

MCI Parent Advisory Council

Minutes- February, 2024

Date | time Feb 20, 2024/ 7pm | *Meeting called to order by* Leighann Quiring

In Attendance

Megan Romphf, Deanna Shurvell, Leighann Quiring, Kyle McKinstry, Zoe Chipman, Emma Lazzaro, Emily Koldyk, Christine Doerksen, Mark Borgfjord

Regrets: Elaine Kalberg and Karter Gurke

Minutes

Meeting minutes are posted on the MCI website and people are encouraged to look at the minutes. Minutes were sent out, there was a motion to accept the minutes by Kyle, 2nd by Megan. Minutes adopted as read.

Treasurer's Report

Opening balance of **\$2196.20**

\$25.00 added to the account which was left over funding from grad that was donated back to the MCI PAC. Leighann Submitted this and it was accepted into the account. The closing balance for the report in the PAC account is **\$2,221.20**

There was an old business discussed about the porta potty rental for grad of 2023, there has been many requests sent to the company to have the invoice for PAC as proof, but without the invoice there is no repayment of \$200.00 funding for the porta potties. Therefore Leighann said it was a "gift" from their family to the grad class, and no money coming from PAC. The motion was moved and accepted by the PAC.

Motion was moved by Deanna to accept the report and Christine 2nd the motion.

Principal's Report

- Encourage parents to once again, log into the Edsembli and check on student's progress and reach out to teachers if there are concerns about marks right away, leaving it to long can be detrimental to the progress and learning of a student. If you know your child is struggling or needs help also watch your emails with teachers reaching out and giving reports. There is need for more communication between parents and students and their teachers- please do not hesitate to call the school and talk with teachers. Please make sure that you're checking for missed assignments and other items if catch up is needed through the google classroom or the portal. Exam schedule has been made and attached in principal's report.
- May 27th is the provincial ELA exam for Grade 12 students. Last day of classes for grade 12 students is June 14th, 2024. Last day classes Grade 9-11 is June 17th (Exams for Science June 18th AM, History (cs) AM and Essentials Math PM, June 19th Science AM, Pre-cal and Applied PM) Grade 12 Exams will be June 12 and 13th.
- The grass blast will take place on June 14th at the school with students.

- March 18th is a PD Day for staff that will take part in the blended online/in person First Aid training, 9-11am online, 11-12pm practical hands-on training, rest of course online in afternoon.

- There is new MB Education & Early childhood learning framework for learning, there was a handout about the Vision, Guiding principals and Global competencies. The principals is to have the Indigenous teaching around education, and more educations on truth and reconciliation. The principals are Equity, Access, Cohesion,

Flexibility and Agility. Competencies are critical thinking, creativity, Citizenship, Connection to self, communication, and Collaboration. This is to ensure that all learners are at the center of the focus, each learner reaching their full potential and live a good life in which they have hope, belonging, meaning and purpose, they have a voice and feel supported.

- MCI staff are learning and embedding these competencies in courses to date already, there is still work that needs to be done. The good life meaning is that spirituality, mental, emotional, and physical all play a role in the learning process. Tanya Polasik, Jayne Watson, and Superintendent of Pine Creek are the main educators learning about how to implement these practices into the schools.
- The Ivan Flett dancers were here at the school, went very well, all students enjoyed the dancing and community was invited in, there was also learning component for student through their physical education classes.
- If there are any question, please reach out to school and your students' teachers.
- Final Evaluation realignment percentages MCI will align final exam assessments to match the Provincial exam guidelines to 80% classwork, and 20% final exam.
- See attached report.

