Morden Collegiate Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Monday September 8, 2025

MCI Library 7:00pm

Committee Members

Bent Kletke Chair

Liz Reimer Treasurer

Cathy Savage Secretary

Cindy Magarrell Volunteer Coordinator

Tania Sigurdson MCI Principal

1. Meeting called to order by Brent Keltke at 7:05pm

• 18 people in attendance

2. Treasurer's Report – Liz Reimer

- Balance as of August 2025 is \$1003.66
- E-transfers to PAC as of Sept 8 are \$910.00 (Fundraising Fees)
- Estimated total of account \$1913.66.

3. Principal's Report – Tania Sigurdson

- 784 students registered this year at MCI.
- MIC is fully staffed with teachers for the school year!
- Transportation concerns the athletic teams. There are not enough drivers for the athletic programs. MCI will be putting out an advertisement to help recruit drivers.
- The huts that were needed at the High School have not been moved. Hoping to have them moved in November. This has caused some disruption to classes; however, MCI has such great staff a few pivots and compromise and all is well.
- The board games cabinet has been moved down to the cafeteria. This will make the games accessible to all and keep the noise down there. MCI has access to both sides of the cafeteria to use during lunch hour this year.
- Lunchtime intramurals will be headed up by Mr. Nixion this year.

- MCI is working with Morden Community Development Corporation to build the Internship program for high school students.
- Teachers' appreciation lunch will be held in February.

4. Student Council Report – Lana Lopez, President

- Terry Fox Run will be taking place on October 18
- Opening the Thunder store for Thunder merchandise.
- Spirit week September 22 26
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5. Meeting Discussion

May 14, 2025, there is going to be a presentation for the division on the Impact of screens on Children by Val Caildwell. The presentation will be held in the MCI gym. She presented last year at GVSD, here is a link to the article:

https://www.pembinavalleyonline.com/articles/bridging-the-gap-a-conversation-on-the-relationship-between-technology-and-children-

- There was a discussion around items that PAC can purchase for the school. One thought was accessible picnic tables. This was talked about last year.
- Changing the PAC scholarships that are offered to students.
- Create a letter to show the measurable of the successes of the PAC committee.
 Educated the families at MCI as to what PAC does for the school, teachers, and students.
- There are a number of newcomer families at MCI. Many of the families are new to the Canadian school system. We had discussed the possibility of a newcomer information session to educate and help families navigate the school system.

6. New Business

 Mike Ward and Kevin Convery will look at the policies and procedures manual for MCI. Both have completed this task before.

Next meeting October 6th at 7:00 – 8:00pm followed by a mixer 8:00 – 8:30pm.