

# Minutes: Merivale High School Council Meeting, November 1, 2022

## Administrative

**Attendance:** Jean Fulton-Hale, Tim Embury, Megan Fox, Bruce Levine, Karen Kong, Sandra Ross-Nguyen, Ryan Jaecques, Mei Qiu, Yaseera Kapadia, Katherine Percival, Wendy Mansfield, Philip Mansfield, Amanda Lancaster, Suzy Wong, Cheryl Wang, T-C D'Agostino, Carolyn Berezowsky, Premnath Chiruvella, Linda Li

**Council & Administration Regrets:** None

## Welcome – Tim Embury

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by: Tim Embury

Seconded by: Ryan Jaeques

## Review & Approval of Minutes from November 2022

Motioned by: Tim Embury

Seconded by: Mei Qiu

## School Council Update

- Resignation of Vice Chair
- Voted on additional council members Cheryl Wang and Philip Mansfield – Motion passed with agreement from all council members
- Suzy Wong nominated as new Vice Chair – Motion passed with agreement from all council members
- Revised Council for 2022-2023 School Year

Name	Role
Tim Embury	Chair
Suzy Wong	Vice-Chair
Yaseera Kapadia	Secretary
Mei Qiu	Treasurer
Premnath Chiruvella	Member at Large
Suzy Wong	Member at Large
Ryan Jaecques	Member at Large
Cheryl Wang	Member at Large
Philip Mansfield	Member at Large

## Reports

Student Council Report – Kosar Hemmati / Lauren Mortimer

- Not Available

<p>SPECIAL EVENTS</p>	<p>Pumpkin carving challenge by homeroom</p> <p>Outstanding products</p>  <p>The image shows two pumpkin carving projects. On the left is a tall, yellow Minion figure made from a pumpkin, wearing denim overalls and holding a wooden handle. On the right is a smaller pumpkin carved into a bearded man wearing a black hat and sunglasses, sitting on a table. A sign with 'R7A' is visible on the table.</p>
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ATHLETICS

Cross Country success - Merivale team had great participation 40 students and success as the team had a first place finish

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Secondary Report – Megan Fox

SCIENCE	Robotics Club has two robots to be entered in an upcoming competition Physics competition occurring for interested students in November
MATH	Mathematic competition occurring for interested students after school in November
LIBRARY	October marked Islamic Heritage Month and in November we will recognize Hindu Heritage Month and Holocaust Education Month. Classes will also visit to work on activities associated with Treaty Week which occurs Nov 6th to 12th.  Upcoming workshops on Academic Honesty will occur with Gr 11 classes and other Grade levels as well..
ATHLETICS	Congratulations to the Girls Field Hockey team that are advancing to OFSSA




The Senior girls X country team ran a perfect race and placed 2nd overall, qualifying for the OFSAA meet on November 5th in Uxbridge

Looking for information about sports & teams there is information at

[Athletics - Merivale HS](#)

<p>Languages</p>	<p>Nov 9th UOttawa lunch hr presentation on Immersion program</p> <p>DELFL fall registration deadline is Nov 4th and the testing dates are Nov 21, 22 &amp; 23</p> <p><a href="#">OCDSB Grade 12 French Proficiency Test - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board</a></p>
<p>CWS</p>	<p>Civics students took part in a student vote for the municipal election and some classes are going on a field trip to Parliament, the Senate and city hall next week.</p> <p>IB1 &amp; 2 Geography classes will be undertaking field work experiments shortly</p>
<p>Guidance</p>	<p><b>Post-secondary classroom presentations (all grade 12 English classes visited + 1 additional presentation at lunch) completed. Parent presentation was last Thursday. Ontario Colleges is accepting applications NOW. Ontario University (OUAC) PINS (passwords) distributed November 1st after school. Universities and Colleges</b></p>

	<p>continue to visit Merivale. A calendar of events is available on the Merivale Student Services website. <a href="#">Student Services - Merivale HS</a></p>
ENGLISH	<p>Some of our ENG 1D students are doing a multiple-day virtual songwriting workshop with local artist, Rachel Raditz. Similar to past workshops that English classes have had with Craig Cardiff</p>
ART / TECH	<p>Senior band recording session - music to be used towards the upcoming Remembrance Day Video that will be shared with the school on Nov 11</p> 









The Holiday Concert is coming up - December 14 and 15. This will be our first in-person concert in 3 years! All of our ensembles will be performing - half on one night and half on the other night. Details will be shared with parents soon.

