

# MINUTES

## Ecole Montrose School Council

*Date May 20, 2020 | time 7:16 PM | Meeting called to order by Dawn Moffat McMaster*

### In Attendance

Dawn Moffat McMaster, Allison Hill, Paul Therrien, Joanne Peters, Chantal Puls, Saara Bain, Andrea Couture, Mel Bayko

### Regrets

Corry Harper, Maxine Herbert, Lynn Driedger

### Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:16 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
  - 2.1. Dawn, myself, Paul, Joanne, Chantal, Saara, Andrea, Mel, Paul, Andrea
  - 2.2. Extended congratulations to Andrea on Principalship role
3. Review and Approval of Agenda – Saara motioned to accept and Joann seconded
4. Review and Approval of Minutes – Saara approved
5. Standing Items
  - 5.1. Trustee's Report
    - 5.1.1. Nothing to report
  - 5.2. Principal's Report
    - 5.2.1. Andrea – Principal, Ginette Pele – VP, Lynn Goosney – VP
    - 5.2.2. Next newsletter ~ info re: celebrating students; into 7th week of emergency distance learning; looking for how we recognize students especially the K's and Gr 8 as it's a transition time for them; find a way to close out the school year, provide students with some normalcy in the midst of everything going on
    - 5.2.3. Sept planning: as a school planning for scenario 1; initial planning happening in regards to classes and staffing required however May 31st is the deadline for teacher resignations so don't want to get too far ahead; School supplies – change next year, students will be required to provide school supplies; will have online options (School Start, Staples are 2 possible options)
    - 5.2.4. Waiting on Medical Officer of Health recommendations ~ different stakeholders requesting info by certain dates (different for all) so planning can happen
  - 5.3. Chair's Report
    - 5.3.1. ASCA AGM – basic meeting held, financials presented/approved, president/vp ? acclaimed, 5 new directors (all Edm area), no reps from the FI community
    - 5.3.2. General Mtg in the fall, advocacy resolutions to be reviewed (Oct 17th)

6. Old Business
  - 6.1. ASCA AGM Update
7. New Business
  - 7.1. PCS (Peace Collaborative Services) changes – funding model changed, combined some grants but still a cut ~ losing close to half the staff across the 8 school districts
    - 7.1.1. Paul ~ administration money reduced; collaboration between 7 districts
    - 7.1.2. Loss of Mental Health Therapists ~ going back to AHS, resources not as readily available
  - 7.2. OLEP (Official Languages Funding Protocol) changes
    - 7.2.1. \$80/student reduced to \$64 for K to 6; \$129 to \$114 per student for 7 & 8
    - 7.2.2. Dawn to research more info
    - 7.2.3. According to CPF, changes in funding will have a large impact on Faculte St Jean
    - 7.2.4. Large percentage of funding goes to Francophone school divisions
  - 7.3. GPSD School Council Consultation Questions
    - 7.3.1. What's working well – English instruction for parents, communication, online learning platforms
    - 7.3.2. What's not ~ all students don't learn the same, missing the community aspect of school, negative aspect of screen time  
Feedback from Chantal Puls ~ teachers appreciate hearing what works what doesn't
    - 7.3.3. Any wins? More family time, interaction
    - 7.3.4. What opportunities have they had to work with peers? Some grades/classes are interacting others are not
    - 7.3.5. What opportunities do you have to interact with your child's teacher? PTI's, email
    - 7.3.6. Return to school options:
      - 1) return as normal, OR
      - 2) combination of return to school/at home learning, OR
      - 3) fully online

Concerns

      - Are we rushing too quickly (is this being done for child care purposes vs is it truly safe)
      - Practicality of it in terms of resources and functionality
      - How are we dealing with changes to the environment when students return
      - What if we don't return and continue online learning? Lack of immersion opportunities, need peer connection opportunities, training and resources for parents OR engage with educators more to teach students, risk of disengagement
8. Next Meeting date – AGM September, September 23rd
9. Round table – Dawn expressed thanks to Paul for all he's done for the school
10. Adjournment