to go back to school. Very upsetting for the child and families.

Jean – Many families and students want to go back to school. She has no information yet. The school is waiting to hear from the government.

Principal's Report – Jean Fulton Hale

- Campus update: Water bottle stations – all being upgraded in next 6 months to stations not foundations
- Over summer they will add two more portables to total 6 for the secondary program
- Grade 7 Open House end of April was a big success. Thanks to teachers and web crew. Gr 7's comfortable with google meet and asked lots of questions.
- Celeb8te. Link to be shared on when it takes place
- Reminder to intermediate families Friday is a PA Day. Teachers work on Report Cards.
- Secondary: Last day for tests is June 18th
- June 21 and June 22 – consolidated learning
- Virtual escape Room in French June 21 and 22
- Virtual music concert – link to be shared with band students. Get link at 6:45 pm
- Grade 12 families: Commencement update: They have organized a virtual commencement (you tube). Date is June 24th at 4 pm
- Link will be shared with students and parents
- Can get gift bag and cap and gown before then
- Can get diploma and awards at end of school year
- Released on the Thursday

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Treasurers Report – Mei Qiu

- **Same balance**
- **No Changes**

OCASC report – none tonight

Reports from Chair/Vice-Chair- Tim Embury

- Donna Blackburn providing gift bags to graduates. Email Donna to get one donna.blackburn@ocdsb.ca

Question and answer

Q- Gr 7 routine vaccines a OPH done through the school, missed this year. Is there a schedule for next year? OPH has not shared advanced planning yet. Reasonable to expect one in the fall but no info yet.

- OPH is organizing free testing clinics. Testing kit on a bus with a nurse or complete the kit at home. Less invasive than the Covid testing centres.

Adjournment

7:07 pm