



St. Thomas More Junior High School

School Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2024 @ 6:30 PM (In Person and TEAMS)

In-Person Attendees: Melissa Fraser, Kim Fehlauser, Angie Gulevich, Lyndsay Boileau, Latoya Cumberland, Kevin Myskiw, Leanna Chan, Sarah Lartey, Domingo Barretto, Dana Myers, Savannah Palmquist

Online Attendees: Michael Pagacz, Kathy Borden, Kim Holder, Nicole Cooper

- 1) Call to Order (Kim Fehlauser) @ 6:37 PM
- 2) Opening Prayer (Kevin Myskiw)
- 3) Treaty Six Acknowledgement (Kevin Myskiw)
- 4) Introductions of everyone at the meeting.
 - a. Annual General Meeting, will go through bylaws. Highlights of the last 3 years, elect board members, and some reports from previous chair
- 5) Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2024 (Kim Fehlauser)

Motion to approve minutes: Angie Gulevich

Seconded: Latoya Cumberland

Motion passed – minutes from June 3, 2024 were approved

- 6) Principal's Report (Kevin Myskiw)
 - Sitting at about 515 students
 - That's about 47 net new students, 10-15 are academy students
 - Not quite enough for 3 new teachers
 - There are six grade 7 and 8 classes
 - There are five grade 9 classes
 - Usually gets ~25 new students through the year.
 - Class sizes are currently 30-34 students each.
 - Academies (approximately):
 - 125 hockey
 - 55 soccer
 - 7 ringette
 - 12-13 baseball
 - Had some challenges with timetables, thank you for your patience
 - All toilets have been fixed with exception of 2 in the boys bathroom
 - 2 new teachers
 - Diane- Social and Cree
 - Rico – English, Phys Ed, Social
 - School Soccer teams started last week
 - Cross Country will start in the next couple weeks, if you have any children who are runners, please encourage them to join.
- 7) Old Business (Kim Fehlauser)
 - None
- 8) New Business (Kim Fehlauser)
 - Recap of 2023-24 school year

- 8 board members
- 8 meetings
- 2 parent workshops
- School Trustee Harris attended meeting
- Community of schools and council meetings
- Casino funds supported: construction, drama, music, sensory room and Chromebooks
- ~\$77,000 brought in from the Casino event
- Setup GIC's to earn some interest
- Track and Field BBQ
- Purdy's fundraiser
- Present at school events (3 times)
- Hosted Staff Appreciation Day
- Engagement with parents: texts, Friday emails, Instagram, website etc.
- Review and proposed amendments to the Operating Procedures
 - Operating procedures dictate what is done by Council
 - 2 years ago wrote operating procedures
 - Need to be reviewed at AGM, any changes can be proposed.
 - All parents are members of the School Council. Only official elected members are Chair and Secretary
 - Operating Procedures act as a guidebook for the School Council
 - Written inline with the Bylaws that were recently written for the fundraising association.
- Motion to approve Operating Procedures as is: Lyndsay Boileau*
- Seconded: Domingo Barretto*
- Motion passed – Operating Procedures approved with no required changes.*
- Audit of Secretary records
 - Volunteers to audit agendas and minutes: Savannah Palmquist and Lyndsay Boileau
- Alberta School Councils' Association information
 - We are members of ASCA, sponsored by the division
 - Website is a wealth of information
 - Albertaschoolcouncils.ca
 - If you would like the login for extra access to info, contact the chair
 - ASCA issues a \$500 grant each year to be used for parent workshops
- No Device Policy in Schools
 - Alberta Government announced new directive
 - Encouraging locks on lockers
 - Only can use it for locker break, and for a short period at lunch
 - Some teachers have had to take away student phones
 - Majority of students recognize the rule and haven't had too many issues, as it was implemented last year.
- Open house September 18
 - Attended Open House and had a table setup.
 - Lots of interest to participate.
 - Anticipating great help this year.
- Election of School Council board members of vacant positions
 - The School Council and Fundraising Association are 2 separate entities on paper, but operate very closely and meetings run back to back.

- Council only has 2 elected members, Chair and Secretary, all parents of the school community are members
- Fundraising Association consists of: Chair, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors-at-Large (Casino Liaison, Fundraising Director, others)
 - Only elected members are able to vote
 - Still welcome to attend if you are not a member, but can't vote
- Two names put forward, both nominees unable to attend the AGM
 - Letter read from Nicole Cooper regarding her interest in the Chair position
 - Erin Solano has put her name forward for Secretary. Letter submitted to Kim
- No other nominations

Position	Previous Member	New Nominees 24/25
Chair	Kim Fehlauer	Nicole Cooper
Secretary	Angie Gulevich	Erin Solano

Chair:

Motion to nominate Nicole Cooper for position of Chair: Kim Fehlauer

Seconded: Lyndsay Boileau

All in favour: Motion passed – Nicole Cooper appointed Chair of STM School Council

Secretary:

Motion to nominate Erin Solano for position of Secretary: Kim Fehlauer

Seconded: Lyndsay Boileau

All in favor: Motion passed – Erin Solano appointed Secretary of STM School Council

9) Open questions, comments, concerns from parent community

- None

10) Next Meeting Date:

October 21, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

10) Adjournment @ 7:13 PM