

Minutes: Merivale High School Council Meeting, October 5, 2021

Administrative

Attendance: Jean Fulton-Hale, Tim Embury, Yanling Wang, Lisa Abbott Moore, Mei Qiu, Joanna Yi, Asha Ali, Laura Storie, Lianne Zhou, Ryan Jaecques, Wendy Liu, Bruce Levine, Megan Fox, Jasmine Albagli, Ilana Albert-Novick, Weining Zhang, Lynne Smart, Shayla Triemstra, Karen Kong, Lynne Smart, Shayla Triemstra, Karen Kong, Grace Huang, Suzy Wong, Georgina Vranas, Litao Ju, Heather Mugford, Lisa, Angela Koskie, Brent Ishibashi, Brad Koskie, Heather Adams, Karthinga Sahadevan, Janet Gibson, Philip, Kai Deng, Carolyn Berezowsky, Cara Baas, Lee Ann Sullivan, Fiona Warren, Jennifer Kirney, Harinder

Council & Administration Regrets: None

Welcome & Introductions – Tim Embury

Approval of agenda

N/A – New school council year

Review & Approval of Minutes from June 2021

Motioned by: N/A – New school council year

Seconded by: N/A – New school council year

Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Election of School Council

- Tim explained the role of Council
- 10 Self Nominations received for members at large
- All 10 members were acclaimed based on the MHS School Council Constitution
- From this group of 10 Acclaimed Members at Large, the Executive was selected based on available positions and self-identified interest in the role
 - There was only one individual interested in each role, therefore all roles were acclaimed
- MHS School Council for 2021-2022 School Year

Name	Role
Tim Embury	Chair
Yanling Wang	Vice-Chair
Lisa Abbott Moore	Secretary
Mei Qiu	Treasurer
Joanna Yi	OCASC Member
Asha Ali	Member at Large
Laura Storie	Member at Large
Lianne Zhou	Member at Large
Ryan Jaecques	Member at Large
Wendy Liu	Member at Large

Reports

Student Council Report – Representatives to be Determined

- N/A

Intermediate Report – Bruce Levine

- **Orange Shirt Day** - Students have been engaged in learning about the sad, dark part of Canada's history with regards to the Residential School System. Teachers themselves are reflecting a lot on their own educational experience when they were students learning about Canadian history. This was never taught to them. Even the younger teachers in their mid-20s were not exposed to all this information. Unbelievable and unfortunate when you think about it. The good thing is, students are now learning the truth and have shown great interest, empathy, and understanding. This all leads to a much deeper understanding of the Canadian History curriculum and the relevance to the effects on today's society. Students have also engaged in what "Reconciliation" means and looks like while reviewing the TRC 94 Calls to Action.
- **Secret Path Week (Oct. 17th - 22nd)** - Rather than Orange Shirt Day just being a one-off, teachers and students have truly been engaged in the learning of Residential Schools throughout September and October. The work of Gord Downie's music and adapted animated film and graphic novel lend itself to great class discussion, critical thinking, art and literature activities that commemorate the legacies of Gord Downie, Chanie Wenjack and many others who joined the spirit world.
- **Intermediate Sports** - No sports yet for Intermediates due to COVID but students realize this is the reality and while frustrated, they are understanding and behaving really well with all the protocols in place - ie - social distancing, masking, washing hands, staying in homeroom cohorts.

Secondary Report – Megan Fox

SCIENCE	Staff & Students in science are making great use of online resources to supplement the in class labs and activities
MATH	Math Contest associated with the University of Waterloo will be running virtual, at home after school. All other contests have not provided a means of writing that works within OPHs COVID framework. A mathematician is a blind person in a dark room looking for a black cat which isn't there.
STUDENT SUCCESS	FREE Virtual Tutoring Program for Grades 7-12 Registration is coming soon for the Fall 2021 Virtual Tutoring Program for students in Grades 7-12 looking to achieve greater success at school. It offers a supervised opportunity to complete, review, practice and receive support in a range of subject areas. This program will begin October 4, 2021, and will run on Monday-Thursday evenings from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm. FLYER LINK: Fall Virtual Tutoring Program WEBSITE LINK: https://ocdsb.ca/continuing_education/literacy_numeracy_support_programs

