



A.N. MYER SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

1. **Chair's Welcome:** Christina welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introductions were made around the table.

2. **Principal's Report:**
 - **Student Enrolment:** 1230 total students; grade 12 students are currently sharing lockers. More lockers are being added for those who don't want to share. The Administration hopes to have lockers added and sorted out by the time second semester begins

 - **New Staff:** Rhianna Dioguardi, Andrew Enns, Katryna Sacco, Doug Fettes, Janet Kapitanchuk, Jesse Karr, Jessica Kropac, Violet McNaughton, Robert Paquette, Patrick Stewart, Laura Seguin, Stephanie Pavlovich

 - **Plant Update:**
 - **Turf Field:** was opened on Thursday, September 14th for practice and an exhibition game was played on Friday, September 15th. **Grand opening will be held as part of the 60th reunion activities on Friday, September 22nd at 2:45pm.** The turf field/track is not currently open to the public. The outdoor athletic court is open in the evenings because it was built as a joint project with the community. The municipality chose not to contribute to the turf field project so it is not open to the public. Signage will be erected ASAP regarding turf field rules. If community members would like to use the track/field after school hours they must apply to the DSNB facility services for a permit/rental. More garbage and recycling receptacles have been requested. A second practice field will be ready by next spring on the far side of the turf field. The scoreboard will be installed at the O'Neil end of the field when it is purchased (awaiting fundraising/donations); electrical has already been installed.

 - **Advertising on the sides of the turf field:** Discussion followed regarding the possibility of corporate contributors advertising their businesses. This could raise funds for turf maintenance and improvements.

 - **Science Labs:** four labs will be renovated and updated; planning will begin in January

 - **Myer Alumni 60th Reunion:** Kick off is Friday, September 22nd and a Spirit Day & Pep Rally are planned for students. Students will be released at lunch time (11:50am). The bulk of the Friday reunion activities are school-based; doors will open to the public at 12:00 noon. John McBain & Johanna Provost will present opening words at 2:45pm between the Jr & Sr. football games against the

Stamford/Westlane amalgamated team. On Saturday, September 22nd reunion events will take place at Firemen's Park: food trucks, tents by decade, live music, Myer spirit wear and past yearbooks on sale.

- **Legacy Project:** Students will be collecting donations at the entrance to Friday's event and John McBain has promised to match donations. Funds will be put towards a football scoreboard and a Myer Legacy Project (digitizing all yearbooks, school history).
 - **BBQ:** hot dogs/hamburgers have been ordered (630 pieces) at cost; veggie burgers will be made available. We are waiting to hear about water purchase/donation. Burger/pop/chip combo will be available for \$5.00. Johanna will take care of the float/cash-box. Ice is coming from KFC; troughs from GWL. Christina & Tracy are bringing tents for shade. Pop will be put in the staff room fridges (marked "Reunion") Kim will bring chafing dishes to keep pre-cooked burgers warm. Food tickets will be sold to prevent food preparers from handing money. Monique has tickets left-over from Trivia Night that can be used. Christina asks volunteers to arrive as early as possible; she will be here by 9:00am.
- **Student Council Update:** reports to begin in October.

3. School Council Business & Operations 2017-18:

- **Elections:** school council chair: Christina Armistead nominated by Lynda McCabe/Tracy Walls - acclaimed; secretary: Kim Martignago nominated by Eileen McRae/Tracy Walls
 - Minutes to be sent to Johanna first; she will pdf the file and forward it on to Monique for the school website and to School Council members.
- **Contact list:** names, email addresses, phone numbers were collected around the table.
- **School Council Committees:**
 - Open House Committee: Will begin planning the Grade 8 Open House soon.
 - Fundraising Committee: main event is Fall Trivia Night. Funds raised at the 2017 event will be used to update equipment for the weight room.
- **Football Pasta Night: Oct 19, 2017** – Salad, Penne and Apple squares (with take-out available) will be sold to raise funds for the football teams and the Foods Program. There was concern that it may conflict with Trivia Night attendance. The date was chosen because people/families will be here for the 5:00pm and 7:00pm football games.
- **School Council Pro-Grant Evening:** Suggested event theme: "How to manage your money" for students. We are waiting for grant approval.