Student Council

Zoe C and Emma L presented on behalf of Student Council-

- December there were activities like the dinner and scavenger hunt, also lip sync battle, students won.
- Social Justice committee/club provided de-stress workshops around exam time went over well.
- Feb. there was Valentines "don't give away your heart" game. Boys could not talk girls one day and then other day switched to girls not talking boys, Game show style activity "how well do you know your friend/ partner? Did not go over as well- there needs to be better communication so more students will know about the events happening and not just a few. End of Feb there will be a pink shirt day, March is international women's day so there will be something for that.
- Upcoming.-
 - St. Patty's Day,
 - planned trip for the Winnipeg Sea bears game.
- Concluded report.

Trustee Report

Emily K. on behalf of the Trustees-

- Survey went out and is closed now about budget.
- Budget meeting will be coming up so please watch for email and announcement of date, we encourage parents and community to be involved with the budget report and the meeting.
- There is a nutrition program announced that will be upcoming that all children be able to access food at school, as hungry kids cannot learn as well. The funding is allocated between all schools in Manitoba. Penny Osborne, Foods and Nutrition teacher here does very well applying for those grants.
- Concluded report.

Old Business

- Letter for the community for donations that should be going out soon, end school year. Any suggestions are accepted the project for structure at school be great.
- MDC- donated a full stage and all the set-up parts to MCI. Will be utilized and great to have. Karen Guth reached out and talked to Kyle and they accepted it now in storage. Was suggested that students form a stage committee and learn how to set it up and take it down so there is a team already skilled in this at the school.

New Business

- Allocation of funding from PAC-
 - We need to think about the bursary- do we increase the amount? From \$250 to 300-500? Or do we give out 2 for \$250/each. There is option to also contribute \$200 to the Band trip for their expenses and so that kids can do activities while on trip which is part of their band class. We would also be able to contribute to porta potties yearly for the grad class of a \$200 donation to the Grad class each year. Plan to revisit at next meeting.
- A discussion about why there is no PAC involvement with the awarded bursary from the PAC, how the successful person is picked and what the criteria is. There is a long list as explained by Mark and there is steps in place. Megan requested to see the outline and the process, as would like to make sure there is a fair evaluation being done for who receives the bursary.
- SDL(Student Directed Learning)
 - Talked about SDL (Student directed learning) Zoe talked about her forensic course and that she will work at it as own pace, on her “spare” block at school and she will have a teacher (Mr. Borgfjord) as the supervising teacher who will assist if help is needed with guidance and to monitor tests/exams. There is a mid-term and final in this course. Zoe explained there is no one on one teaching its all at your own pace and work is well maintained. This is meant to give students independence and encourage learning on their own- a very valuable skill!
 - Right now there are 6 students possibly doing SDLs including forensic science and Agriculture. These are managed through Mrs. Blyth, if parents would like a list of approved SDLs, that is available in her office.
- Thresherman’s Reunion this year is July 27-29, and we are slotted for the Pancake breakfast; Megan has submitted a Homestead coop community application for help with items for the breakfast. There will also be one to Prairie Abattoir as well and Costco again. We will not be asking McCain’s as the hashbrowns took a long time to cook and there was a lot leftovers. We greatly appreciate the donation they made, and many were put to use later in the school kitchens! Also, we need to ensure pancake mix is good supply.
 - There is a need for Volunteers for the Threshermans please let us know if you are available and what time.
 - We will need to be there for 6am.
 - Tickets will have to be bought with funds from the PAC account for entrance into the reunion, if someone buys their own we will reimburse (same rules as last year)
 - Mike will cook and Penny too? If someone could reach out to here, please – Leighann/ Elaine
 - Leighann or Elaine reached out to heartland about the cook trailer, Mike can pull there and back.
- 50/50 dates Feb 22/24 (Megan will attend and sit), June 6th @ 6pm-7pm heartland Multiplex, September 19 , November 21, 2024. Please check your calendars and if you are available, please let us know so we can mark you as the 50/50 draw person that evening. Megan has filled out the forms at the municipal office Karla has all forms and tickets. Megan can attend the June 6th one as well, but September 19th she is not available.

Next Meeting

Next meeting: April 16 2024 @ 7pm

