

**Merivale Meeting Minutes May 3, 2022**

**Lisa Abbott Moore, Secretary**

**Attendance:**

Lisa Abbott Moore
Tim Embury
Jean Fulton Hale
Asha Ali
Donna- Trustee
Joanna Yi
Karen Kong
Laura Newton Miller
Liz Eidsness
Suzy, Nguyen
Ryan Jacques
Zhong An
Fiona Warren
David and Laura Storrie
Dawn Wang
Megan Fox
Mei Qiu
Lee Ann
Ann Sullivan
Suzy Wong
Zhong An
Leo Zhu
Yangling Wong
Sandra-Ross Nguyen
T.C. Agostino
Wendy Liu
tercier Gemma Nicholson

**Approval of minutes:** Laura and Mei

- Yangling Wang read through minutes and made edits, motioned to approve
- Ryan J. also read the minutes and approved, and seconded the motion

**Donna Blackburn:** Trustee been that since 2010, distilled rumors that school would be closing.

**Role of the trustee:** 1 employee, director of education, we hire and monitor their progress, pass the strategic plan, and a balanced budget. With COVID Board of Trustees has been able to ID things. Donna voted to bring back police involvement in the schools. She meets with all her school councils. Requests

and welcomes emails and phone calls. Ottawa Carleton Assembly of Schools (OCASC) sits in on these meetings also.

**Question: Yanling Wang:** Requests the number of students in Barrhaven who attend Merivale, how many require the bus, and what arrangements will be made for bussing next year?

**Jean answers:** Will have more accurate numbers in summer; She works with OCTranspo daily and they have added a second 80 bus which has improved transit. Over 800 students issued presto passes. OSTA controls these decisions and Jean mentions surveys that were emailed from OCT and encourages parents to complete them. No routes were canceled, they have had route corrections. OSTA has been very professional.

**Tim:** shares that Donna will likely not be our Trustee after this year.

**Question: Laura Storrie:** How can we improve our sense of community and engage with families – she feels it starts with our relationship with the trustee. Asks for a review of the trustee’s responsibilities.

Laura asks Donna how to make things better and be able to have our voices heard? How does the trustee set priorities? Curious about the reason trustee’s social media presence has dropped with fewer posts? How does the trustee report back to us? How is information reported to us and how do parents find out what is happening on the board?

**Donna explains:** How to access what is going to be discussed, and the agenda. It is online and listed prior, everyone can watch the meeting. Donna clarifies that she was invited to this meeting but attended the meeting earlier this year on her own accord. Donna has an “open-door policy” and will speak to anyone who wants to.

**ASHA Ali: Question:** Asks about the motion for reinstating police activity in school. Is there any new development that prompted this activity?

**Donna responds:** Currently, all the principals can do is call 911. director of education – **Gemma Nicholson**, agenda for the board, you can submit a delegation and give a personal opinion and address trustees. Submit 4 days prior to the meeting.

**Tim** will send the info for the minutes.

**Laura raised their hand-** did not feel like questions were answered. Wants the record to show that.

**Yangling Wang’s comments:** Indicated that Donna’s answer was inappropriate and unprofessional.

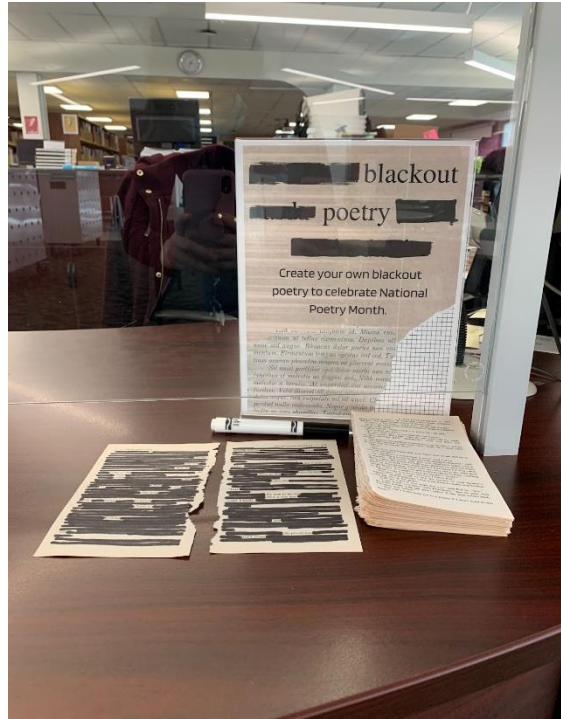
### **May 2022 MHS INTERMEDIATE (Gr 7 & 8) Educator’s Sharings**