The School play has been casted - rehearsals have begun.

LST / ASD	<b>In October the ASD class went swimming at Nepean Sportsplex, and had a video chat with an Astronaut!</b>
IB	TOK Essay meetings start tomorrow. Wed Nov 2, Nov 30th & Dec 21. An amazing event with all IB2 students in the same room discussing!
Extracurricular	Announcements about sports and clubs are occurring regularly <a href="#">Clubs - Merivale High School</a> <a href="#">MHS Announcements (Responses)</a>

## Principal's Report – Jean Fulton-Hale

### MHS SC Chair Notes – Tim Embury – November 1, 2022

#### Change.Org Ping Pong Request

- The [SC-MerivaleHS@ocdsb.ca](mailto:SC-MerivaleHS@ocdsb.ca) account received an automated email from change.org from a student at MHS that wanted the school council to purchase new ping pong tables for their club
- There was no request received directly to school council to consider this purchase
- The administration is aware of the request for new tables, and are working with the staff advisor to see what may or may not be done
- This club is not official at MHS at the present time, and there are still several considerations required before it could become one (such as a staff advisor that can be available at all times)
- Used tables cannot be easily donated, due to liability concerns that may arise if an injury occurs
- This club did have tables in the past, but were damaged due to improper use
- The passion that these students have to share ping pong with other students at MHS is commendable, but there are many other clubs where they could expand their interests to
- No action required by school council

#### New Trustee: Amanda Presley

- Will be official sworn in on November 15, 2022 with the other trustees
- Will invite to our next SC Meeting if she would like to meet the parent population

#### Parent Conference – November 5, 2022

- OCDSB has announced and communicated to all parents the upcoming Parent Conference that it is hosting
- It will be at Ridgemont High School and will run all day
- It will start with a key note speaker (building resilience in children), followed by breakout sessions
- Most of the workshops are in English, with some in Arabic and Somali
- Please refer to the email sent by OCSDS to register if you are interested

#### Treasurers Report – Mei Qiu

- Treasury Balance: Bal: \$3859.34

### School Council Meetings for the year 2023

- Potential Dates
  - February 7, 2023 – Virtual
  - March 7, 2023 – Virtual
  - April 4, 2023 – In Person
  - May 2, 2023 – In Person
  - June 6, 2023 – In Person
- Discussed a hybrid approach to In Person and Virtual Meetings
  - It was agreed that having a few members join an in-person meeting virtually compromises on the audio quality and thereby, the involvement of all the members.
- Noted above beside dates for agreed upon Virtual vs In Person

## Question and Answer

- Is IBTOK for a specific grade?

Yes, it is for Grade 12.

- Have the buses been added to both routes - to and from?

Ms. Fulton will get back with more information.

- Where do funds come from?

The school board invests to spend on activities and also, from events where baked goods are sold. Sometimes, much balance is left from the previous years. However, we do not fundraise.

- Can the student council be given the money?

How they would manage the funding request equitably is a question to take back to student council to discuss with staff advisor

- Students can get more information on Relay for life and club summit to opt for activities they would like to get involved in.

- Where does the funding for intermediate come from? And that for field trips?

Both are supported by the council.

- Can an email update go out to parents?

Will be looked into.

- What is the eta for seniors to get lockers?

We are waiting to hear from the distributors.

- Question paper on day 1 and 2 are the same. Day 2 students score more as the students who appeared for the test on Day 1 share questions with the Day 2 students.

It was discussed at length with different suggestions coming from all the attendees. Teachers can be directly approached for clarification. Also depends on the kind of question, for example, essays. This is also an opportunity for the parents to discuss the value of integrity, fairness and academic honesty with the students of not asking / sharing information about the tests. Parent can facilitate and have the child send an email to their teacher - great skill for the students to learn vs not learning how to study, prepare or budget their time - for student to understand that they are not helping by giving questions or answers to their friends. This can also be taken as for feedback for the teachers.

An example was discussed: Geography test - with 2 groups & different venues - different time limit - this could be because groups are at a different stage of the curriculum. As parents/students, we might not be aware of the dynamics - if students are scared to approach the teacher sometimes they need a little encouragement from the parents.

Also, there are times when the students are strategically put together in groups, when tests are less about correct answers on the test and more about a collaborative and individual learning experience

- It was requested that the administration provide a December update by email; Chair will receive and distribute.

Adjournment – 8:05pm