

# School Council Report March 2018

**District Updates-** Changes to the District Student Conduct Board 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 the new policy and regulation. An opportunity for parent input will be coming once the Administrative Regulation has been finalized. Details about the Board Policy can be found on School Zone.

**Assessment & Reporting :** Term 2 report cards will be posted on March 23 @ 4:00 pm

**Staffing** - Zahra Liberty is covering Brandi Devitt's maternity leave for the remainder of the year.

- Deborah Young 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:

- March 9 will be the Glow Dance for MSS families. The dance will take place from 6 to 8 pm.
- March 10: The cheer team will be competing at the True North Competition at the Expo Center
- Debate: We finished up regionals almost 2 weeks ago now. We had some good wins, but unfortunately not enough to bring us down to Calgary Provincials this upcoming weekend. As the Edmonton jr high rep, Mrs. Moerike will be attending provincials anyway. The debate club has already started some strategic plans for improvement next year and we will be winding down practices and having a wrap up fairly soon.
- Grade 7 Leadership: Beach Day was a wonderful success as we were swept away dreaming of warmer days in the sun. That day the grade 7 Leadership team was able to sell over 200 glasses of lemonade. The students as a group learned that we have some students in the school with a cause that is near and dear to their heart (through the suggestion box) and so they have designated our lemonade money to that cause. Thanks to the MSS community, we have \$218.50 headed to Cystic Fibrosis Canada, an organization that invests in Cystic Fibrosis life-saving research! They continue to help support the grade 4 eco team during lunches. They are planning one last fun day before they switch to their next option. March 16th will be twin/triplet day at MSS. It will be a chance for friends to dress as twins.
- All four of our basketball teams are currently entering playoffs. They have all experienced successful regular seasons and we are looking forward to their results from the playoffs over the next two weeks. The badminton team tryouts will begin immediately after the basketball teams are finished. The goal is to choose the MSS badminton team before spring break.
- School Pictures: As we only had 50 responses our survey and we have just started using Lifetouch again we would like feedback for Lifetouch as to why we were not 100% happy with their service. They

are willing to send out a representative to come discuss concerns. When speaking to staff the feedback we got was IKON was a difficult company to work with and therefore would like to go with Lifetouch for another year, provide them with feedback from parent council and reevaluate at the end of next year.

**Other Information:**

- SPF \$ request- The Science Department is requesting the amount of \$1200 to pay for break out kits. 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.
- As per the request of School Council we are informing you in advance that we will be requesting \$500 for Grade 9 Farewell at our next meeting.
- Gr 2 August Orientation is still in the planning stage- no updates
- Meals to Go Edmonton - Started on March 5th. About 10 kids participating but hoping for that to increase as word spreads
- Natasha Deen will be the guest author joining us April 11

**Upcoming events:**

March 9 Glow Dance

March 12 Pre Enrollment opens

March 15 Student Junior High Pizza Day

March 16 Elementary Pizza Day

March 20 Division 2 Snow Valley Ski Trip - rescheduled from February due to extreme cold temperatures

March 23 - Progress Reports and Individual Program Plans will be uploaded to Schoolzone

March 26 - April 2 Spring Break