SPECIAL EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Students are now able to socialize during recess with other grade-level classes.</b></li><li>• <b>May 4th - MHS Virtual Open House for gr. 7s.</b></li><li>• <b>Intermediate Track and Field Day on Thursday, June 2nd where all students will get to compete in all events for bragging rights. Too bad there isn't a Regional or Board Meet this year as there are a lot of good athletes that would represent MHS well.</b></li></ul>
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STUDENT SUCCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gr. 8 registration forms are done for those going to high school.</b></li> </ul>
LIBRARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Classes are getting the chance to visit and take out books on a regular basis which is really exciting for students.</b></li> </ul>
Clubs and Extracurricular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Intramurals are going every day during second recess; each homeroom gets the gym twice a week when it's their week - 7 8s</b></li> <li>• <b>Turkey Bowl in two weeks - which is ultimate football, kids sign up into teams and will run for 3 weeks during recess. Prizes to be won.</b></li> <li>• <b>Anime Club with Ms. Love - twice a week with 7s and 8s. They watch Anime movies/shows, critique and discuss.</b></li> <li>• <b>Yoga Club with Ms. McParland - twice a week with 7s and 8s. Only three people have been going but they are training to be Yogi Masters and can now levitate and move objects with their mind.</b></li> <li>• <b>Volleyball with Ms. Hughson, Mr. Derouin, Mr. Johnston, Ms. Polowin. The gr. 7s are Tuesdays from 2:30 - 3:30 and gr. 8s on Thursdays. Great turn out.</b></li> <li>• <b>Board games Club with Mr. Cheung</b></li> <li>• <b>Book Club with Mme. Steven</b></li> <li>• <b>Karoke Club with Mr. Cheung</b></li> <li>• <b>Art Club with Ms. Pantalone and Ms. Lutz</b></li> <li>• <b>Ukulele Club with Mr. Levine and one student who bring two friends for crowd appreciation.</b></li> </ul>
Anything else interesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summer School is getting organized for students that want to go for "Reach Ahead" or non-credit English courses for the ESL/ML students. (FYI: ESL - English as a Second Language is now being referred to as MLs = Multilingual Learners)</b></li> <li>• <b>Gr. 8 Reach Ahead is available online for parents to sign up.</b></li> <li>• <b>Gr. 7 and 8 Review: students that are below the provincial standard will be identified, then families will be contacted by the subject teacher for Math and/or English. Ms. Hughson will help with the registration.</b></li> </ul>

