

# MHHS Meeting Minutes

Monday, Jan 20, 2025 @ 5:00 PM, MHHS Learning Commons

<u>In Attendance</u>: Aynsley Baker, Bryan Burns, Bonnie Whitford, Lori Hodges, Christi Hollingshead, Kim Pearson-Taylor, Lyla Stephens, Christine Norlin, Rashele Leishman, Crystal Barrios, Melissa Fredette

Today's Agenda: Jan 20, 2025 - Agenda

	Agenda Item	Discussion	
1.	Call to Order	Call to order by Chair at 5:06PM	
2.	Adoption of Agenda	Motion to adopt agenda by Crystal, all in favor.	
3.	Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes  • Nov 18 Minutes	Motion to approve by Christi H.	
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes  • Booster Club support for s-endorsement training for potential staff/coach bus drivers  • ASCA Membership  • Grants  • Priorities	<ul> <li>S-Endorsement Training conversation - tabled Priorities for Parent Council</li> <li>Academic Programming         <ul> <li>Has LRSD ever had conversations with Holy Spirit about working together to share teaching staff?</li> <li>There have been times in the past that students (from both schools) have been able to take classes at the 'other' school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sports         <ul> <li>Ready to move forward with some corporate sponsorships for sports.</li></ul></li></ul>	
5.	Teacher Report	No report today.	
6.	Principal's Report  ● Principal's Report	<ul> <li>Hockey Academy and Gr. 7 Students - raised funds for a former student who is having some medical challenges.</li> <li>A couple current students organized a fundraiser (Pasta with a Purpose) that raised about \$11 000 for the same student.</li> <li>Addition of a homework support block to the timetable (and removed the traditional Junior High Assessment Day) to help support junior high</li> </ul>	

		students to keep up with work.  Advance opportunity for high school students to make adjustments to semester two timetables.  Mr. Clark will be at Halton in the afternoons during semester two instead of semester one. This will provide a supervised space for students to work (study hall).  Grant Opportunities - we have blocked off some time in a teacher timetable so that will be prioritized.  Crystal B. shared - some Canyon students watched the Hockey Academy game in December and had a great time. Invite the whole student body next time. Great way to bring the community together.  Junior High Assessment Day cancellation - regular school days offers ALL students the opportunity to continue their learning.  Newsletter feedback? How frequent should it be?  The app helps with timely communication so the newsletter may not need to go out as frequently. Monthly is probably fine.  The app is huge, keep up with that.  Athletics - divisional meeting amongst high school principals to discuss issues. Principals were asked to provide additional feedback for a follow up meeting to discuss issues within the zone (other school divisions).  Aynsley - impressed with the coaches handbook. Lots of questions answered within that book, just needs to be shared so that parents are aware that it exists.
7.	Trustee Report  ● Key Messages	<ul> <li>Career Practitioner Report - wants to make sure all families are aware of opportunities</li> <li>Off Campus Coordinator - Eliza Grose is supporting work experience, RAP, etc.</li> <li>International Student Program - would like to grow this program</li> <li>Challenges with the changes to transportation - 1.6 km distance change (from 1 km) for elementary students as of Sept 2025. Letter to province regarding multiple changes in short amount of time.</li> <li>Elections - appointed officers, discussed requirement of criminal record checks for trustees</li> <li>Quarterly financial report shared</li> <li>February - further discussion and decision making regarding 4-day week</li> </ul>
8.	New Business	Social Media (Christi H.)  • Would like to see a student position for creating social media content, and corresponding credits potentially offered. Christi created a proposal.

- Issue can't access social media while at the school. Would have to be created and posted on a non-LRSD network.
- Melissa would like to see more support for athletics through social media.
- Perhaps highlight accomplishments on the website.
- Perhaps create an option class where students can create posters for the players/teams, etc.

## Sports

- Is there other gym space that is accessible? Is the town hall gym accessible for practices? Shared practices in the gym can be frustrating.
- Do we have any connections to the Alumni group (in terms of how they spend their money)? NO they are their own entity.

### **Trustee Elections**

 Would be great to have a trustee from Pincher Creek. If there is anybody you know who might be interested in running for a position, please encourage them to do so.

#### Council Goals

- Parental Involvement in Council provide opportunity for increased voice
  - Lots of improvement since this current council was informed in terms of attendance.
  - Melissa shares she feels heard as a parent through her participation in School Council - wonders how to share that message with other parents so that they are also encouraged to attend and participate. How do you engage an active parent council?
  - Testimonials from parents who are involved?
  - Include link to meeting minutes in the newsletter, and highlight key messages (accomplishments).
  - Opportunity for parents to respond via survey (positives, negatives, concerns, suggestions).
- Sports Council
  - Melissa shares good to have more autonomy for teams. Frustration in terms of the financial side of things.
- HUB School
  - Promote Halton athletics through sponsorships.
  - Foods and CTS programming improvements are exciting.

## 10. Next Meeting Date

Monday, February 24, 2025 @ 5:00PM

Action Items	Person Responsible			
Investigate - does the school have access to the town hall gym for practices through the joint use agreement.				
Explore further - Sports Booster				
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) as well as potential connection with SASCI.	Liza Dawber to present at Nov meeting			

