MHHS Meeting Minutes



Monday, Nov 18, 2024 @ 5:00 PM, MHHS Learning Commons

In Attendance: Aynsley Baker, Bryan Burns, Bonnie Whitford, Crystal Barrios, Ian Robertson, Lyla Stephens, Kim Pearson, Christi Hollingshead, Stephanie Monteith, Ola Crook, Danielle Radvak

Today's Agenda: Nov 18 School Council Agenda

	Agenda Item	Discussion	
1.	Call to Order	Call to order by Chair at 5:00 PM	
2.	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to adopt agenda by Kim P, all in favor.	
3.	Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes Meeting Minutes - Oct 28 	Motion to approve by Christi.	
4.	 Business Arising from the Minutes Awards Sponsorship S-Class Endorsement Training Request Visioning Activity Managers for Sports Teams PMD (Personal Mobile Device) Policy ASCA Membership 	 Looking for sponsors for awards (scholarships, academic awards, grad, etc). <u>Awards Sponsorship Letter</u> Would be nice to have sponsorships/support across a more diverse platform of career pathways. Motion from Ola to accept the sponsorship request letter and update for this year. All in favor. Motion passed. Rashelle sent letter to LRSD on behalf of both Pincher School Parent Councils requesting support for training drivers (S-endorsement). Bonnie asked the Booster club to sponsor payment for a teacher to get S-endorsement training. No response or support at this time. Need to prioritize the items in the mind map and work towards some action items. Add to mind map (missed comment from last meeting) - vision is for Halton to be a safe place for all students. There were lots of comments made about sports/athletics, important to be mindful that there are students who are not athletically minded and they need support and consideration as well. Goal is to have managers in place for every sports team. Work in progress as the basketball season gets rolling. PMD Policy - parent feedback There's enough distraction, I love it, as a parent I like it. 	

		•	 It is handy to use the cell phone as a resource (look up a picture of a poppy in art class to use as a reference). Howeverif we could provide access to these some other way then the phones wouldn't be necessary anyway. Most parents are in favor and see positive outcomes. Teachers - notice more social engagement from students with each other now that phones are not available. Recommendation that policy be consistent across all grades (not a different set of rules for Jr and Sr High) ASCA Membership - we need to decide whether we want to maintain a membership.
5.	Teacher Report	•	Report cards are coming soon. New process used where teachers worked collaboratively to help each other review and edit comments. Parent Teacher Interviews are next week. Parents can book appointments to meet with teachers.
6.	Principal's Report • Principal's Report	•	Review of some of the results that are used to inform school planning and goal setting. Information that may answer some questions that arose at the last council meeting is included in the Principal's report. Halton Alumni group held a fundraiser in September. They are planning to provide quite a bit of support for Athletics (basketball in particular at the time) including jerseys, tracksuits and gym bags.
7.	Trustee Report <u>Trustee Report</u> - Oct 	•	No report today.
8.	New Business • Liza Dawber - PCCDI Grant Writer	•	The Chair shared a list of potential projects that could be explored in terms of grant support, including upgrading the outdoor sports court, building an outdoor classroom, upgrading the score clock, upgrading equipment in the shops. It is more likely to access funding support when the item/program is available for community use (not just the school). Our job - to come up with the plan, costs, environmental impact, etc. Outdoor Classroom - more difficult to fund. Can be more fundable when there is a purpose (ex. environmental science and renewable energy). We would need to outline a budget and plan to present to potential funders. It is hard to get quotes in rural communities. Waiting for these quotes often results in missed deadlines for available grants. Better to collect

		 these quotes now and then watch/wait for corresponding grants, so that the information is ready to submit when the time comes. Community Priorities Grant - friendly towards education - should be applying to this every year. \$15 000 each year. Henry Varley Fund - more project based. Can include wages, and programming costs for programs. Can fund \$30 000 per year. Lethbridge Community Fund - looking for projects to support through the Henry Varley fund. Projects meant to enhance the viability of rural communities. <u>https://cflsa.ca/grants/</u> Liza has access to a searchable database for grants. Once we know what we want, she will search for funds available that fit. Walmart gives away \$1000 each month. Outdoor classroom - if it was built as (or designed to include) an amphitheater (for drama productions, or music performances) that could be used by the community as well, there is a better likelihood of successfully accessing funding. Advice - pick something - 1 thing - and get on it, so that we are ready for the spring deadlines. 	
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10.	 Next Meeting Date Monday, January 20, 2025 @ 5:00PM 		
11.	Meeting Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.	

Action Items	Person Responsible		
ASCA Membership - make decision on whether we are asking LRSD to continue paying for our membership.	Aynsley		
January Meeting - use the mind map to create a list of priorities and action items.	Aynsley		
Continued exploration of opportunity to provide s-endorsement training to potential bus drivers.	Rashelle/Aynsley		
Items included below from previous meeting(s):			
Update award sponsorship request package.	Fall Project to work on with Parent Council		
Inquire further about potential funding (grant proposal writing support)	Liza Dawber to present at Nov		

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