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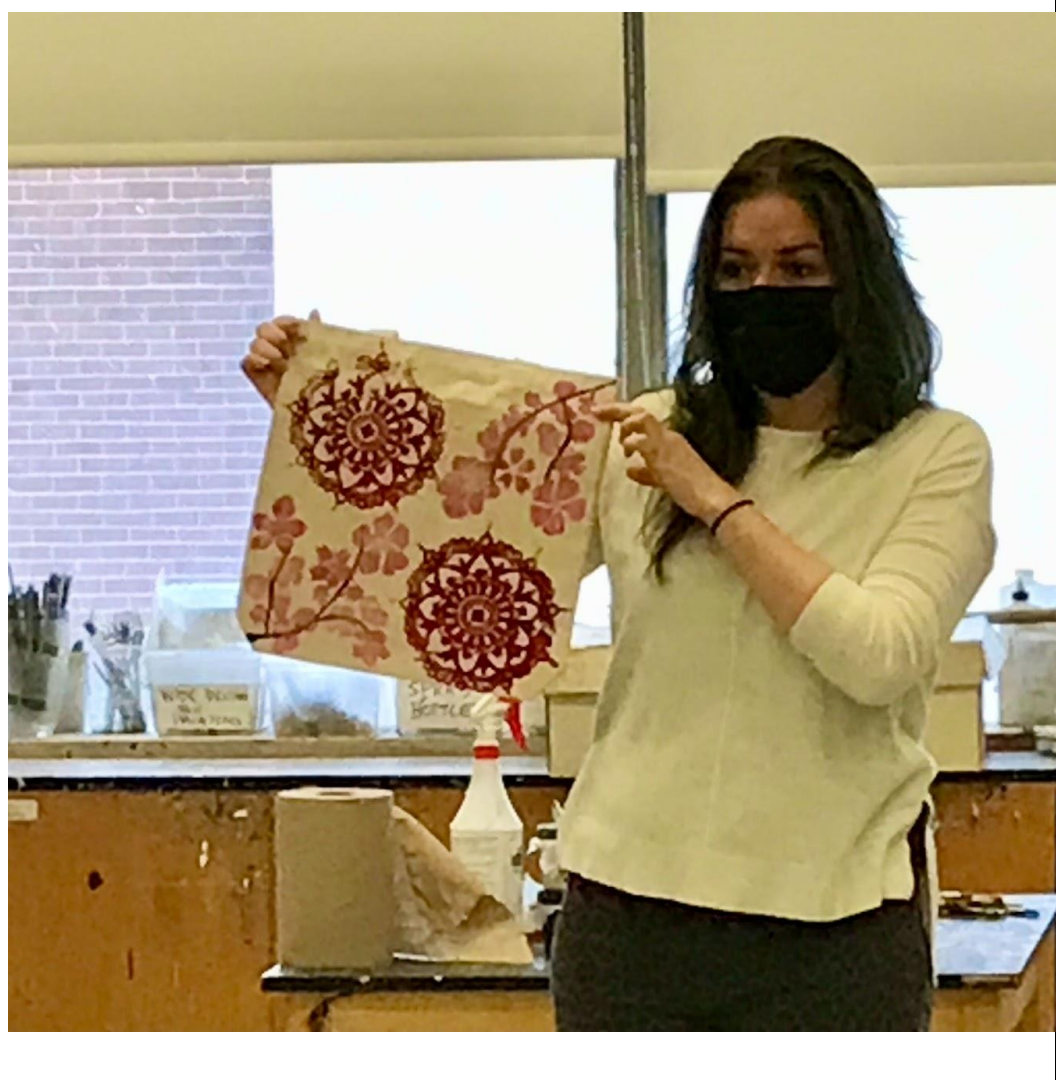
SCIENCE	Science & Physic Clubs are very active Physics competition was recently completed and Chemistry competition in the works
MATH	EQAO tests for Gr 9 Math are June 8 & 9th for Day 2 & 4 classes and June 16 & 17 for Day 1 & 3
LIBRARY	April was poetry month and students were invited to complete blackout poetry

