

# Draft Minutes Merivale High School Council Meeting, November 3, 2020

**Attendance:** Jean Fulton-Hale, Megan Fox, Phong Duong, Rhonda Cameron, Jane Jiang, Naomi Elias, Laura Newton-Miller, Jennifer O'Doherty, Matthew Chiappetta, Joanna Yi, Jackie Keats, Jasmine Albagli, Philip Mansfield, Mei Qiu, Pam Woolridge, Tim Embury, Pam Parks, Isabelle Mercier, Daniel Ayoo, Carolyn Berezowsky, David Benes, C. Baas, Krista Matthews, Rula Worrall, Theorytube303 T, Zhong An Ricardo Galvez, Giovanni Donato, Jing Chen, Huimin, LeeAnn,

**Regrets:** Laura Storrie

## Welcome & Introductions

### Approval of Agenda

Motioned by: Tim

Seconded by: Zhong An

### Review & Approval of Minutes – October 2020

Motioned by: Carolyn Berzowsky

Seconded by: Rhonda Cameron

### Introduction of School Council for 2020-2021

- Chair – Tim Embury
- Vice or Co Chair – Jackie Nemesvary
- Secretary – Rhonda Cameron
- Treasurer – Mei Qiu
- OCASC Member – Zhong An
- Voting Members – Laura Storrie, Joanna Long, Lianne Zhou, Carolyn Berezowsky

### Reports:

#### a. Student Council Report - Daniel Ayoo

- Student Council has met once so have only begun to make plans for the year.
- MHS Student Wear – Likely for sale by beginning of December. More info to come. Purchased through school cash online.
- Brainstorming for three events – will present the options at the next meeting

#### b. Intermediate Report – Matthew Chiappetta

### Spirit Days:

1. Terry Fox Run/Walk was organized by Mr. Andrew Johnston in the gym for all the classes.
2. Halloween Costume Competition was organized by Ms. Mary Ellen Houston for all the classes. Students were encouraged to show school spirit by dressing up in orange, black or in their own costume.
3. Orange Shirt Day was organized by Ms. Karly Decaire to help raise awareness for the lasting legacy of the Residential School System. There was also a livestream from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation that teachers showcased in their classrooms.
4. Baby Photo School Contest was organized by Ms. Mary Ellen Houston as a school spirit day. The students had to guess which baby picture belonged to which teacher.

### Meet The Teacher:

- Each homeroom teacher conducted their own virtual Meet The Teacher. There were slideshows, presentations or videos.

### Gym:

- Students are using one ball per class for a modified version of soccer. It's going well so far.

### Upcoming:

- We have a Remembrance Day Presentation coming up next week.

### c. Secondary Report – Megan Fox

- Waterloo Math competition information was distributed via email for the fall and further information will be sent out regarding subsequent competition as it is made available.
- Student Success - Classes are in progress for students identified in the spring and students in need of support are currently being identified.
- Library: Merivale Library Classroom code: **vtbaztv**
- Merivale Intermediate Classroom code: **v7dj3kq**
- Information is posted about events such as Treaty Week Nov 2- 6, Veterans Week Nov 6 -11 and research help and book access instructions
- Students can request books (ebooks, audio books and regular books)- using Merivale HS Book Request & Merivale Library Catalogue
  
- Guidance: Grade 12 info:
  - Merivale Class of 2021 Google Classroom: **brq27ac**
  - Students are encouraged to join the google classroom
- Grade 12 Info:
  - OUAC pin numbers mailed directly to grade 12 students who are eligible to apply to University
  - Student services has a google classroom for grade 12 students with lots of post secondary information and directions.
  - Counsellors continue to encourage all grade 12 students to make appointments to discuss credits and post secondary plans.
  
  - All students can book appointments for a phone call with their counsellor
- English: Merivale Senior English Support (Classroom) : **aeovw6i**
  - Merivale Junior English Support (Classroom): **dqrdj6l**
  - Virtual Guest Speaker – series of 4 workshops with local musician Craig Cardiff is visiting 4 English classes. To teach songwriting for the current English students.
  
- Link Class- hosted Halloween costume between cohort A and B.

### d. Principal's Report – Jean Fulton-Hale

- Thanked the parents for coming tonight
- **Commencement 2020:** 10 December, 2020 @ 7:00 PM, Asynchronous Virtual Ceremony, link available until late January for families to access. Will be shared via OCDSB mail lists to students/families. All schools in the OCDSB are following a common format and date.
- **Remembrance Day:** Observed at Merivale on 11 November, 2020. Thank you to Mr. Parsons and the team of teachers who have collaborated to develop a very moving digital ceremony to be shared with all classes, grades 7-12.

- **Quadmester/Octomester Turnover Day** – Quad 1/Octo 2 end on 13 November Quad 2/Octo 3 begin on 16 November with Cohort B. Please check the OCDSB school calendar on the website for more details, and also see the Merivale HS Octomester calendar in the News section. The school calendar on the website is for easy reference for secondary cohort information only.
- **IB Information Evening:** 19 November – see website. New format this year due to Covid & restrictions – we will have a WEBINAR and all online application process.
- **Report Cards:**  
Intermediate Progress Reports: 20 November via the Parent Portal/Compass  
Secondary Quad 1 Report Cards/Octo 1&2: 25 November via the Parent Portal/Compass

If you are new to the OCDSB or did not sign up in the Spring (May/June) please visit [https://ocdsb.ca/contact\\_us/report\\_card\\_portal](https://ocdsb.ca/contact_us/report_card_portal) to set up your account.

- **Intermediate Parent/Teacher Conversations** – 26 November 3:00 – 5:30 PM Virtual only – parents will receive information on how to sign up for an appointment next week, likely around 10 November. Teachers may also reach out to invite parents/guardians to an appointment.

Q: is there a plan for School photos?

It is difficult to take the photos right now. Seeking clarity. Focused on planning Grad photos.

Q: What is the plan for Academic Awards?

The focus right now is on planning commencement. Then they will make a plan to produce Academic Awards in a way that will minimize the touching of certificates.

Q: How does the school and system help with bullying issues?

Please phone the school talk to the Vice Principal. VP will work individually over the phone to support the student

#### **e. Treasurer Report – Mei Qiu**

- No report yet. Working on a transfer from previous treasurer.

#### **f. Reports from Chair/Vice-Chair – Tim Embury, Jackie Nemesvary**

- No report from Tim. Thank you for coming to the meeting.
- No Report from Jackie

#### **g. OCASC Report – Zhong An**

- Attended the Sept meeting which focused mainly on how OCASC works. Discussion was held around virtual schools and school councils. He is willing to bring questions to OCASC.

Please use the Merivale HS School Council email to communicate with the Council [sc-merivalehs@ocdsb.ca](mailto:sc-merivalehs@ocdsb.ca).

Please check the School Council tab on the Merivale webpage for Council info.

### **6. Question & Answer Period**

Q: Are there guidance counsellors in the virtual school?

They maintain the home school for guidance, student success, and spec ed. It is virtual (phone or email).

Q: I'm thinking about the 2021 grads who will only have virtual university tours upon which to make their decisions. I'm wondering if there is a way to connect interested 2020 grads to 2021 grads to have the 2020 grads share some information about their experiences in first year? I have two 2020 grads that I'd be happy to volunteer to talk about Carleton and Ontario Tech University.

Jean will share this idea with student services dept. Sharlene will reach out to Krista to discuss.

7. Adjournment – 7:07pm

**Next Meeting:** February 2, 2020