

SAC MEETING MINUTES May 23, 2024

Present:

Kate Lovett

Stephen Corkum

Cathy Williams

Tara Bowser

Logan Byrne

Chi Chi

Blair Greenland

No previous minutes

Student Report – Attached

Principal Report

SAC Forum in September.

Another Department Head for Student Services next year – Kate Lovett

New VP from HTB. Ms Stymest will be retiring.

Threats to school – our main focus is safety.

Female athlete session – mental health in sports

Student Success Survey – 70+% participation

Math 10 Initiative – no new data, next data pool end of June.

Staffing underway, 944 students approx.. Classroom space still an issue.

Photography contract complete, staying with Calnen,

Citizenship Award – Chi Chi

New Business

Funding Applications

Jenny Carroll Netukulimk - \$1,000

Gym Equipment - \$1,000

End of Minutes

School Advisory Council

Student Report

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Well, here we are at our last meeting of the school year. This report will give you some highlights of life at Millwood High since we met on April 11th. Needless to say, we are a busy school, and this report can't capture everything that takes place. But we hope it is a good snapshot of the last five weeks.

Annie the Musical was a hit last week! After many months of planning and practicing, the cast and crew presented a terrific show that the crowd really loved. We had a couple of shows for the Millwood Elementary students and for Rocky Lake Elementary. The cast and crew were very happy with their performances, and they were very sad when the last show ended.

The grade 12 art show took place in the library last week. Lots of talented artists had an opportunity to showcase their work for parents, guardians and community members to see.

The grade 12s are still working on their Kill the Pen projects (that we may have mentioned to you before). They take a semester to completely use a pen in one art piece. They are all looking good! In addition, these art students are working on Bucket List Impressionist Art.

In math 12 academic, we are working on the finance unit...the real useful stuff...haha.

The Global History group has started their unit "The Pursuit of Justice".

For some other classroom highlights, we can share that the math 9s are learning about linear relationships and how to use equations and expressions to differentiate non linear and linear equations.

The science 9s are learning about cell theory. The English Language Arts classes in grade 9 have wrapped up the poetry unit and will be completing one more mini-unit before exams in June.

French Immersion students are learning more about verb tenses. The math 10 students are creating a board game as they learn about data. They also learned how to create graphs using data. Geography 10 students are studying global warming and Hurricane Mitch. The art 10s are finishing their art pieces. We collected lots of cardboard before starting the Cardboard Art Project. Learning Strategies 11 and 12 classes have been reviewing grammar rules and how to use them in our work.

Math 11 extended is working on the last unit which is the stats unit. Health and Human Services just finished a big project called River of Life. The students in African Canadian Studies are also in the middle of a large research project.

There have been a few bake sales in the lobby at lunch time over the past few weeks. These fundraisers have been in support of different causes, and our Millwood students are always there to help out when they can.

Last weekend, nine of our students attended a provincial conference at Saint F X. This conference was organized by the Nova Scotia Secondary Students' Association or as we call it, N Triple S A. It was a fun event that focused on leadership skills, and our students had a great time.

The student council organized a dance on May 9th with the theme being "Beach Bash". Tickets were pre-sold and the event was successful. Council members are now working on completing the mascot showdown video that will be used at the showdown event on June 6th. What is the mascot showdown, you may ask? It is a charity event where students from schools all over the HRM come together to celebrate school spirit and, of course, our mascots. Lance will be a part of it all on June 6th. Go Lance!

A group of grade 9s was chosen to attend a Black Excellence Day appreciation event held at Dartmouth High School. Attendees watched lots of talented young Black students perform and there was a guest speaker. Maestro Fresh Wes performed and shared motivational words with the group. The event was fun, inspirational and engaging.

Student Council elections for next year's Co-prez have taken place. Next year's co-presidents are Abby and Devica. The vice presidents are Quinn and Mya. Application forms have been posted for next year's offices. They were due today. Interviews start next week to select position reps for the various roles on council.

Prom tickets are now on sale for the June 15th event. This year's theme is Enchanted Knight and will be held at Pier 21, the same as in the past several years. Graduation takes place on June 27th.

We held another Athletes as Citizens forum where students had a chance to hear positive messages from mentors and leaders. The Jack.Org group organized a Wellness Fair yesterday with lots of community presenters set up to offer information and resources. Over 700 of our students were able to walk through the gym and visit the many kiosk displays. There were fifteen community organizations here to share information. In addition to the resources on display, there were many activity stations set up by the students of Jack.Org. There were prize draws as well.

Our Leadership 12 classes have been working with students supported by our Learning Centres. The 12s have led many activities including a recent field trip to the bowling alley. Everyone enjoyed the bowling game. They are planning a celebration event tomorrow with more games and food.

Our Mi'kmaw Indigenous Student Support room has been busy too. Treena Osmond invited reps from the Aboriginal Peoples Training Employment Commission to talk to our indigenous students about summer employment options. Three people from the Clean Foundation came in to speak with Ms. Carroll's Netukulimk class and to the Biology class. There was information presented on employment and scholarship opportunities. The guests gave away prizes as well. Treena worked with the Leadership 12 group, Netukulimk students and students supported by the learning centre to create dolls made from felt. This initiative was part of creating more awareness about the MMIWG2S+ National Day of Awareness.

Thirteen students also had the chance to participate in a field trip outing to the Millbrook First Nation Cultural and Heritage Centre. Treena Osmond took three MHS students to Charles P Allen to film a video with Cheetahs for Change and teacher Yelena Smith. They included us in their efforts for Moose Hide Campaign Day of Awareness. Two representatives from the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre were here yesterday to offer resources at the Wellness Fair hosted by our very own Jack.Org group.

Spring sports are almost over for the year. Track athletes participated today, and we are awaiting results and hoping that some may advance to provincials.

We hoped that we covered the highlights of the past several weeks, but as you know, Millwood High is always a busy place. Even if we missed some of the important work that our students are doing, we hope that you have a good picture of life in and out of the classrooms lately.

There is going to be a Bingo night fundraiser for the California trip. The Bingo takes place on Saturday, May 25th at the Springfield Rec Centre. The trip takes place next March 2025!

We are going to shift to "get ready for exam" mode soon and hope to finish the year strong.

Thank you for your support and "Go Knights"!