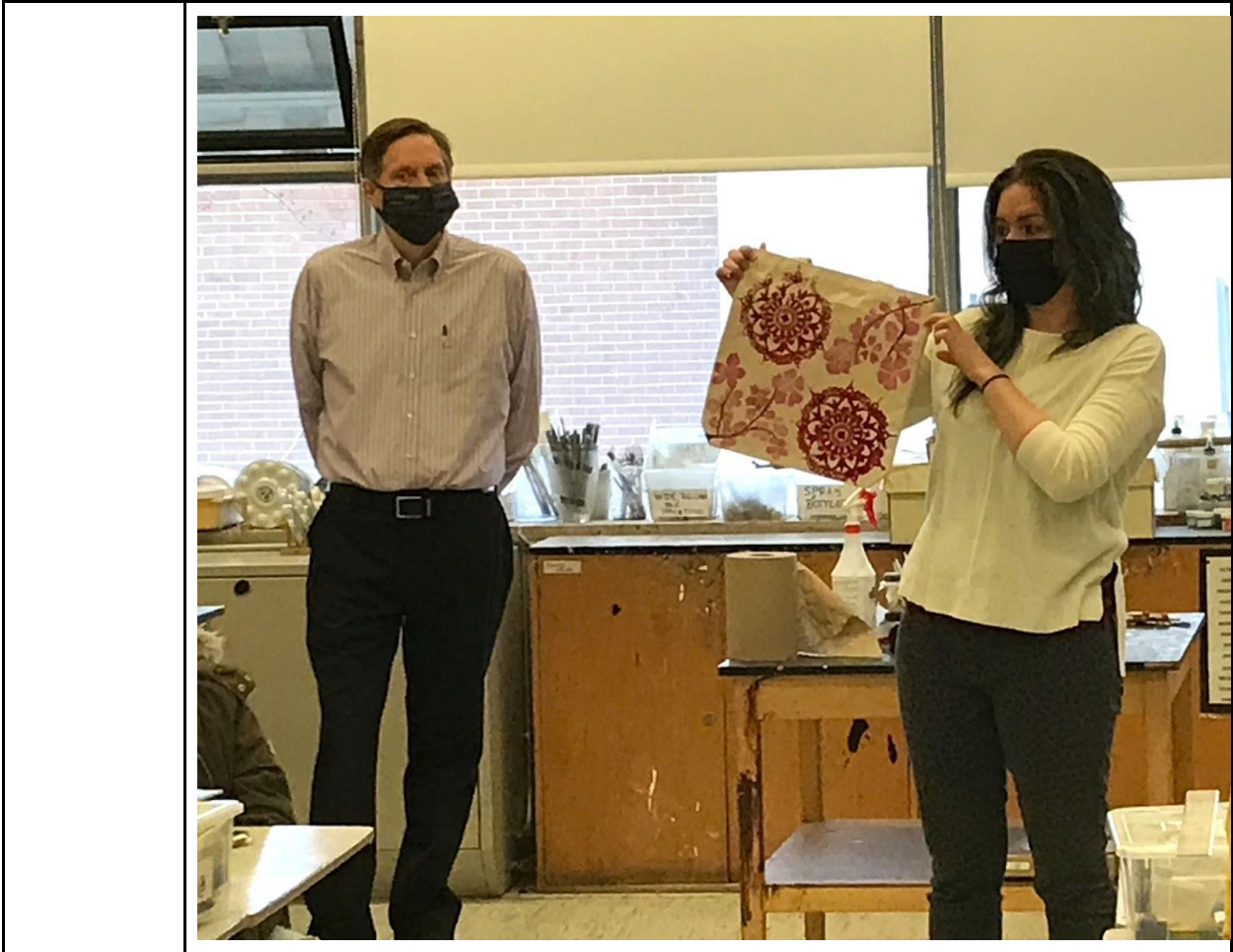


Library has been a popular spot and regular operations have resumed

<p>ATHLETIC S</p>	<p>Spring season has begun! Merivale teams are hard at work practicing in Track and Field, Varsity Boys Lacrosse, Varsity girls soccer, Varsity Girls Touch Football, and Varsity Boys Baseball.</p>
<p>CWS</p>	<p>CLU3M-01 (Mills) will be doing their mock trials this month - investigating and presenting two cases to their peers.</p>
<p>Guidance</p>	<p>Summer school registration is ongoing, please email or book an appointment with your guidance counselor for assistance</p> <p>Students interested in Summer School MUST complete the <a href="#">OCDSB Summer School Registration Request Form for Merivale 2022</a> to request a summer school course.</p> <p><a href="#">OCDSB Community Hours Form</a></p> <p>It is recommended that students do some community service hours every year in high school and submit forms to the main office at least once a year. If you need ideas about where to do your community service, there are suggestions on the back of the form. In addition, there is a bulletin board in the hall across from Student Services where community groups advertise for volunteers. This is updated regularly. There are many opportunities available this spring and summer. Students entering grade 9 can do community service in the summer between grade 8 and grade 9.</p>