	<p>Grades 11 and 12: Launch 2021 October 21 & 22, 2021 - 9:00am to 4:00pm</p> <p>The OCDSB and OCSB are hosting the second annual online post-secondary education (PSE) opportunities event for students in Grades 11 and 12: Launch 2021. This type of experience is unique in Ontario; the OCDSB and OCSB are creating a new and innovative pathway exploration opportunity for students!</p> <p>Many of you are familiar with PSE events such as university and college fairs. These have always provided the opportunity for high school students to speak with staff at PSE institutions to learn more about the programs they offer. We are taking it to the next level!</p> <p>What is the event? Graduation is an important milestone in our society; however, it is not a destination, rather a launching point for students' life journey. Students need to explore options that support their chosen pathway goals. These options include: joining the workforce, engaging in or continuing an apprenticeship, going to college, travelling, enrolling in a gap year program or going to university. We want students to know that each of these is a first choice option; that their decision and their choice is important and valued. This opportunity will help them gather information about what is available, as well as hear about different learning experiences and opportunities from current students, apprentices and employees.</p> <p>Launch 2021 promotional video</p>
LIBRARY	<p>Merivale Library Classroom code: vtbazztv</p> <p>Merivale Intermediate Classroom code: v7dj3kq</p> <p>Information is posted about events such as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Sept 30th, Islamic Heritage Month and other important events throughout the year.</p> <p>Research tips & help and book access instructions are also available Students can request books - using Merivale HS Book Request & Merivale Library Catalogue</p>
ATHLETICS	<p>Thanks to our Link staff advisors & the Link crew students for the welcome and orientation activities for our Grade 9 & 10 students</p> <p>Fall sports are underway - Cross country running, Field hockey, Basketball, Ultimate, Volleyball</p>

<p>CWS / BUSINESS</p>	<p>Guest Speaker (virtual) - one of Canada’s top patent litigation lawyers is coming in to speak to CLU3M-01 at the beginning of Nov. to answer all their questions about jobs in the legal field.</p> <p>Social Justice and Equity class developed materials and activities for Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</p>
<p>GUIDANCE</p>	<p>Students should all be scheduled into their classes for the 2021-2022 school year..</p> <p>Guidance Counsellors have visited every classroom and talked about the services that are available to students. The Counsellors have also encouraged all students to come down to guidance and meet their counsellor...book an appointment via the online booking system.</p> <p>Coming up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAS presentations for our IB1 students - Wednesday, 6 October. • <i>LAUNCH 2021</i> - an online opportunity for grades 11 and 12 students to explore post-secondary education (PSE) opportunities October 21 and 22 - more information coming. • College and University VIRTUAL visits are ongoing - please check out the Google Classroom and Student Services website “Post Secondary” page. • Guidance Counsellors will be visiting all grade 12 classes to talk about College and University applications. Parent VIRTUAL presentation is <u>tentatively scheduled</u> for the evening of Tuesday 26 October at 7:00. Email to follow when date is finalized. • Connect with your guidance counsellor? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A-F Ms. Rusch ○ G-N Mr. Ghobril ○ O-Z Ms. Storey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Book an appointment online - in person or virtual ▪ GOOGLE Classroom! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9: Merivale Class of 2025 - Student Services Code: ibvttxo • Grade 10: Merivale Class of 2024 - Student Services Code: sfa7v7q • Grade 11: Merivale Class of 2023 - Student Services Code: k2m5b6k • Grade 12: Merivale Class of 2022 - Student Services Code: 22m4m4t
<p>ENGLISH</p>	<p>Guest speaker - professional musician Craig Cardiff is visiting English classes virtually. He is going to teach the students about songwriting. This was a great success last year and was well received by students.</p>
<p>ART / TECH</p>	<p>Merivale SHSM students completing a summer Co-op worked with special guest artists to design displays and advertisements that feature the DeSerres art products. Check</p>

