

Malvern Home and School Council Minutes
February 1, 2011

Attending: Leslie Rose, Casey Fleming, Diane Wyman, Line Pinard, Leesa Blake, Claudine Tyrell

Student Council & MSA Report

- Gracie reported on the Winter Formal:
 - 294 attended (max capacity was 300)
 - Have had good reports from those who attended, there were no issues regarding alcohol consumption, every student was breathalysed on arrival
 - The Hall Manager said the Malvern group was the best they have had
 - The visiting students from Costa Rica attended and enjoyed themselves
- Winter Thaw event coming up in March – fun activities in cafeteria to launch spring
- There will be various African Heritage events to honour Black History month. They will be posted on the Malvern website.
- Leanne reported on Eco Schools:
 - National Sweater Day Feb 17 – WWF sponsored (school to lower heat that day by 3 degrees and encourage students to wear sweaters)
 - Bake sale Feb 8
 - Students monitor lights and windows to ensure the school is doing all they can to lower energy consumption
 - Future events planned: will participate in fashion show with eco-friendly fashions
- Earth week (Apr 18 – 21), Biosphere Videoconference at lunch, Tupperware Tuesday (participants who bring their lunch in a reusable box receive a prize), Roots and Shoots, Coffee Day,

Approval of January Minutes

- Casey moved to approve, Lido seconded

Treasurer's Report

- Vicky absent so prepared a summary via e-mail which was shared by Leslie
- Requests that people collect things to donate to the Boardwalk Ball Dutch and Silent Auctions coming up in early June
- Will prepare a formal report and send via e-mail

Principal's Report

- Thank you to Leslie Rose for attending and speaking at the Grade 8 Parent Night and to Diane and Casey (co-chairs) for attending
- Equity and Safe Schools Meeting Jan 27 – three parents attended – will be looking for parent support in the fall to add to the Grade 9 Parent Handbook
- In March will speak to plans to use special Climate funding given to the school – Claudine Tyrell to lead this – will contain a reaching out to feeder schools to address fears about high school and hazing etc.
- September enrolment projected to be 1003, closed for regular attendance, limited for French Immersion and Extended
- Families will be notified of acceptance by Feb 14
- Much less vandalism and graffiti this year than last – not an issue this year

- Pool change rooms to be renovated to address privacy and space concerns – this to come from School's pool fund
- Casey asked about feasibility of solar panels being used to heat the pool or school – Trustee Carey- Meagher was involved with the initiative to look into this – apparently Malvern has restrictions due to its roof design
- Wireless is coming to the school – Fermer Santos will provide update on this in March
- Malvern Idol was well attended and well received – there was fantastic talent – the winners go on to the TDSB Finals – the winner in 2010 was a Malvern student
- Very pleased about the success of the Winter Formal – a good cross section of students from all grades attended and behaviour of the students was excellent

Upcoming key dates:

- Feb 11 – Valentines dance – Oakwood Legion; sponsored by the Music department
- Feb 14-17 – lunch time Options Fair to assist students to understand all of the options to make informed selections
- Feb 16 – Funny Money event – humorous and interactive money management assembly
- Feb 18 – Board wide PD day
- Feb 22 – late start due to staff meeting

Mary Margaret McMahon attended as an observer

- Very interested in green initiatives, student engagement and community engagement
- Suggested plans to host a student councillor for a day program at City Hall which will be followed up on by Mike Izzo

SHSM Program: Claudine Tyrell

- Have visited all English classes to distribute forms to students to select courses for next year
- Had Coop fair for grade 10 students in late January
- The program is available to grades 11 and 12 students
- Will offer French Coop placements next year for Extended and Immersion students
- SHSM for this year focussed on the environment – take courses that have this focus, have guest speakers, students earn certification in; Leave No Trace (hike leaders) and Project Wild
- There is a coop component – Malvern will have first graduate with this certification this year
- Have applied to offer a second next year; Non Profit SHSM
- Coop can be done in the summer if timetable will not allow within the school year

School Facilities Update\\Our Green Future Project Update\\Upcoming Parent Seminars

- Due to our trustee's absence this will be rescheduled for the March or April meeting depending on her schedule
- Parent Seminars
 - Feb 15 – Steven Solomon on bullying – 7PM
 - March 3 – 7 – 9PM – Michelle Keeley will lead an interactive presentation entitled: The Teenage Tango: It Takes Two, How to understand, support and love your teenager

Pool Update

- Still seeking to attract additional permits. Now have Thursday lane swims (8-9 p.m.) and Family Swims (Saturday 1:15-2:15 p.m.)
- The Board is planning a special website to promote its pools with specific information about each facility.

- Special thanks to Sharon Gomes our outgoing Pool Captain. Our new Pool Captain will be Laura MacLeod.
- Thank you to local realtors who will be sponsoring some of the family swims for neighbouring schools without pools
- CUPE 4400 has provided funding for the Thursday lane and Saturday family swims.

Onward Malvern Foundation

- Still seeking new parent or community members
- \$28,794.51 given to the MRBS to manage the monument restoration
- Donated \$2000 to Music Dept. for restoration of uniforms
- \$1000 approved for girls' Boxing for Fitness program – designed to empower, build confidence and self defence; non-sparring

War Memorial Restoration

- Veterans Affairs donated \$14,000 towards the restoration of the monument
- Work is to start in March as soon as scaffolding is able to be erected
- A huge thank you to all who donated time and money towards this important community initiative
- Formal unveiling planned for November 4 , 2011- Lieutenant Governor to be invited, commemorative book being planned as well
- Will be a big event involving many community groups
- Phase II of the fundraising is to be launched once restoration work starts in the spring. The goal is to raise funds for protection and beautification of the monument through benches, gardens, lighting and security cameras

Boardwalk Ball Update

- Coordinator is required for this event – will be run by committee this year
- Feb 26 – planning meeting 1 – 2PM with Angela, former coordinator – volunteers welcome!
- Boardwalk Ball will take place June 3 at Bluffers Marina

New/Other Business

- Parent reported that two grade 9 students were robbed at 3:30 last week off school property, on Swanwick by two males with balaclavas, no weapon was visible. Perpetrators were not Malvern students. 55 Division is involved. Vice Principal did call down victims to counsel.
- There was another incident as well concerning a grade 12 student that was robbed off property
- Question raised about cell phone use in class – there is a clear policy in school about no cell phone use in class although many students abuse it. Once a student is warned twice they are sent to the office, the office will take the phone and ask parents to pick it up

Next Meeting – Tuesday March 1, 2011 at 7PM in the library