

## Minutes: Merivale High School Council Meeting, June 6, 2023

### Administrative

**Attendance:** Suzy Wong, Mei Qiu, Yaseera Kapadia, Ryan Jaeques, Jean Fulton-Hale, Bruce Levine, Megan Fox, Suzanne Belzile, Karen Kong

**Council & Administration Regrets:** Premnath Chiruvella, Cheryl Wang, Philip Mansfield, Sandra Ross-Nguyen, Wendy Mansfield

### Approval of Agenda

Motioned by: Mei Qiu

Seconded by: Yaseera Kapadia

### Review & Approval of Minutes from March 2023

Motioned by: Mei Qiu

Seconded by: Yaseera Kapadia

### Reports

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


### Current StudCo Events:

- **Kindness Spirit Month**
  - Kindness Month has been a widely successful event that we would love to see continue into the coming years. The Kindness Tree, t-shirts, and weekly draws have made strides to encourage a kind environment at school.
  - Here is the finished product:



- **2023-24 StudCo Elections**
  - The new Student Council has been elected and is in the process of shadowing the current members, in an effort to foster more continuity between school years.
  - They will be selecting dates for next year’s events and listening in on the remaining meetings to get a sense for what next year will hold.
  
- **June Spirit Week**
  - The “Summer Spirit Week” is currently happening at school and will be capped off with Freezie Friday, a Freezie sale event in support of Relay for Life taking place this Friday.
  - Grade Colour Day will take place this Friday, and will be a chance for students to connect with their grade members and work together to decorate a hallway.

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

SCIENCE	<p><b><u>Physics Contest:</u></b>  Grade 11-12 students in both Ontario and IB pathways participated in the University of Waterloo Sir Isaac Newton Physics Contest. It is a challenging contest and students stepped out of their comfort zone to participate. Our school had many students finish in the top 25% of all participants.  Overall school score: 20% compared to a World Average of 9%</p>
MATH	<p>Grade 9 students are participating in EQAO Math assessments this week in their regular Math classes June 7th to 12th</p>
STUDENT SUCCESS	<p>Credit support is being made available to students and extra support will also be coordinated by classroom teacher and SST lead during the June 14th to 27th exam timeframe</p>
LIBRARY	<p>Library displays for Indigenous History month and Pride month</p> <p>Focus on returning library materials currently in circulation and directing students to online resources such as SORA</p> 

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ATHLETICS

**MHS Rugby Team** are heading to Tier 2 City Finals revised date to be determined ); it has been an amazing season!



	<p>Exciting action also with the Ultimate team, Baseball team, Girls Soccer team and Lacrosse team</p> <p>Merivale Relays qualify for OFSSA track and field as well as individual athletes</p>
Guidance	<p><b>Grade 12 Grad Assembly on Monday, 12 June Last Period.</b></p> <p><b>Summer School Reach-Ahead registration continues.</b></p>
ENGLISH	<p>Merivale's first annual poetry slam - April 28; so popular it had to be followed by second event May 26</p>
ART / TECH	<p>The Senior Drama Class collaborated with Woodroffe High School to perform at the National Arts Center for kindergarteners. They did an immersive theatre performance of Wonderland. We plan to do more team ups with the NAC next year with collaborations with professional local artists as well!</p>



The Senior Drama Class is also creating their final exam where they will be covering topics of bullying, exclusion, and cyber safety and presenting to grades 5/6s at the feeder school Charlton Heights

**The Spring Concert** was a success! Great turn out of friends and family. It was a wonderful way to celebrate this year's music program. Many of our music students are currently traveling in Quebec for their first band trip in four years.



**The ARTS & TECH SHOWCASE** took place on June 1st, for the first time in four years. The cafeteria was transformed into a gallery featuring the artwork and tech work of students in gr.9 to gr.12. It was so exciting to see the students and parents at this event admiring the hard work and creativity of



our talented students.



ASD class







May was a busy month for our class as we attended two different track and field events and we had a chilly day at the tulip festival.

