

École Montrose School Council Meeting  
Wednesday February 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm  
École Montrose Library  
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Melanie Bayko

Recorder: Allison Hill

Attendance: Melanie Bayko, Saara Bain, Johanne Kemp, Corry Harper, Paul Therrien, Allison Hill, Carolyne Beaudoin, Maxine Herbert

Regrets: Dawn Moffatt McMaster, Nicole Schenk, Paulette Kurylo

1. Call to Order and Introductions at 6:37 pm by Melanie
2. Review and approval of agenda motioned by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded \_\_\_\_\_
3. Review and approval of past meeting minutes
  - a. Maxine requested the following amendments to 4.(b) point 3:
    - Comment made that if you've had chicken pox or MMR you're already immune therefore ~~why~~ ~~the don't~~ need for vaccination – counterpoint point made that getting vaccinated will not hurt a person and is a minor inconvenience
    - b. Motion to approve with amendments by Saara, seconded by Maxine
4. Standing Items
  - a. Principal's Report
    - Pink shirt day is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 students ordered Ecole Montrose branded pink shirts from the online store
    - February's mental health theme is self-esteem. Parent presentation to be held the evening of February 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Community blanket exercise planned in January cancelled due to low enrolments. Administration will look at hosting this event every other year instead of every year going forward.
    - March 1<sup>st</sup> is the career convention for Grade 7 & 8's. Still looking to have a few more presenters in trades professions to present
    - Parent Teacher Interview's will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 7 pm
    - New school mascot announced on Literacy Day - "The Mountaineers/ Les Montagneurs." Students submitted suggestions (9 received in total) and then voted to determine what the new school mascot would be. Grade 7 & 8's wanted the mascot to be an animal so were challenged to find a way to incorporate an animal into the logo. Submissions have been forwarded on to Mohammad Haidar (GPPSD Communications Director) to create the new logo
    - District is implementing the SchoolEngage platform (accessed through Power School) for the 2019-20 school year. System will be used for registration and for any forms that need to be completed (permission slips, responsible tech use, etc). All parents will receive an email to set up accounts as needed. Question asked to how parents will know when there's something they need to update – forms are assigned to groups and then parents/guardians/students in those groups are notified that there is something they need to action
    - Paul is requesting that the Student Dress Code will be reviewed annually to ensure it is still relevant and/or if any updates need to be made
    - Request for feedback from school council:
      - ☐ Should school continue purchasing school supplies and charging each student a flat rate instead of sending a list out for parents/guardians to purchase? All agreed this should continue
      - ☐ Timing of Parent Teacher Interviews – does current timing work or would people rather that they happen earlier? General consensus was we'd rather know sooner than later if a

child is having issues but that most teacher's will connect with the parent/guardian if there's an issue. Parents also encouraged to do the same.

b. Chair report

- Rotary Service Above Self Nomination – think about who we'd like to nominate before next meeting. Paul to discuss with administration as well.
- Community Conference on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> focussed on communication & conflict (put on by ???), child care and lunch provided
- District will be hosting another social media for school councils workshop on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> for anyone that's interested in attending
- ASCA conference & AGM is April 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> – there are 3 spots available for the district if anyone's interested in putting their name forward
- Proposed Advocacy Resolutions: [link emailed for all to review and discuss at next meeting](#)

5. Old Business

- a. Nothing to report

6. New business

- a. Trustee Report – Paulette not in attendance

7. Round Table

- a. Food for teacher's on Parent Teacher Interviews – School Council to supply again, request for funding to be made during next Friends of Ecole Montrose meeting
- b. Maxine shared that she attended the community presentation by Eva Olsson, Holocaust Survivor – very interesting & informative
- c. **Me!** asked how the paint night went – had 40 attendees, response was positive
- d. Maxine brought up that handicapped parking stalls are not shovelled therefore making them unusable; Paul to discuss with maintenance
- e. Requested the city be invited to the next meeting to discuss having a second crosswalk painted at the other end of the bus loop

8. Next meeting date: Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm