

Minutes: Merivale High School Council Meeting, April 4, 2023

Administrative

Attendance: Tim Embury, Suzy Wong, Mei Qiu, Yaseera Kapadia, Ryan Jaecques, Cheryl Wang, Philip Mansfield, Jean Fulton-Hale, Bruce Levine, Megan Fox, Suzanne Belzile, Karen Kong, Sandra Ross-Nguyen, Wendy Mansfield

Council & Administration Regrets: Premnath Chiruvella

Welcome – Tim Embury

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by: Mei Qiu

Seconded by: Yaseera Kapadia

Review & Approval of Minutes from March 2023

Motioned by: Ryan Jaecques

Seconded by: Tim Embury

Reports

Student Council Report – Megan Fox for Kosar Hemmati / Lauren Mortimer

- Student Council Elections in June this year
- Merivale apparel order went out

Intermediate Report – Bruce Levine

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| Gr 7 | - Gr. 7 Bill Mason Centre field trips for all gr. 7 homerooms; 2/day. |
| Gr 8 | - All the Course Selection/Xello process is completed for HS - Current ESL students who are at STEPs 1-3 who wanted to go to Brookfield have been Xello'd and registered as well. - Grad Pics were taken |
| STUDENT SUCCESS | - Gr. 7 Open House - May 4th - ISST: Feeder schools come to visit - CHPS, MPS - Vaccination Clinic - Pathways of Exploration - May 1-5 at UofO and Carleton - Fasting and Prayer room for our Muslim students observing Ramadan - Rideauwood Presentations continue in April and May - Coding - Stock Market Unit - Summer School Reg is open - questions to Ms. Hughson or School Board website; ESL Reg is Mr. Levine |
| ATHLETICS | - Girls B-Ball finished their successful season. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boys B-Ball finished today. They were in the Regional Tourney but lost in the Quarters to Woodroffe. - Badminton Intramural Tournament kicks off next week! - Track and Field, and soccer are on the horizon once the snow has melted and fields are ready. |
| Extracurricular | - Chess tournament with a Gr. 7 Champ and Gr. 8 Champ |

Secondary Report – Megan Fox & Suzanne Belzile (Relay for Life)

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| Relay for Life | <p>Merivale’s grade 9-12 students will be holding their first in-person Relay for Life event in several years this coming June. Relay for Life is a fundraising event held at schools across the country to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.</p> <p>This year’s event will be held on June 2nd from 11-9 and will include up to 250 grade 9-12 student participants.</p> <p>Our student committee is busy planning this big event and we would like to ask for any support that the Parent Council may be able to offer. In the past, the Parent Council had generously donated time to help serve dinner to the students, and had provided some parts of the meal (salads, snacks, etc.) Students are also looking for sponsorship for the event and have been contacting local businesses for prizes/donations of goods for our event.</p> <p>We are open to any/all support that you would be willing to provide, even if it’s just encouragement!</p> |
| SCIENCE & MATH | <p>Various contest opportunities have been explored by our secondary scientists and mathematicians with impressive results!</p> <p>Clubs have been active and busy with events and special guests</p> |
| STUDENT SUCCESS | <p>Grade 10 students will participate in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy test on Wed Apr 19th and preparation information is being shared through Block 1A classes and English classes</p> <p>Additional support sessions are being offer to our Multilingual Learners and all students can take advantage of extra help sessions at lunch or after school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSSLT Extra help sessions after school in the Library - Thurs Mar 23, Wed Mar 29th, Tues Apr 4, & Wed Apr 12th • OSSLT Extra help sessions at lunch - in Rm 123 - Mon Mar 27, Tues Apr 4th, Wed Apr 12, Mon Apr 17th <p>PRACTISE! Anyone can access the practice test directly from the EQAO website. To start the practice test, go to English: https://d1c1qqn86e6v14.cloudfront.net/#/en/student/osslt-assessment</p> |
| LIBRARY | <p>Students from the Muslim Student Association have created a book display in the showcases at the front of the Library - wonderful display for students to explore</p> |