<p>IB</p>	<p>Wonderful evening for the IB reception with students, staff, and parents to celebrate the 1st graduating IB class here at MHS. Grade 11 Students have selected EE topics and are meeting with advisors in advance of a summer working on the Extended Essay task</p>
	<p>Band Trip - Quebec City The students had an amazing time and we packed a lot into our 4 days away. Some highlights included Cirque Du Soleil, a copper workshop and a night at a traditional sugar shack where students learned how to play the spoons and dance as a group.</p>

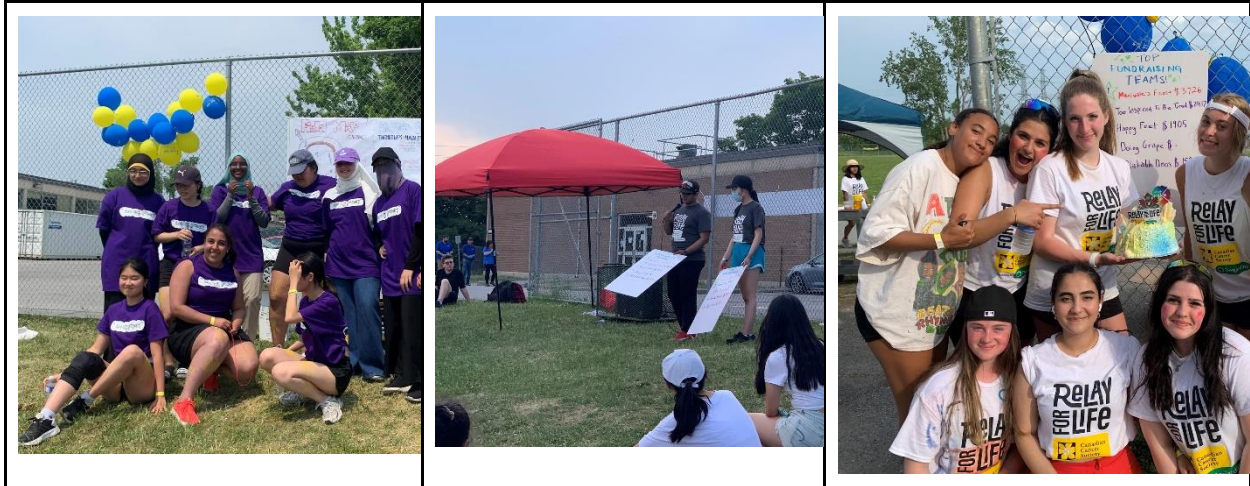
We performed for an elementary school in Quebec City and the students were singing and clapping along with each song as we played.



Extracurricular

Relay for Life was a huge success! Students raised over \$28,000 and despite the hot day, everyone enjoyed the ceremonies and activities that made up the day. Huge thank you to all parents who donated desserts and also came out to help us to serve dinner, your help was greatly appreciated!





Intermediate Report – Bruce Levine

### June 2023 MHS INTERMEDIATE (Gr 7 & 8) Educator's Sharings

<p>SPECIAL EVENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67 students participated in the University of Waterloo Gauss Contest in Mathematics. Students received their results this week. Congratulations to all of our students who participated!</li> <li>• Future gr. 9 students for Brookfield HS went for an orientation today - 10AM - 12:30PM. This included 13 ESL/ML students and two transfers.</li> <li>• Rideawood Presentations continue</li> <li>• Dance workshops will continue this Friday.</li> </ul>
<p>Gr 7</p>	
<p>Gr 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 8 end of year field trip is taking place on June 20th. Students are headed out to the movie theatre and then to the Museum of Nature to explore!</li> <li>• Thursday, June 9th is Stock Market day for our Grade 8s. We are spending the day in the cafeteria participating in Ms Polowin's Stock Market Simulation. Students have been learning about stocks preparing in their brokerages for the last two weeks in anticipation of the day!</li> </ul>
<p>LIBRARY</p>	<p>Bi-weekly Library visits are concluding and students are asked to ensure that all library materials at home are returned to the school. Final visits are occurring for all Grade 7 &amp; 8 classes</p> <p>Students can access ebooks and audiobooks through SORA</p>





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ATHLETICS

The Intermediate Track & Field event was a great success using the big field and track. Students were super supportive of each other; especially those that are not so athletically inclined. The track team was made based on the results of that day and they are headed to the Regional Meet this week with high hopes of medalling in a few events.