	<p>out the link to the video of the students' work they created with the author Leslie Roach. This video is being featured on the Mawenzi House publishing company website.</p> <p>https://www.mawenzihouse.com/product/finish-this-sentence/</p> <p>Leslie Roach's poetry featured in collaboration between SHSM art students and DeSerres</p>
IB	<p>IB Virtual Open House - information session for prospective students & parents / guardians</p> <p>Format: Zoom Webinar</p> <p>Date: November 17, 2021</p> <p>Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Zoom Link: IB Virtual Open House Webinar</p> <p>Live stream link: IB Virtual Open House YouTube</p> <p>These links will be also be posted to the school websites and the OCDSB IB webpage</p>
EXTRA-CURRICULAR	<p>A shortened Cross Country season has begun and a whopping 82 students are signed up to compete this season. This number includes one, Grace Streek, who has already distinguished herself at last week's Ottawa Lion's XC Challenge. The meets are October 13th and 28th.</p> <p>Clubs are starting up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama – 1st Mtg Oct 7th – Google Classroom HB245GH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tues & Thu 3:30-5:00pm • Rainbow Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wednesday's 3:30-4:30pm ○ email dawn.pierson@ocdsb.ca to join • Merivale Reads Book Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Google Classroom XWVPYYJ

Principal's Report – Jean Fulton Hale

- **Continuing Education:** We are excited to be launching a free after school tutoring program for grade 7- 12 students within our school board.
FLYER LINK: Fall Virtual Tutoring Program
WEBSITE: https://ocdsb.ca/continuing_education/literacy_numeracy_support_programs
- **Enrolment Update:**
 - Intermediate: projected 297; actual 273 students = reduced from 12 classrooms to 11 Homerooms.
 - Secondary: projected 1233; actual 1206 = reduction of 27 students; some classes closed, all students received new schedules and had their pathways met.
- **Crosswalks:** Students in all grades are asked to cross Viewmount at CONTROLLED crosswalks only. Crosswalks are available at Merivale and Viewmount and Grant Carmen and Viewmount. Crossing at the Metro is extremely dangerous and we ask families to meet their student in a spot that promotes safety. There is no stopping on Viewmount in either direction. Our

neighbours at the Metro kindly ask that you choose a better spot to meet your student as their parking lot is very small.

- **Athletics:** Secondary Athletics for fall sports has started; seasons are abridged due to impacts on transportation (Varsity B-ball, Sr Boys VBall, Field Hockey, XCR, Ultimate). Thank you to our volunteer teacher coaches.
- **Concussion Info:** student athletes and their parents/guardians must complete the Concussion Code of Conduct documentation prior to their student athlete being eligible to play. Coaches have communicated this information via Google Classroom and/or Athletic forms.
- **Secondary:** Extra-Curricular Clubs are starting, the Library Commons hosts all Virtual Club links in the Google Classroom. All clubs are VIRTUAL and meet after school on designated days between 3:30PM – 5:00 PM. Thank you to our volunteer staff advisors.
- **Grad Photos:** Grade 12 students are able to book their grad photos directly with Edge Imaging. All information was sent via School Messenger to parents/guardians and grade 12 students. Photos are the week of 18-22 October from 12 noon – 6:00 PM. A separate session will be available to OCV grade 12s from Merivale.
- **Nature Nook:** Two trees planted today for our Intermediate Nature Nook. Red Maple & Hackberry.
- **Terry Fox:** Intermediate classes will participate in the Terry Fox Run on 8 October. Each homeroom has a designated time to complete their laps in our Walk of Hope.
- **Self-Screen:** All families are reminded to review the OPH Self-Screen documents each morning with their student BEFORE the student comes to school. Together we can keep our community healthy.
- **A&E:** Secondary progress reports will be shared in November. This is a very preliminary snapshot of student learning, and students should expect their achievement levels to change as the course progresses. Students will see a much more fulsome body of evidence of learning report card in February, which is the end of term 1, and the start of the second half of the school year.

Chair / Vice-Chair – Tim Embury & Yanling Wang

- No report for tonight's meeting

Treasurers Report – Mei Qiu

- No report for tonight's meeting

OCASC report – Joanna Yi

- No Report for tonight's meeting

School Council Meetings for 2021-2022 Year

- Discussed when to meet for the 2021-2022 school year
- If additional meetings are required, they will be discussed and decided with Council
- 2021-2022 MHS School Council Meeting Dates:
 - November 2, 2021
 - February 1, 2021
 - March 1, 2021
 - April 5, 2021
 - May 3, 2021

Question and Answer

Q- What will secondary report cards look like this year?

- Preliminary reports will be sent out in November, with more fulsome results in February, and final reports in June
- Progress reports will be sent in April

Adjournment – 7:35pm