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| | <p>Forest of Reading titles for Red Maple (Intermediate), Tamarac (French) and White Pine (Secondary) are on display in the Library and ready to be checked out.</p> <p>New graphic novels have arrived - Displacement, The Magic Fish, Crush, Anne of West Philly and many more ...</p> |
| ATHLETICS | <p>Spring teams are getting started - 8 teams. Lots of interest! Badminton is underway and other teams are getting ready Jr girl volleyball are in the playoffs. Season finished for Jr Boy volleyball</p> <p>Athletic awards recognition - afternoon of June 7th more information will be provided closer to the date</p> |
| CWS | <p>Mr. Kritchever's Grade 10 History class will be going on a one day Field Trip to the War Museum on April 26th. Students will travel the exhibits and extend their understanding of Canada in the 20th Century</p> <p>May 2nd. Three classes of IB1 Geography students will conduct an urban environments field study. Data will be collected in multiple locations around the city. Data collected will be noise, temperature, windspeed, and analysed to inform theories about "urban heat island" effects.</p> <p>Black Excellence Guest Speaker: Classes who attended: Grade 11 Theory of Knowledge, Grade 9 Visual Art, Grade 10 Canadian History, Kosisochukwu Nnebe is a Nigerian-Canadian visual artist. Inspired by postcolonial theorists Frantz Fanon and Edouard Glissant, Nnebe's practice is invested in unraveling the process of racialization and re-thinking the politics of Black visibility. Moving across installation and lens-based media, Nnebe creates works that shapeshift and transform to reveal a glimpse into new ways of seeing and understanding Blackness.</p> |
| Guidance | <p>Course selection for the 2023-2024 year is complete. Summer School registration started on April 3rd and runs until mid-June. Most summer school programs are offered in person (SRB is the Ottawa West site) and virtually. Information is available on the OCDSB website and the Merivale Student Services website.</p> <p>The National MADD chapter is coming in on Wednesday 12 April to talk with Grade 10, 11, 12. The Local MADD chapter will be here to support the event and talk with students.</p> |
| LANGUAGES | <p>The Languages team put off a week to celebrate la Francophonie. Students created and facilitated activities during lunch that were linked to various French cultures around the world.</p> |

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| | <p>This was an excellent opportunity to bring the school community together and have students using their French outside of a classroom setting.</p> |
| <p>ENGLISH</p> | <p>NBE: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices - Guest Presenter Mark Seabrook - Anishinaabe Artist from Manitoulin Island spoke to classes and students on an in-school field trip. Students created artwork and gained a deeper understanding of historical and contemporary issues and how culture and art are interwoven.</p> |
| <p>ART / TECH</p> | <div data-bbox="354 512 1430 1268" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>On March 29th the Art VERNISSAGE, featuring six talented artists examining in IB Art this year took place.</p> <p>The Senior Drama Class will be teaming up with one of our feeder schools - Carleton Heights - to bring theatre to the grade 5&6s.</p> |



The Merivale Improv teams competed in the Improv Games competition on March 24th & 25th and did an awesome job! The Seniors made it to finals

The junior and intermediate bands are being recorded this week to submit their music to Nationals for Music Fest.

Merivale Drama Presents

Play On!

By: Rick Abbot
April 27th and 28th at 7:00pm
Merivale Cafetorium
Tickets are \$10.00 per person



@merivaledramclub

Ticket sales through student cash online

This year's drama production **PLAY ON!** is underway and will open at the end of the month on **April 27 & 28th**. This play is a comedy and will be a fun return to a full scale production on stage with a live audience. Many crews made up of students in art, drama and tech have collaborated to put this show together. Lots of learning was involved as we begin to rebuild our theater program and re-teach the skills needed for the behind the scenes positions required to put on a large scale production. Tickets are now on sale with Cash Online.



Merivale SHSM students are working on an exciting project in collaboration with DeSerres art supply store. During the month of April the students will be participating in printmaking workshops delivered by professional artists. Ultimately the class will have an opportunity to apply their design knowledge and printmaking skills to create a final project that will go towards helping a non profit community group - the BFO - Bereaved Families of Ontario.

Next up.....

Spring Music Concert - May 24th and 25th

Annual Art Show - June 1st

ASD class



The students had fun at the Special Olympic Bocce tournament winning 2 of the 3 games they played.



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| <p>We also went to the bowling alley as a class and joined a few other schools for a game of 5 pin.</p> |
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Principal's Report – Jean Fulton-Hale

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

Intermediate: 342

Secondary: 1420

OSTA Parent Message: Are you eligible for transportation but not planning to use it? Complete OSTA's [Transportation Issues Form](#) to notify OSTA of your decision to decline transportation. Whether you decline transportation for the current school year, and/or next, it's important to keep OSTA informed. If you have any address changes (home or daycare) please contact the school, this will help keep OSTA's records up to date. For more information, refer to OSTA's [website](#).

