



St. Thomas More Junior High School

School Council Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2024 @ 6:30 PM (In Person and TEAMS)

In-Person Attendees: Melissa Fraser, Kim Fehlauser, Angie Gulevich, Lyndsay Boileau, Latoya Cumberland, Kevin Myskiw, Michael Pagacz, Ashley Brewka

Online Attendees: none

- 1) Call to Order (Kim Fehlauser) @ 6:31 PM
- 2) Opening Prayer (Kevin Myskiw)
- 3) Treaty Six Acknowledgement (Michael Pagacz)
- 4) Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2024 (Kim Fehlauser)

Motion to approve minutes: Lyndsay Boileau

Seconded: Ashley Brewka

Motion passed – minutes from April 22, 2024 were approved

- 5) Principal's Report (Kevin Myskiw)
 - School Fees
 - For the last 6-7 years schools have had to publish fees
 - Every school has to have a max amount that they will charge parents for the year.
 - Fees are consistent with the exception of increases in music, construction, foods, yearbook and replacement locks.
 - Fee schedule must include all field trips that will incur a cost to parents. School can do others but must be cost must be covered by the school (or school council)
 - June Calendar
 - Very busy
 - Has been posted every Friday
 - New – Rock Concert on June 7th
 - May be the only school in Alberta doing this.
 - All ages event
 - Track and Field Cities – over 20 kids have qualified
 - Slo-pitch – doing very well, could end with a new banner in the gym
 - Permission form was sent home Friday May 31 regarding open campus during exams.
 - School will be painted over the next year.
 - Toilets have all been fixed, urinals need to be upgraded
 - School Growth Plan was presented, some highlights include:
 - Improving on Religion class at the end of the day for 15 minutes.
 - A room will be created and dedicated to a chapel
 - Field Tests will be completed and teachers will be participating in marking to support PAT's
 - English Language Learner Educator (ELLE) to be hired to help English Language Learners (ELLs) to get to grade level
 - Unified structure of services with Emotional Behavioural Specialist (EBS), Behavioural Therapists (TABT), Wellness, Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) Clinical Social Worker, and School Resource Officer (SRO)

- Have seen a substantial influx of newcomers – resources to support will include clubs and multi-cultural events and other ideas to support an inclusive, safe and welcoming environment.
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (EDIAR) and Truth and Reconciliation professional learning for staff

6) Old Business (Kim Fehlauer)

Parent Workshop

- April 29 – Gary Anika – Understanding the Teenage Brain
 - Wonderful Feedback, including: important topic, details were great, practical suggestions, science behind it, engaging speaker, tools and ideas were useful
- Feedback on survey included:
 - Ideas for future workshops: Managing emotions and coping skills
 - Fundraising Ideas: cookie dough, popcorn, bbq, and others
 - Best way to communicate: scoop and email

Staff Appreciation

- May 23rd email went out requesting donations (potluck item, volunteering time, gifts, cash)
 - Excellent response ~\$1790 in donations
 - Less meals than last year, but will supplement with cash.
 - Dickies has other side items to go with the chicken and brisket
 - \$588 for meat
 - Baked Beans, mac and cheese, and coleslaw are the additional options. Cost to be determined.
 - One last email to parents to contribute
 - Can drop off at Awards and or Farewell with front desk
- Format will be similar to last year
 - To include video/audio appreciation. Is this possible?
 - Can students submit a video?
 - No FOIP concerns as it would stay in the school
 - Posters with QR code could be put up for students
 - Alternative would be to have someone setup at the school to give the students a chance to record their message. Should we have someone setup at school to have kids come and do this?
 - Encourage students to leave notes for more than just one individual student. We are appreciating the entire staff.
 - Donation, potluck, money, gift, or time

School Council Annual Report

- ASCA report needs to be submitted by mid-June
 - Recaps the year
 - 8 meetings
 - ACSA info from website
 - Procedures
 - Trustee hosted
 - Community in School Councils attended
 - SC support fundraising, Casino, Cobs, Purdy's, BBQ
 - Discuss purchase requests for fundraising

- Hosting staff appreciation
- Hosted 2 parent education nights
- Volunteered at the BBQ
- Challenges: Parent Involvement – always trying to engage parents
- Other: Suggestion: ASCA consider providing a list of resources/presenters of how to use the funds.

7) New Business (Kim Fehlauer)

- None

8) Open questions, comments, concerns from parent community

- For September AGM:
 - Audit of Financial Statements Ashley and 1 require one additional parent
 - Audit of secretary notes

9) Next Meeting Date:

AGM: September 23, 2024

10) Adjournment @ 7:08 PM