4. Tentative Events:

- **Joint School Council Meeting with Feeder School Councils:** tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th. Johanna will contact feeder schools to find out what topic/subject they might be interested in for that night. Suggested topic: Myer's new social worker to speak to parents about student resilience and managing stress.
- **PIC Conference:** Wednesday, November 1st @ Eden SS
- **Myer Trivia Night:** Friday, November 17th @ Myer
- **Grade 8 Open House:** Thursday, November 30th – Myer usually welcomes approximately 800 people to this event.
- **Pro-grant Event:** Tentatively scheduled for May pending grant approval.

5. School Operations:

- **Grade 9 Programming:**
 - **Camp Myer:** Tuesday, September 26th to Friday, September 29th
 - **Cave Springs Adventure Day:** Thursday, September 28th for those students not attending Camp Myer. \$20 cost/student covers cost of bussing (6 buses have been ordered); school covers the costs for the day's activities. Leadership Course students are running the day's programming.
 - **Grade 11/12 students:** will have the opportunity to attend a speaker series on Thursday, September 28th in the morning. Classes will resume as scheduled in the afternoon.
 - **Orange Shirt Day (Friday, October 29th):** acknowledges the Residential Schools and our tragic history with Canada's Aboriginal Peoples. An Indigenous Elder will be performing a traditional opening for the school day. There will also be a presentation made by the students in the Indigenous Studies class. Orange ribbons will be made available by the Special Needs students for those who do not wear an orange T-shirt. Curriculum will soon be mandated to include an aboriginal/indigenous perspective; Myer administration will begin to make changes towards this mandate this school year.
 - **Resiliency Initiative:** teaching students skills to manage stress during MSIP once/month. Grade 12 students will also be taught concrete skills that they will need in post-secondary studies once/month in their MSIP classes (i.e. citing references, surfing the web for legitimate information, writing a bibliography, etc.)
 - **Students with Behaviour Issues:** Dance, yoga, and movement will be explored with students to help with managing stress and building resiliency.
 - **Numeracy & Literacy:** Students will be working on numeracy and literacy in their MSIP classes as identified by last year's EQAO testing.

- **DSBN Water Sports Directive:** *The Ontario Ministry of Education has mandated that all student water activities are completely prohibited due to the recent drowning death of a student in the TDSB.* Swim-team activities are allowed because there are always life guards present. Prior to participating, rowing team members must complete and pass swim tests that are documented and approved by school administrations (Two certified life guards must be present at the swim test and cannot be affiliated with the school). Each school administration must review every single water program available at their school and ensure that they meet the Ministry requirements.
- **A. N. Myer Secondary School Academic Responsibility Contract:** has been created to encourage students to be accountable and responsible and to communicate their circumstances if they must be absent for a class, test, presentation, or are late to hand in an assignment. Parents and students will read and sign the document. The document lays out the expectations for student/parent academic responsibility: marks will be deducted for late assignments, and medical note will be required for a student to return to class after an absence during a major summative evaluation. If a student has a team, activity, or personal appointment conflict, teachers are to be notified at least one week in advance of the absence. A draft of the contract was handed out for parent input. The administration is planning to send the form home to student families on October 1st, 2017. This form will be sent out annually, eventually being included in the registration package. Discussion followed. Every student/parent at Myer will sign and return the form. School Administration will follow-up with any family that does not return the signed form in a timely manner.
- **Students that will turn 18 years of age during their grade 12 year:** a form will be sent out to parents of grade 12 students notifying them that the school administration cannot communicate student information once that child turns 18 years of age unless the student signs a consent form to permit parent/school communication.

6. Around the Table:

- **Honour Roll Breakfast:** will be held in November.

Tentative Meeting Dates 2017-18:

(all meetings at 6:30pm in Room 120A unless otherwise noted)

- Tuesday, October 10th
- Tuesday, November 7th
- Friday, November 17th – Myer's Annual Trivia Night (Cafeteria)
- Thursday, November 30th – Grade 8 Open House
- Tuesday, February 13th
- Tuesday, April 17th
- Tuesday, June 12 – Social Evening, Location TBA

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kim Martignago