

## Meeting Minutes April 5<sup>th</sup> Merivale

### Attendance

<b>First and Last Name</b>
Lisa Abbott Moore
Georgina Vranas
Emma Karimi
elizabeth mckay
Sandra Ross-Nguyen
Wendy Liu
Jasmine Albagli
Isabelle Mercier
Karen Kong
Laura Newton Miller
Fiona Warren
Sandra Brenton
Pam Woolridge
Lee Ann Sullivan
Joanna Yi
Jennifer Kirney
Asha Ali
Ryan Jaecques
Mei Qiu
Mackenzie Alexander
Asha Ali
Tim Embury

Lisa Abbott Moore, Secretary

**Motion to approve the agenda:** Mei Yang Li **Second the motion**

**Review of minutes:** Asha Ali **Motioned to approve** and Tim **Second the motion**

Mackenzie Alexander, Student Representative was not present at the beginning of the meeting. Megan Fox provided her report.

- Spirit Week next week is finalized by student council.

Megan Fox provided the Intermediary Report peaking on Bruce's behalf:

- Intramurals Starting, each class has two timeslots (volleyball and pickle ball)
- Yoga Club
- Newspaper – The Quill and Pen
- Grade 8 hallway artwork showcased, represented grandfather teachings
- Library updates: Students are coming down biweekly and using student cards for materials.
- Intermediate Track and field day proposed for end of May
- Volleyball after school end of April

Secondary Report presented by Megan Fox:

- Secondary: physics contest happening now
- Students are in the library before and after school and at lunch hour
- Great turn out for spring sports
- CWS- many guest speakers coming in to speak.
- Summer school registration is open.
- DELFT testing taking place this month.
- Art/Drama
- 58 students competing in Canadian Computing competition!

**Question asked to Megan:** Where is the link to the physics contest ? link is shared in teachers' google classroom: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jt2ReNKe09fibmSNZuozKaNfphK5-ItN0cnlWUpczFM/edit?usp=sharing>

**Question from Family McKay:** Regarding cap and gowns, asked for clarification of deadline dates for ordering? Megan Fox replies that numbers are needed asap. Any students who have not responded will be followed up on to be sure of intentions, so no one is left out.

**Question on enrollment from Yangling:** How large will IB program be each year, and how many offers are made? Jean Fulton Hale states that 140 students are entering in to the IB program in grade 9. She does not have the data on number offers made but indicates that all offers have been made and all spots are filled.

**Mei: Question-** Questions about teacher appreciation date? Tim responds that we usually do this in February, but it has been cancelled due to covid. He will discuss with Jean Fulton Hale and report back, and likely will re-establish next year.

**Sandra Ross-Nguyen:** Questions about sports fees for participation: 100 dollars per member seems high. Jean Fulton Hale will ask athletic director and will get back to her separately.

**Question – Member at large:** Will there be a grade 8 graduation? Jean Fulton Hale responds, we are still waiting for guidance and parameters, and she has noted the question.

**Tim**

### **Pro Grant Virtual Speaker Sessions**

Last week, we received the details from the board with the options for the Pro Grant Virtual Speaker sessions as the preferred choice needed to be selected by April 4th, prior to our next school council meeting, Tim sent the information to the parent community that have elected to receive communications from the council. The details of the sessions offered were included, along with a link for parents to vote on which sessions and date/time's they were interested in. The results were compiled, and the following selections submitted for consideration:

- Media Smarts - The Parent Network: Social Media and Your Kids - May 12th from 7pm - 8:30pm
- Media Smarts - Break the Fake: How to Tell What's True Online - May 5th from 7pm - 8:30pm
- My Life Online - Empowering Students to be Safe, Smart, and Kind Online - May 4th from 7pm - 8pm

The board will let us know by Friday, April 8th which session is confirmed for MHS. A communication will then be crafted and sent out to the parent community with the details.

**Question by Ashvinan Sivasambu:** asks when grade 12 graduation is? Answered in chat by Jean Fulton Hale; June 29 school-based date. Prom is separate from the school function.

### **Principal Jean report:**

**Share:** PPT for Parents/guardians on Student Survey

**Enrolment 22-23:** April and May are dedicated to preparations for the upcoming school year, including staffing. Our projected enrolment for the school:

Intermediate: 302 Secondary: 1330

**Masks are Encouraged:** Daily self-screening is an important tool in our efforts to keep the school healthy. Thank you to our families for continuing to make decisions for your student/family and for those choices to support the school community. Students on OC Transpo must wear a mask on the bus. We also appreciate the many students and staff who continue to choose to wear masks during the day.

### **Intermediate:**

**OCDSB Student Survey** hosted on 5-6 April for Intermediate students. This is a completely voluntary activity.

**Grade 8 Milestone photos** will be offered on 14 April. All orders online via Edge Imaging. The re-take day is 3 May.

**Intermediate Clubs** and Intramural activities are back and are a big success! Thank you to all of our teachers who have volunteered to support one or more of these opportunities for our students!

**Intermediate Washroom concerns:** we have had a number of washroom vandalism incidents in both male/female spaces. When washrooms are damaged they must be closed for repair. With washrooms scheduled for renewal over the summer, we want our students to show their care for each other and

the facility. Please let us know if your student is able to share information that will help us to work with students who may be struggling with good choices.

**Secondary:**

**OCDSB Student Survey** hosted on 7-12 April by grade and designated block. It is a completely voluntary process.

**April Informal Marks** Shared CCS: Teachers will share a mark update via CCS for all students. This will be a printed page with next year's course selections visible. April 20<sup>th</sup>, full disclosure date for senior courses (gr 11 / 12).

**OSSLT:** will be written on 27 April (Wednesday) for eligible grade 10 students and any grade 11 students who did not write in November. We extend our thanks to Mr. Donato and the Literacy Committee for their work to prepare the students and the school.

**EQAO Math:** Is planned for early June, dates will be confirmed closer to the time. This is a fully online task and will occur in our grade 9 Math classrooms supervised by their regular teacher. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Donato will coordinate.

**Graduate Recognition:** we are planning to recognize our Graduates on 29 June (Wednesday). As plans take shape we will communicate with families. At this point, families have been asked to "save the date" and to purchase a Cap & Gown for their graduate.

Mackenzie alexander joined later

Tim asks for volunteer for OCASC meeting

Mei-treasurer report, 4,019.57

Board covers 500 dollars for virtual sessions.

Tim waiting from list of books for library from Megan Fox. Megan shared tonight.

Take a vote for books, meets requirements for grant: making library better.

Question: should we just give entire 500 to library, someone asks about donation, Megan agrees to small scale donations, but not large ones.

Ryan suggestes giving 500 to library, tim suggestions should we approve 526

All members voted yes.

How to make a difference in our community

Lisa suggests in person sessions- tim replies next year

Wangli asks mode of transportation to 22/23. All is organized by the OStransportation authority, school does not have input, decisions not made until august, not sure, but all moved to OS transpo last year

Xiaohua Ma asked question- student will go to OT transpo, could we ask for dedicated bus route, Jean says there are 3 dedicated routes 680 (barrhaven and riverside south), 80, and 688 (Kanata) this is made by OSTA, share the feedback with them.

Ryan Jacques: question families were e mailing trustee, showing interest to a dedicated route,

Yanling Wang: wants to stay in contact with Ryan and Jean suggests the two connect via e mail

Family McKay: having support for families -online parent chat, Tim suggests arranging that. She will reach out to Tim.