

## **MORDEN COLLEGIATE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday March 7, 2023 @ 7 pm**

### **1. Call the meeting to order - Tara Meilun**

- a. Introductions. 9 people in attendance
- b. Student Council report - none available

### **2. Principal's Report - Tania Sigurdson**

-presentations to WSD board happened in past weeks re Budget decisions, with Student Council presenting the Vending Machine project.

-SEAR Drone project is going well, a partnership with MCI, giving some students the opportunity to learn a lot about Drones. They are working with drones to spot potential sick trees in Morden that might have Dutch Elm Disease, and collaborate with City of Morden staff.

-Staffing changes - because of our growing student body population, approval for another .25 FTE Vice Principal position. It is being advertised as a full time position, with the other .75FTE being a teaching position.

-Resignation from school teacher Ashley Hoitink, Computer Technology teacher, her position is now posted.

-Morden Thunder sports update- Hockey team has made it to the final round of playoffs, and won their first game yesterday vs Portage. Badminton is just getting underway. Softball / Baseball try-outs will be running shortly

-Course Selection meetings will be happening next weekend. Email to come from the school shortly.

### **3. Treasurer's Report - Tara Meilun**

approx \$1600 balance - \$1000 will be going to Student Council towards the Vending machine

### **4. Old Business**

- a. Staff Appreciation - going well, 1st round of treats really appreciated.
- b. Cell phones in classrooms - new implementation going super well this semester! Teachers feel supported by admin, students are for the most part on board!
- c. Dance - parent volunteers - only able to secure 2 parents to help chaperone the event.

### **5. New Business**

a. PAC meeting presentation at WSB recently. Tara was able to present and represent the parent voice. Thanks Tara! A good reminder of the voice that parents can have to the school division, they really do want to know what parents are concerned about. Lots of input re the need for more support of students in the area of mental / emotional health.

- b. Questions / comments from parents

**NEXT MEETING:        Tuesday April 4, 2023.**