



MHHS Meeting Minutes

Monday, Oct 28, 2024 @ 5:00 PM, MHHS Learning Commons

In Attendance: Bonnie Whitford, Ola Crook, Kim Pearson, Rebecca Payjack, Christi Hollingshead, Crystal Barrios, Christine Norlin, Lori Hodges, Aynsley Baker, Rashelle Leishman, Bryan Burns, Derek Shackelford, Ian Robertson, Melissa Fredette

Today's Agenda: [Oct 28 School Council Agenda](#)

	Agenda Item	Discussion
1.	Call to Order	Call to order by Chair at 5:05 PM
2.	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to adopt agenda by Rashelle, all in favor
3.	Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MHHS SC Minutes - Sept 16 	Motion to approve by Rashelle, all in favor
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halton2Go Sports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link and update the athletic handbook on the app. Sports calendars have been added to the app. Request to have a parent volunteer as the manager so that communication about sports is more timely.
5.	Teacher Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received a \$100 000 grant to be used to modernize and upgrade the commercial kitchen. Goal is to create a hub for culinary dual credit programming. It's IPGP season (Professional Growth Plans). All teachers are in the process of creating and setting goals for their yearly professional growth. School staff are participating in a book study and professional learning focusing on Visible Learning - how to ensure classroom practices are highly impactful.
6.	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal's Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-secondary advertising has been added to the learning commons (comes with a \$500 scholarship for grad). Halton school goals are focused on leadership, culture and academics. ELW - student feedback indicates that a majority of students would like to continue with ELW and are satisfied with their learning. This year all ELW courses were connected to community somehow.

7.	Trustee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See linked report.
8.	New Business - School Visioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See below.
<p>(BELOW ARE THE RESULTS OF BRAINSTORMING in 30 min (not edited/fully fleshed out)</p> <p>What is going well at our school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The app is good. • Dual credit opportunities • Community Helpers - mental health program • Better communication every year! <p>What are we missing at our school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School spirit/pride • Leveraging Commercial Sponsors (ie Banners in the gym) • Current sports Banners falling off the ceiling (maintenance?) • General consensus is Athletics Program needs a boost. More swag/community involvement at sports games. Sports spirit? • Tournament decor (logos from other teams are printed and posted) • Consistency of availability of Core classes in Gr 10-12. Higher level classes often do not have the support they need due to small class sizes but they NEED TO BE OFFERED • Junior High Assessment Day (JHAD) - only supporting students with failing grades, as opposed to supporting students whose grades may have dropped. Would prefer all students to have school that day or have parameters around students whose grades are lower than they typically are. • Want to know long before JHAD that students grades are low. • Awards spread between students when they may not have the actual highest mark. Lack of communication around how awards are given out. • Strict adherence to Athletic Handbook, this needs to be shared with students/families better • Coaching - mixed emotions, more accountability & standards for parents and students and coaches! • The Halton website is not very user-friendly • Parents don't know what options are available for junior high students, lack of understanding/communication with parents regarding options, some frustration around students being allowed to participate in e-sports without parent permission • Coding classes <p>How does the Pincher Creek Community see this school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confused→ Many schools in the community, rural school in the area. Which one to choose? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not everyone is into sports, but an important piece of the picture Is Halton an inclusive place for those with needs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I think so, supportive place, Division is supportive Are you proud to be a member of the Halton school community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not really, lackluster vibe (bathrooms/changerooms are not in good condition) - Not a lot of support in terms of sports game attendance - Drama club? Band? Art? Are these programs available and thriving? <p>Fit in amongst other LRSD schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student athletes recognized for their accomplishments - There is potential to offer things that draw students in, but we need to do something to distinguish ourselves so that we stand out from the other neighboring schools - CTS programming draws students here now - Highlighting student accomplishments, but NOT just sports 		

	<p>3-10 Years→ Brand New School! Potential to increase enrollment due to offering something that distinguishes us from others. How do we get more students to attend here? Communication around options that are created/offered/etc. What attributes do we want our school communities to have?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our school needs to improve with communication. (Newsletter is good, share more info there. - Desire to see Halton as the hub school for the area. Barriers in catchment area. Halton could fit another 10 students per grade no problem. 	
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10.	<p>Next Meeting Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, November 18, 2024 @ 5:00PM 	
11.	Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Action Items	Person Responsible
Awards Sponsorship Package and Letter - add to agenda for November school council meeting	Bryan/Bonnie/Aynsley
Parent volunteer assigned as manager for each team, with access to app to manage communication.	Bryan/Bonnie/Randy
Link and update the athletic handbook and add to the Halton2Go app.	Bryan and Bonnie
Add PMD policy to next meeting agenda so that parents can provide feedback to the board.	Lori/Aynsley
Exploration of opportunity to provide s-endorsement training to potential bus drivers.	Rashelle/Aynsley
<i>Items included below from previous meeting(s):</i>	
Create award sponsorship request package for businesses for next year.	Fall Project to work on with Parent Council
Inquire further about potential funding (grant proposal writing support) as well as potential connection with SASCI.	Liza Dawber to present at Nov meeting
Clarification and information on white buses - Questions around costs for maintenance, gas, insurance, etc.	Lacey & Lori

Mind Map

