

**Manitoulin Secondary School**  
**School Council Meeting**  
**September 26, 2013**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Library**

Present: Mary Scott, Valerie Beaudin, Jeanette Baumann, Karen McGraw, Darla McCulligh,  
Laurie Zahnow  
Guest: Larry Killens  
Regrets: Valita Lloyd, Patty Chapman, Paula Fields, Sarah Hutchinson

1. Welcome and Introductions  
Laurie welcomed everyone and distributed copies of “Battle Lines” to all ... as a small thank you for participation. Absent members will receive a copy when they are able to attend.
2. Elections;  
Chair: Valerie Beaudin has agreed to Chair for another 2 year term (thanks, Val!)  
Secretary: Will be on a rotating basis ... Laurie to be the first
3. Acceptance of Minutes from May 15, 2013  
Minutes accepted by Darla McCulligh, seconded by Mary Scott
4. Sharing of Information and Correspondence  
One piece of correspondence from People for Education was shared.  
Laurie reminded everyone that all P4E newsletters can be found on their website.
5. Principal’s Report
  - 5.1 Student Enrollment, Budget, Staffing Allocation for 2013/2014;  
Enrollment: 453.50  
Preliminary Budget: \$110,861  
Staffing Allocation: 32 FTE teachers, 4 EAs, 2 Secretaries, 1 Librarian, 5  
Custodians/cleaners, 1 Aboriginal Support Worker, 1  
Attendance Counsellor, 1 Computer Tech, 1 FN Social Worker,  
1 VP, 1P
  - 5.2 Fundraising Plan Form for 2013/2014  
The fundraising plan was distributed and a variety of questions asked of Laurie.  
School Council supported the plan.
  - 5.3 PRO Grant  
MSS has been approved for another PRO grant ... \$1,000 for our “Equity and  
Inclusiveness” gathering. Plans will begin at our next meeting, including date selection.
  - 5.4 Update on new daily schedule  
By all reports, everyone seems to enjoy the schedule! We heard comments from all at  
the table and they were all positive.

- 5.5 Presentation of results from Parent Survey  
The survey that we generated to gather parental baseline attitudes had response from only 10 parents. This is not considered a large enough sample size to consider valid data. We will try to open the survey again at the end of the semester.

- 5.6 Great to Excellent  
The Ministry is looking to gather input from parents that will inform their next steps in education. As such, Island schools will host a “town hall” to hear and record parent responses to 7 prepared questions. The evening will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Advertising will begin soon. Please join us if you can. For more information, the link to the Ministry website is;

[http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/reports/FullanReport\\_EN\\_07.pdf](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/reports/FullanReport_EN_07.pdf)

6. Other:

- 6.1 email addresses were updated

- 6.2 PIC dates

The council selected April 8<sup>th</sup> to attend the PIC meeting via video conference. The presentation topic on this evening is “How to Identify the Signs of Stress in your Child”. Our meeting will take place at 6:00 pm with the video conference to follow at 7:00 pm. We will meet in room E13.

Any School Council member is welcome to participate in any of the PIC meetings. Please let Laurie know a couple of days ahead so that video conferencing can be arranged.

Laurie distributed information regarding the October 20<sup>th</sup> motivational speaker, Jonathan Mooney. The presentation will begin at 7:00 pm, preceded by the PIC AGM at 6:00 pm. All School Council members are invited to attend. Video conferencing will be available so that Island parents can easily attend.

- 6.3 Liability Insurance - deferred

- 6.4 Any other *Other*

Larry Killens praised the students of MSS. He also asked that any parents interested in receiving news article information from him, through email, either provide him with their email address or get in contact with him.

7. Meeting dates for 2013/2014

November 28, March 20, April 8 ... all at 6:00 pm

Adjourn @ 7:00 pm

