



St. Thomas More Junior High School

School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes September 22, 2025 @ 6:30 PM (In Person and TEAMS)

In-Person Attendees: Kevin Myskiw (Principal), Ashley Flamia (Assistant-Principal), Justine Buttigieg (Assistant-Principal), Nicole Cooper (Chair), Sarah Lartey (Vice-Chair), Erin Solano (Out-going Secretary), Latoya Cumberland (Out-going Treasurer), Mark Melenberg (teacher), Lindsay Alvarez, Kim Holder, Leanna Chan, Shannon McLachlan, Jessica Virga, Sandra Hartman, Connie Marvin, Margot Johnson, Rhonda Wizniak, Kelly Spanach, Nathalie Vladicka, