

Malvern Home & School Association
Minutes of Meeting June 1, 2010

Present: Line Pinard, Diane Sharpe, Fermer Santos, Marlene Bourdon-King, Claudine Tyrell, Leslie Rose, Jenn Nahorniak, Vicky Tsorlinis, Nanci Harris (recorder)

1. Meeting called to order – last meeting of the school year! There is smaller attendance this evening due to it also being Vocal Night in the Auditorium.
2. **SAC Update:** Introduction of Duncan Tooley – President and Lana Rothfels, Treasurer. Ms. O’Brien is taking over as the teacher rep with a big thanks to Ms. Tyrell for her outstanding leadership this year. MSAA Co-Presidents are Clare Merchant and Jessie Porter. The group is very excited to be working together and with the Home and School next year.
3. **Review of minutes** of May 4th meeting. No errors or omissions. Motion to accept minutes as read by Vicky Tsorlinis, seconded by Marlene Bourdon-King. Motion passed.
4. **Treasurer’s Report:** Current Balance: \$4691. There was a profit of \$570 made for the Music Department on the Baskets sold at Music Night. The presentation “Teenage Tango” generated \$320 with expenses of \$500 for the speakers. H&S still to get \$ transferred from Admin for this – Nanci to follow up.
5. **Vice Principals’ Report:**
Diane Sharpe: EQAO Math testing for Grade 9 students which accounts for 10% of the math mark is being held June 3rd. Students are familiar with the expectations.
Fermer Santos: Final Assembly is June 9th, Exams begin June 11th in the afternoon starting with English. Provisions are made for students with conflicts the week of June 21st. Mark check date is June 24th and June 30th – final report cards are mailed.
6. **Principal’s Report:**
 - a. Thanks to Leslie and Nanci for their work on creating the Grade 9 Parent Handbook – it will be a valuable resource for parents
 - b. Thanks to Nanci for preparing the 2010-2011 Parents Reaching Out grant application. This year’s application is to fund 10 – one hour parenting sessions for parents of students identified at risk.
 - c. Thanks to Vicky and Angela for their amazing work and commitment to the Boardwalk Ball
 - d. Thanks to all parents who have consistently attended the H & S meetings.
 - e. Safe Schools:

- i. All staff meetings and professional development sessions next year will be a “late start” to reduce the potential for vandalism and disruptive behaviour. This change is well received by the local community and 55 Division Police
 - ii. Safe School Survey – Mr. Izzo is coming to the September H & S meeting to give feedback on the survey. Students have mapped areas of safety /less safe in the school as part of that initiative.
- f. Physical Plant: some of the worst seats in the auditorium will be repaired at the beginning of the school year.
- g. Pool Committee Update: on advice of our trustee, a large portion of the additional \$23K generated from the increase in school fees last year will be put in an interest bearing account in the event of unforeseen funding shortfalls. \$7K will be allocated to priority athletic equipment.
- h. Eco Schools Audit – now completed. Ms. Blake and Ms Dawe are hard at work ensuring Malvern maintains its Gold Status. We have now moved to 2 recycling and 1 garbage bins (previously 2) which is a big improvement already!
- i. Retirements: Line announced the teachers who are retiring at the end of this year: Marlene Bourdon-King, Bill Mighton, D’Arcy Taylor, Virginia Maxwell and Johanna Landert-Taylor. A retirement social was held to recognize their commitments to Malvern.
- j. Registration: Will be split this year – Grade 9 & 10 – August 31st, and Grade 11 & 12 on Sept 2nd. School opens Sept 7th and regular classes begin Sept. 8th.
- k. Athletic Banquet: Being held June 8th. June 11th – Tutorial time in the am. June 28th – summer school registration (for those who find out on June 24th they have failed). For students who wish to register in summer school for a full course they must be 17 years of age.
- l. Discussion re: Student Activity Fee: Line indicated they may explore Paypal as a means for parents to pay the fee this fall versus requiring a certified cheque (a number of cheques this year were NSF costing the school \$). For those parents who pay by cheque they need to be aware there may be a significant delay between the time it is written and when it is cashed.
- m. Change to student agendas: some changes may need to be made depending on impacts resulting from new Board evaluation policy entitled Growing Success– more information on this in the Fall.
- n. Acknowledgements:
 - i. Marlene Bourdon-King & Bill Mighton – nominated by Malvern parents for a TDSB Teachers Excellence award for their extraordinary commitment to Malvern over the years
 - ii. Claudine Tyrell – the Scarborough Mirror published a wonderful article recognizing her for the Premier’s Award for Teaching Excellence she received in May in the new teacher category.
 - iii. Angela Wall – for her dedication in organizing the Boardwalk Ball for the last 5 years – our sincere appreciation for her role!

