PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 15 September, 2014 VENUE: School Office
MEETING OPENED: 7.45 PM

ATTENDANCE: Marianne Amos, Jan Dolstra, Dan Amos, Marika Livanis, Mark Tishler, Justin Perrett, Alan Scuder, Saif Khan, Sokka Lam

APOLOGIES: Dino, Melissa Taller, Samina Aziz, Khurram Nawaz, Hitesh Chandra, Paul Donovan, Christina Galvin, Tracy Smith

BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH’S MINUTES:
- Minutes from last meeting approved
- Cheque for $5,000 for SENTRAL reissued
- Will not be doing mocktails this year – money better spent on kids for other things

CORRESPONDENCE IN:
- Bank Statements
- Received quote for TLS. $15,400 for upgrade. Cheque was drawn.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:
- Nil

TREASURER’S REPORT
- Balance $37,165 after $5000 cheque drawn. Then $15,400 for TLS to be drawn.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
- Hopes everyone can come on Thursday for Celebration Day.
- Friday will be year 12 picnic day.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:
- I’ve jumped back on the merry-go-round and even though I’ve been back for a week, it has been hectic as the end of the term comes rushing to meet us! I would like to thank Mark for relieving as Principal, Heather Costa for relieving as DP and Lisa McDermott for relieving as HT CAPA! Thanks also to Justin for his support of Mark and Heather.
• The Trivia Night was an outstanding success and again, thanks to Mark for his leadership of the organizing team and for his hard work before and during the night. It was a wonderful expression of community, with our staff, their families and friends, Dan and Marianne representing the P&C and out local schools, including the Principals from EMHS, James Meehan and Picton High School. It was a great night! Mark is finalizing all the funds in and clearing expenses etc and should have a generous amount to forward to Breast Cancer Research towards the end of the year.

• We have almost finalized out school leadership team: Captains will be Teressa Bernardo, Hamza Butt and Vice Captains, Dylan Scarborough and Amy Huynh. I have met with them briefly and they will undertake their first duties this week. The team will be complete when the results of the SRC elections are announced.

• Channel 7 will visit the school tomorrow as part of the Aspire program. Senior student leaders, public speakers and debaters and those interested in journalism have been invited to participate.

• Big week this week to finish the term: Year 12 have an “Informal Assembly” tomorrow and their formal Graduation Assembly will be on Wednesday. They will receive their portfolios, including their reports and graduation photo. Celebration Day in on Thursday and they have their Picnic Day on Friday to finish their formal schooling. Students have access to a personalized timetable via the BOS login and we expect that students continue to check their DEC emails as the Careers Adviser is sending important information via this medium.

• Hands on HS also very successful – good rollup of parents and many had a ball cooking choc chip cookies with Justin!

• Thanks to the P&C for support in refurbishment of the TLS. New carpet is going in and new seating during holidays.

• Thanks also for involvement in Celebration Day! This is always a big event on the MFHS calendar and students really appreciate the P&C’s offerings!

• Planning for 2015 and beyond. We have just completed most of the evaluations and the Science Review and will be in a position to being the planning process early next term. I would really appreciate parental involvement. I will circulate the dates – please come along if you are available. I am also happy to run a session at the next P&C meeting re the new planning approach if there is interest,

DEPUTY’S REPORTS

• Mark
  o Strategic planning – will be using new reporting system next term. There will be an opportunity to provide input – this will be a separate meeting. Have some say into what will appear in the reports.

• Justin
  o Year 11 exams finished last week. Presiding officer said the behavior of the kids was very good.
  o Year 12 starting next term. Justin will meet with year 11 into year 12 students. Students have now selected their subjects.

Meeting Closed:  8:30 PM

Next Meeting:  October 20, 2014 – 7.30pm in the newly refurbished TLS