

Malvern Home and School October 4 Meeting Minutes

MSAA update

- Jamie and Margo – Red and Black Day Friday October 7 at Birchmount Stadium

Student Council Report

- Rosie – VP – October 28 in the cafeteria during lunch there will be a Halloween costume fashion show and an after school dance 7-9 PM
- Dance - \$4. Pre-event ticket price, \$5. At the door

Approval of September 2011 Minutes – *moved by C. Tyrell, seconded by V. Tsorlinis*

Principal's Report:

- 2011-12 school year we have 990 students which means we are at close to 130% capacity for use of our building
- Some grade 10/11 classes are very large
- Onward Malvern (OMF) – (Leslie Rose in attendance as rep)
 - Challenge in fundraising – considering more creative strategies
 - Parents welcome to meetings – they meet 5-6 times per year to give consideration to specific funding requests to support Malvern programs/activities
 - Next meeting is Nov. 23 at 6:30 PM in Malvern school library
- Pool is in good shape and we have good permit revenue
- New PA system being installed – likely finished in November
- Painting on first floor
- Gardens in front to be tended to prior to War Memorial unveiling in November
- Safe Schools – no issues, web site has been launched successfully, recent meeting was well attended by staff as well students and one parent
- No hazing incidents reported this year – kudos to the kids of the school who “got” the importance of ambassadorship. Also a HUGE thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to “be visible” during the first week of school – together we achieved our goal of no incidents this year – a huge accomplishment.
- Terry Fox run not successfully attended by students – perhaps due to organizational issues
- War Memorial – beautifully restored.
 - Nov 4 is the official unveiling- a huge profile ceremony is being planned to honour the significance of the restoration of this important symbol
- October 5 – student vote held for the Provincial Elections
- Review of the Red and Black Day Event 3rd annual school spirit event which most students attend
- Photo retakes scheduled for October 17
- School sanctioned dances/events are communicated to parents via an e-mail blast. If parents hear of other events, usually referred to as “semi-dances” please be advised that these are not school-sanctioned events and therefore have we no jurisdiction over them in terms of activities or refreshments. Call the school if you are unsure about specific events.
- Nov 2 – Take Your Child to Work Day for grade 9 students
- Nov 11 – two Remembrance Day ceremonies at school during day – one for junior students 9AM, second for senior students at 9:50 AM – parents are welcome but RSVP please as there is limited seating
- Commencement Ceremony the evening of Nov 11. Start at 7 p.m. in the auditorium

- Nov 24 first report cards

Treasurer's Report

- \$8403.09 current balance
- 2 scholarships at \$750. Each plus the Bill Mighton Music scholarship at \$100 to be taken from this fund
- The Bill Mighton scholarship is to continue for next 3 years (2011/12 – 2013/14) then will be reviewed
- Plaques to be awarded to students at commencement to be covered by the H&S Council budget as well

SHSM – *Claudine Tyrell*

- Specific courses plus 5 coop options are available to students in grades 11 and 12
- Student earn a red seal on their high school diploma
- These are gaining profile with the universities and colleges when reviewing applications
- Involves 4 certifications (WHIMS, GPS, First Aid, CPR)
- Planning to showcase these opportunities within the school for the current grade 10 students in the Civics and Careers classes as well as hold an Experiential Week the week of Nov. 20
- Written information will be made available to parents at the next council meeting

New/Other Business

- Reception for commencement – Sharon and Helen Coombs co-chairing the planning committee
- Request donations and assistance from the parent community
- October 27 in auditorium Dr. Karyn Gordon a Parent Communication Specialist will be speaking on “Teaching Empathy and Gratitude to Your Kids/Teens”
- She has a High Schools for Haiti initiative to which the H&S will donate proceeds from the evening's tickets
- Teacher Appreciation Evening in December – this is a long time annual event sponsored by the H&S Council for all staff – plans will be discussed at the November 1st Council meeting at which an appeal will be made for donations for food

Next Meeting November 1 at 7pm in the school library