Huge congratulations to the boys and girls intermediate soccer teams who both made it to the finals in their regional tournaments. The boys beat Cedarview 2-1 to claim the championship, and the girls played a spirited final game against KARS finishing with silver. Both teams played hard in the heat and enjoyed incredible victories throughout the day. This was the culmination of hard work and determination after 1 and a half months of before and after school tryouts and practices. (Johnston)

Our Badminton Intramural tournament has completed. A 7 week tournament, congrats to all 112 students who participated! The top finalists from each bracket will travel to compete against SRB on June 6th.

## Principal's Report – Jean Fulton-Hale

Thank you to Tim Embury and family for the treats shared for our June staff meetings! They are always so appreciated.

I want to thank Time in absentia for his 6 years on Council – including three as Chair. He has been an incredible partner and advocate for Merivale, engaged and dedicated to Merivale families, and a pillar of support during the pandemic.

OFSAA – T&F will be hosted in Ottawa this year (9-11 June)

EQAO – Grade 9 Math (9-12 June)

Commencement:

On Friday 9 June, our grade 12s will receive the Commencement invitation and tickets for their families during the last block of the day (1:00 – 2:20 PM). Families are reminded that there is no parking available on site.

**26 June 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Adult HS Auditorium**

**300 Rochester Street, Ottawa**

Graduates will pick up their Cap & Gown at the venue, from Room 216 beginning at 9:00 AM. Graduates will remain with the Marshalls to be organized for the Graduate procession.

The doors to the auditorium will open at 9:30 AM for families to be seated. During the ceremony, Edge Imaging will be on site to capture the “grip & grin” photos as our Graduates cross the stage. See the flyer attached for information on how to purchase a photo.

Following the ceremony, there will be a Merivale photo area set up on the plaza outside of the Auditorium for families and graduates to enjoy. Staff will be present.

We look forward to sharing this day with the Class of 2023!

Celebr8:

We look forward to welcoming our Grade 8 families to Merivale to celebrate our students at our annual Celebr8 Awards Ceremony!

**26 June 2023**

**1:30 PM**

**Merivale HS Cafetorium**

**Reception to follow, New Gymnasium (C&D)**

The doors to the Cafetorium will open at 1:00 PM for families to be seated. Guests are limited to two per student.



The reception is planned for 2:30 PM and additional guests are welcome at that time. There will be a photo area and light refreshments available.

We look forward to sharing this day with our Grade 8 students and their families!

Upcoming Events:

- MHS Athletic Awards (7 June)
- Grade 8 Stock Market (8 June)
- Grade 12 Assembly (12 June)
- Track & Field Regional (7/8s – 13 June)
- Last day of classes for 9-12 is 13 June
- Final Evaluation Period – Secondary – 14 to 27 June
- Grade 7 MacSkimming Trip (15 June)
- Grade 8 Year End Field Trip (20 June)
- Commencement (26 June)
- Celebr8 (26 June)
- Last Day to register for Summer School (28 June)
- Last Day of School, 7/8s – 29 June

Facilities:

- A second ASD System Class will be integrated for September for Secondary program, renovations over the summer.
- We will be adding more portables for September.
- Renovations over the summer to renew lighting in the Main Gym and Cafeteria.
- Renovations to the Foods Room to improve student workstations and ventilation.

Sincere thanks to the Council for your commitment and engagement in our school community.

Chair / Vice-Chair – Tim Embury

- No Report

Treasurers Report – Mei Qiu

- Current balance \$4,359.34

Question and Answer

1. How will Grade 10 know where to go on the first day of school?  
We post the list with room number and the teacher who will give them their schedule.
2. With the upcoming summer season and the heat wave, what can be done to bring the temperature down?  
Our school has a fresh-air exchange system.
3. When is the next council appointed?  
Voting takes place on the first council meeting of the year.
4. Who makes decisions about how the school council operates?

The school council framework is created by the board.

5. Is there a minimum number of council members required to attend meetings?  
No. But for a motion to pass, the minimum number of council members is 2/3<sup>rd</sup> or 7.
6. Are students allowed to attend council meetings?  
No. In the past, student council members have attended to submit the report and then left.
7. Can the council members who stopped attending the meetings be replaced?  
No. The constitution stipulates that the council is voted at the AGM (in October).
8. Is there going to be an intermediate student council?  
If the staff identifies interested parties, this can be a possibility.

Adjournment – 7:34pm