ENGLISH	<p>Ontario Literacy test completed by Gr 10 students and other eligible students on Wed April 27th and results will be communicated in June</p> <p>Preparation activities were an element of Gr 10 English classes in April and part of the Block 1A classes and some students were invited to sessions in the Library.</p>
ART / TECH	<p>Senior Band recorded for Music Fest a couple weeks ago and will be having a clinic with one of the adjudicators this week. We should be receiving the results of our performance soon.</p> <p>Drama Club participated in Drama Fest this past week and picked up two awards.</p> <p>First IB music and IB art - submitted their assessments. (exhibition photos and music samples are included in the email.</p> <p>DeSerres Art Store and Merivale gr.11 Graphic Design are collaborating on a project to help support a community group by designing tote bags that can be sold to raise funds for charity. A local artist, Max Black, has been working with the students teaching them various printmaking methods that will be used on the tote bag designs.</p>
















	
<p>Extracurricular</p>	<p>Drama Club performed in Dramafest. They received the awards for “Playwright” and the two leads of the play got a “Star-crossed Lovers” award. The 3rd week of May we will be holding Musical Theatre “intensive” where students can come at lunch and have fun singing and dancing to showtunes in order to get ready for next year.</p> <p>Cooking Club provided a cookie to all the Literacy Test participants ( 360 students) on Wed Apr 27th</p>

### 3 May – Principal’s Report to School Council

#### Intermediate

- Ms. O’Doherty is on leave. Ms. Buffet-Riddell retired, and Ms. Lutz, LST will share the VP responsibilities for May and June.
  - We welcome Mr. Schwartz as an ETFI teacher for EMF7B/7C until the end of the year.
  - Milestone Photo Retake Day was today. Edge Imaging is also working to produce class composites for each Homeroom.
- Grade 7 Virtual Open House is Wednesday 4 May @ 6:30 PM. Information and the link will be shared with prospective families by their home OCDSB schools

- Intermediate Track & Field Day is on 2 June – the LINK class will help to organize the day! · We are beginning to plan for Celebr8 – more information will be shared in mid-May.

## **Secondary:**

**Commencement** – we have reserved the Auditorium at Algonquin College for 29 June 2022. Based on the parameters we have from the Board, there will be two smaller ceremonies. Graduates and their families will be sent information on the process to select their preferred time. We may be required to balance the ceremonies to ensure appropriate access and space within the venue.

- Athletics continue to be active and it's great to see our fields in use.
- The Drama Club participated in the National Theatre School competition. We will broadcast the one-act play on our YouTube channel this Thursday and Friday.
- Our first set of IB Exams will occur this month on 6, 9, 13, and 17 May. We wish all examining students the best of experiences!
- Athletic Awards – planning is underway for an after school (afternoon) event in mid-June · Art Show – senior students (grade 12) will be planning a Foyer Art Show for 17 June

Shannon Smith- Superintendent– good resource for communicating issues to the board- Gemma Nicholson states. OCAST- another resource, further explains how to do a delegation.

**Laura Storrie has a comment:** Six families have reached out to her to inform them of their appreciation for clubs being run, she encourages them to express this with teachers.

**Tim's update:** Media smarts parent presentation. This Thursday learns about social media. Last meeting- teacher/staff appreciation. Potentially sponsor staff meetings and buy treats/as a thank you. Prepackaged items are covid safer. Tim will get the costing and get an estimate and reach out via email for a vote, which happens in June.

**Treasurer:** Mei- 4019.67 balance, purchase from the library will go through soon. The last OCAS meeting was missed accidentally so nothing to report.

**Yangling Wang-** Asian heritage month- Is the school to celebrate that in any way? **Jean says:** in previous years they were also invited to a heritage breakfast, so not happening this year. Now nothing is planned, suggests email, and will share with staff to explore options.

Close meeting. The next meeting is on June 7<sup>th</sup>.