- o. Fraser Institute Rankings: Malvern was recognized as being one of the most improved schools in the GTA and our ranking has also increased. The school has seen significant increases in student performance in the last 5 years; especially in the areas of math and literacy. Kudos to all teachers who have had a hand in making this happen.
7. **PRO Panel Feedback** – Helping Your Teen Make Responsible Choices About Drug & Alcohol Use – May 25th: Event was very successful, well attended (35) and panellists presented three varied and helpful perspectives. Nanci to complete required PRO Feedback document following survey to be administered to attendees.
 8. **Boardwalk Ball Update:** Vicky and Angela have done a site visit and they have been offered additional space for the kids to eat their pizza. There are only 15 tickets remaining for the dinner, they are maintaining a list of those who want to attend the after dinner portion only. Will charge \$10 for those tickets. Dutch Auction to be upstairs. Volunteers needed for both auctions. Emcee is Barb Smelt. Silent Auction to close by 10:30 or 11 depending on status of bidding activity. ** Will need to discuss disbursement of funds once allocations for scholarships have been satisfied.
 9. **Going Solo Handbook:** Reminder these are for sale for \$19.95 and a portion of those sales goes to H & S. Contact Leslie Rose.
 10. **Grade 9 Parents Handbook:** draft being circulated this month, to be mailed in August.
 11. **War Memorial Restoration / Acknowledgement – Arnie Williamson:**
 - a. There was an announcement in the Toronto Sun recently that the Pace Credit Union (which does business with the TDSB) will match \$10K raised by us and with additional monies committed by the federal government towards the restoration of the monument. It is planned that this project will be completed by November 11, 2011. There is a restoration committee comprised of members of many groups who are working together as a team to make this project a success. Work is underway to pursue other sources of funding as well which includes a Comedy Night featuring Darren Pyle, former Malvernite on September 30th (mark your calendars!).
 - b. There is a meeting June 29th. This type of action to restore the memorial will be used as a template for similar projects.
 - c. Acknowledgement of the extraordinary efforts of Arnie Williamson for his key efforts to ensure the restoration became a priority for both the school and the Board. He and his team unceasingly pursued this issue, creating a website, hiring their own consultants and ensuring the

public was aware of the situation. Our sincere thanks to him for his work and the success of his efforts!

12. **Pool Committee:** While the pool is protected from closure for the next 8 years it is important to have long term plans to ensure its sustainability. We need a sub-committee of the H & S to do this work – there are key people in place but need others so please feel free to step forward! Diane Carpenter is a new member, we also need someone to take on the role of Pool Captain. Please contact Line if interested.

13. **Home & School Executive 2010-2011** - People are asked to give some consideration to joining the Executive next year as three of the current members have children who will be in Grade 12 next year. We need parents that can be mentored for future roles on the H & S by our current members next year.

14. **New Business / Other:**

- a. There is a consideration to offer Vintage Clothing for sale again next year. Nothing is confirmed, the scarves are pretty much sold out. Not sure what items to offer.
- b. \$3700 was raised from the Fashion Show – tremendous effort and very successful by all those who partook - \$2500 will go to the Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund and \$1200 will go to Haiti Relief.
- c. 11 Malvern Students entered a short story writing context, 8 were invited to the next round and 3 are getting published!
- d. Motion by Angela Wall and seconded by Nanci Harris to allocated H & S funds towards the purchase of a custom outdoor tent for use by the Cross Country / Track teams. Motion passed. Ms. Tyrell to research what is required and to go ahead and order the tent.
- e. Breakaway Tours: we received feedback on how poorly supervised these trips are – parents are urged to exercise every caution in determining what constitutes appropriate travel plans for their children. There are planned trips for Quebec City at New Years as well as tropical settings. **Malvern has nothing to do with these trips!**

Wishing everyone a terrific summer!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 14th in the Library.