

École Montrose School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 25, 2019

École Montrose Library

Present: Paul Therrien, Andrea Couture, Johanne Kemp, Dawn Moffat-McMaster, Melanie Bayko, Allison Hill, Corry Harper, Joanne Peters, Maxine Herbert, Jessamyn Martin, Jane Usunier

Regrets: Lynn Driedger

Meeting Chair: Dawn Moffat-McMaster

Recorder: Melanie Bayko

1. Call to Order and Introductions: *6:50 PM*
2. Review and Approval of Agenda: *Motion to accept agenda Allison , Seconded by Joanne.*
3. Review and Approval of past meeting minutes: *Corry motioned to approve meeting minutes from May 2019 pending spelling correction of JoAnn's last name.*
4. Standing Items
 - a. Principal Report: *See Attached*
 - b. Trustee's Report: *Regrets*
 - c. Chair Report: *Nothing new to report*
5. Old Business: *No Old Business*
6. New Business:

Mental Health Discussion

 - a. Paul led members through an explanation of the Mental Health pilot project and it's elements from the previous year. Everyone was asked to vote for the top 4 elements that they thought were most

important (what pieces of the project they would like to see continue).

- b. Teachers and staff were also asked to vote for 4 elements that they thought were most important.
- c. A committee consisting of Andrea Couture and 5 teachers will build a year long plan to implement Mental Health content based on the votes from school council members and staff.

7. Questions/Comments:

- Question asked about how the first month went, Paul replied that it went great.
- Question re: availability of microwaves to Gr. 7 & 8 students;
 - Principle's response is that availability is limited by electrical system & maintenance staff availability. Will investigate possibility for one more microwave.

8. Next Meeting date: *Wednesday October 16, 2019*

9. Adjournment: *7:28 PM*

Principal's Report

- Family BBQ in June: good feedback, decided to follow the same theme with Pizza at Meet the Teacher in Sept.
- Enrolment was higher than predicted with 738 students registered; enrolment will now plateau and hover around the 750 number.
- Montrose Admin is working with the Board and AB Education for an addition to the SW entrance; a second extension of the school for more classrooms.
- Leadership Club: possible for them to offer childcare during School Council and Friends meetings.
- New Mascot "Mountaineers": 3 core values of Collaboration, Perseverance, Excellence - continuing to work with students on what that looks like.
- Mental Health: the pilot project Montrose did last year with monthly mental health themes has been adopted as a regional pilot project.
- Orange Shirt Day is on Monday.
- School Apparel Store opens next week.

