

Malvern Home & School
Minutes of Feb. 2, 2010 Meeting

Present: Line Pinard, Claudine Tyrell, Leslie Rose, Vicky Tsorlinis, Diane Sharpe, Marlene Bourdon-King, Ferner Santos, Leesa Blake, Helen Coombe (recorder)

Regrets: Nanci Harris, Jenn Nahorniak

1. Sign in sheet circulated, welcome by Leslie Rose – co-chair.
2. **Student Council Report** – not available
3. Announcement: Boardwalk Ball – please note date and location change – now **June 4th at Bluffers Park**. Updates to be posted on website tomorrow by Ms. Geddes.
4. **Approval of January 5 minutes:** Motion to accept minutes by Helen Coombe, seconded by Linda Popielarczyk. Motion passed.
5. **Presentation by Claudine Tyrell – Dual Credits** – see separate document on website
 - Students participate in college courses
 - Focus is to target disengaged students.
 - First year record applied to college not university
 - Students attend college course once a week; same program as college students.
 - Tutorials & help available.
 - Presentation by students Candace and Morgan – example of courses being taken – ECE & creative expressions for younger children – found it a very motivating experience, felt prepared for college & Visual Communications – Sign language. Morgan taking Business Concepts at George Brown College - scary at first but teachers very welcoming, made friends and motivated her to attend college.
 - Ms Pinard expressed hope that more students will take part next year. **There are 5 students participating this year, awarded high school and college credit simultaneously**
 - Provided bus fare
 - Students can achieve up to 4 credits from co-op
 - Adding other credits next year, included energy based “Green industries”, Ms. Dawe is attending a 2 day energy conference
 - Lastly – there is a summer mentorship program at U of T – for more information see Leesa Blake
6. **Treasurer’s Report** – Vicky Tsorlinis: Current balance **\$5884.01** – cheque of \$500 going to Boardwalk Ball for deposit

7. **Principals Report:**

- a. Grade 8 Parents Night – held Jan 12th, well attended, great reception to Malvern having limited optional attendance next year. 25 spots available, received 50 applications. Line & Leslie to draw in lottery format following this meeting.
- b. Safe Schools: no recent robberies or fires, some vandalism continues by boy's washroom, garbage in halls and cafeteria remains a challenge as students not using garbage cans. Five new cameras ordered. New covers purchased for bulletin boards.
- c. Malvern sign arrived last week! First message by Ms Tyrell and Ms Santos – month's message "Fairness", student volunteer who assists with messages will get community hours
- d. Boy's washrooms have been painted
- e. Noise baffles being built to reduce noise from dust collector impacting neighbours
- f. Onward Malvern Foundation – tax receipts now available
- g. Report on winter formal Jan 15th at Ellas - a success, no problems. Attendees mostly junior students, about 100
- h. Malvern Idol – very well run student led event. Was an excellent leadership opportunity. Grade 9 student was the winner.
- i. World Food Day held last Friday – tickets were sold out. Next year more staff and more food, raised over \$900
- j. Haiti Support – email appeal conducted. All councils met and want to maximize student involvement – candy grams, silent auction, fashion show proceeds, cash donation jar in office. Support to Free the Children and the Canadian Red Cross.
- k. Bill 157 – see separate attachment on website: "Keeping our Kids Safe at School Act" – this clarifies what must happen with serious inappropriate incidents. Amends the Education Act – emphasis on management of homophobic incidents, bullying and internet harassment. There is an obligation on the part of everyone to report incidents (page 2 of Bill 157 Fact Sheet). Malvern revised its own Code of Conduct (in each student's agenda). Added additional prohibited items including lighters. Revisions had input from staff and Council. This bill emphasizes everyone's accountability – increases safety, improves support.
- l. Key Dates: Feb 12th – PA Day, Feb 15th – Family Day, Feb 16th – Black History Assembly, Feb 25th – Parent Teacher Interviews

8. **Vice Principal's Report:**

Ms. Sharpe

- Option Selection process – Feb 16-19 – "Carousel" – all subject areas open at lunch with teachers available to chat, do Q & A. Tues Feb 23rd – Deadline for signed courses form and credit counselling summary
- March 3 – Bubble Day – students use bubble sheets – scanned to establish how many courses can be offered

- Every student is given the Choices Booklet to determine required courses for diploma and university requirements, focus on math and science. Also available “My Blueprint” for students to create a post-secondary academic plan.
- Mar 24 – Verification Day – last chance to correct any choices. Allows for resource planning and numbers determination.

Ms. Santos:

- Report cards to be distributed Fri Feb 19th, parent teacher interviews are Feb 25 between 2-4 and 6-8.
 - Attended presentation by Tyler Johnson at Ward Council meeting– use of new communication pilot for students to communicate between Google and TDSB – doesn’t require personal email addresses, allows for communication with the school
9. Reminder re: “Getting Your Teen to Yes” workshop – being held Feb 23rd at 7, featuring Hilary Linton, Principal, Riverdale Mediation. Blast reminder email to go out day before event to confirm final numbers.
 10. **Boardwalk Ball** – Angela Wall
 - As mentioned earlier date and location changed – June 4th at Bluffers Park Marina. Ticket prices to remain at \$35, \$10 for kids. This is Mr. Mighton’s last year so it will be very special. Capacity for attendance is 120. Menu to include vegetarian pasta, roast chicken, bread, brownies. Vicky is already hard at work on preparing baskets for the Dutch Auction but continues to require donations.
 11. **Other Business**
 - Malvern Red & Black scarves still available for \$20- - see Bev Rutledge in the office
 - Rugby shirts can still be ordered – require a minimum of 12 to place
 - April 10, 2010 – Class of 1984 reunion – for more information contact Vandra Masemann – masemann@interlog.com . To be held at Highland Yacht Club – 6-11 pm. Leslie Rose has more information.
 - Vicky Tsorlinis – provided info on volunteer opportunity for students working in palliative care at Toronto East General Hospital – 2 hrs a week for 40 hours – requires references, TB test and criminal records check
 - Specialist High Skills Major needs a logo – contest open till Feb 11th – students invited to design a web page.
 - Ms. Blake: Feb 8 – Eco Chocolate Field trip for a field – people can walk away with \$20 worth of chocolate - Ms Axler hosting the trip
 - There is a TDSB Idol-Malvern has entered a team. Ms Santos is organizing this initiative.