

# School Council Report February 2018

**District Updates-** Changes to the District Student Conduct Policy have been passed by the Board of Trustees. Changes include supports for victims of misbehaviour and for those who act out. The 2018-2019 school code of conduct will need to align with new policy and regulation. More details can be found on School Zone.

**Assessment & Reporting :** Term II Interim Report for Junior High Posted to School Zone, February 2

**Staffing** – Gabriela Toledo has become a permanent EA with MSS

**Student Activities** – Our students continue to be provided opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom. The following student activities have taken place or are in the works:

- Cheer team has been hard at work practicing their routine for competitions, they competed in the Cold Snap Classic at the Edmonton Expo Center on January 19. They received 1st place, and represented MSS very well.
- February 14 will be the Valentine's Day Dance for the Junior High Students. The dance will take place from 1ish to 2:55 pm.
- On February 15 we will be hosting Student Led Conferences, this is a time for students to show their parents the cool and interesting things that they have been learning. The Student Led conferences will run from 3:30 - 8:00 with a staff supper break from 5:00-5:30.
- Debate: The MSS debate team had our best tournament yet at Grandview Heights on Saturday. Our lowest placement for our beginner and open teams was 5th overall. The highlights include having one of our open teams win every round, medal, and get place third. Congrats Aya Ibrahim and Paityn Johnstone! We also had our very own Michael Robichaud medal and place third best speaker of the tournament. This upcoming Saturday is our last tournament before regionals that take place at Vernon Barford on February 24th.
- Leadership: Students in grade 7 Leadership have started a suggestion box because they want to hear from the students. They have been helping out the grade 4 eco team at lunch and have a few things they are wanting to plan for their time this trimester. They have a few theme days in the works and also are creating some plans to help out the grade 6s that will transition into junior high next year.

Other Information:

- Question - Agenda Stickers as reminders for School Council/SPF meeting - A good way to attract members or would a written note like Field Trip notices suffice?

- SPF \$ request- The Alberta Opera is booked to come and perform Jack and The Beanstalk for the school. We are requesting the amount of \$1995.00 to pay for the event.
- Gr 2 August Orientation -
- Meals to Go Edmonton - We are really excited about a new lunch opportunity that is being offered to MSS students. Check out this website to order hot fresh nutritional lunches that could be delivered to our school at lunch every day except Pizza Days- [www.mealstogoedmonton.ca](http://www.mealstogoedmonton.ca). The meals are \$6.00 each and are paid for in advance at home on your computers. There are two schools that have been given the opportunity to pilot this lunch initiative, both Dan Knott and Edith Rogers. This is scheduled to begin at MSS in March and while you will need to order the month before, you will be able to select the days/meals as opposed to for the full months' menu. Ordering is now open for orders and due Feb 25/18.
- Natasha Deen will be the guest author joining us April 11
- We surveyed the community on Schoolzone in regards to which photographer they would like to use for next year. Based on the 51 responses the results were: Lifetouch 21.6 %, IKON 45.1 % and Doesn't Matter 33.3%, therefore we will be asking IKON to be our photographer for the 2018-2019 school year.
- As per the request of School Council we are informing you in advance that the Science Dept will be requesting for Breakout kits at our next meeting.

Breakout kits are a fantastic way to promote student engagement and learning in the classroom. Building and designing a breakout around curriculum allows students to work together to solve multiple clues and problems in order to "solve" the breakout and unlock the box. This was recently used in Science 9 as a tool to introduce atomic structure and the periodic table and it was a hit.

We were able to do this in grade 9 because a colleague at another school lent Mrs. Arsenault a kit to use for a short period of time. We would like to purchase supplies to build some of our own so they can be used School Wide!

Supplies for the kits include lockable boxes, various re programmable combination locks (3-digit, 4-digit, combination, 4 and 5 letter word locks, key locks), smaller lockable boxes to hold other clues, UV flashlights, invisible ink pens and hasps.

We would like to build 6 kits so that we have multiple ready for use at any given time. With the number of grades and classes we have, this is a reasonable number. Estimated total costs for 6 kits would be approximately \$1200.00 total.

#### **Upcoming events:**

February 2 Division 2 Snow Valley Ski Trip

February 5 -23 E-Waste Collection

February 6 a.m. Grade 9's will be visiting J.Percy Page for a tour and information session

February 8 Jump Rope for Heart Assembly

February 9 PD day

February 12-15 Book Fair

February 14 Touch of Class / Valentine's Day Dance - Junior High

February 15 Student Led Conferences / Junior High Pizza Day

February 16 Elementary Pizza Day