Intermediate:

Grade 8 Milestone photos were taken on 3 April. All orders online via Edge Imaging. The re-take day is For students who miss this photo day, **Edge Imaging** will return for Milestone Retakes on: **20 April**.

Science Field Trips: for all grade 7 classes this week to Bill Mason Centre! We are excited to have our students interact with nature over three days of exploration as part of their curriculum this year.

Grade 7 Open House: our WEB Crew will welcome our incoming Grade 7s on **4 May** during the day for tours and ice-breaker activities. An evening event will be offered the same day for parents/guardians to learn about our program and to see some of the school. All are welcome!

Secondary:

MADD Assemblies: will occur on 12 April 2023 (grades 10-12). We encourage families to continue the conversation on the importance of safe and sober driving and responsible socializing.

OSSLT: will be written on 19 April (Wednesday) for eligible grade 10 students and any grade 11 students who did not write in November. The OSSLT will be offered on ONE day only. Please do not book appointments on this date. We extend our thanks to Ms. Elmer and the Literacy Committee for their work to prepare the students and the school.

DELFL: the DELFL Language Test (French) will take place on the afternoons of 24-25-26 April for grade 12 students, with dates assigned by level of the test (B1, B2, A1, A2) selected by the student. Our School DELFL Coordinator is M. Furlong. Bonne Chance!

April Informal Marks: Teachers will share a mark update via Credit Counselling Summary (CCS) for all students. This will be a printed page with next year's course selections visible. Students will receive their copy at school (last class of the day) on **25 April**. The OUAC/OCAS upload will occur on 27 April. Please

note that students with missing assignments/tasks will see the impact of “not handed in” in the form of a placeholder “0”. We encourage students to take advantage of ASAP on Mondays and to work with their teachers if this applies to their circumstances.

EQAO Math: Is planned for 7-8-9-12 June (Wed – Mon). This is a fully online task and will occur in our grade 9 Math classrooms supervised by students’ regular teachers. Mr. Gibson and Ms. Elmer will coordinate.

Fire Drills/Lockdown #2: a reminder to families that schools must hold 6 fire drills (3 fall / 3 spring) and two lockdowns (fall/winter and spring) each year. Merivale will plan our remaining drills to occur ahead of June final evaluations.

Volunteers: parents/guardians may see staff reaching out for event volunteers. Please note we may ask families to complete the OCDSB volunteer form based on the activity. The form will be provided ahead of events for tracking purposes. Thank you!

RSSS: Please be advised that the **public consultation meeting** for the new Riverside South Secondary School has been moved to **Wednesday, April 26th, at 7pm**, at Steve MacLean Public School’s Gymnasium located at 4175 Spratt Rd, Gloucester, K1V 1T6.

Chair / Vice-Chair – Tim Embury

- No Report

Treasurers Report – Mei Qiu

- Current balance \$4,359.34

Question and Answer

1. What is ‘Relay for life’ / How does it play out?
A team of students will take turns walking around the track to support fundraising. During the event, at any given point, there will always be someone walking the track.
2. How can interested parents sign up to volunteer?
They can sign up using forms after a formal communication has been sent out.
3. For any questions about replacement courses for Grade 9 and above.
Guidance counselors are the best point of contact.
4. When are EQAO for intermediate students?
June 7, 8, 9, 10
5. Is it possible to get a heads up on upcoming tests? It would help the students to plan with the tournaments.
Schools build schedules that would be convenient for the students.
6. Changes in examination formats could overwhelm a few students.
Any updates and discussions around changes in formats take place in class and hence, are not a surprise for the students.
7. Were the funds from the previous years used?

The funds were reallocated about 2 or 3 years prior, and they were put to the intended use as well.

8. Opportunity to sign up for (enrichment) mini courses passed as the communication was not sent out or could've communicated through more than one platform.

These courses have been rebranded and are now called Pathways to Exploration.

9. Is there a job coach for volunteer hours?

Guidance counselors can connect the students with a community organization for volunteer opportunities.

Also, on the OCDSB website, there is a list of sample opportunities and a list of approved volunteer experiences.

Adjournment – 7:30pm

Next Meeting: May 2, 2023 – In Person at MHS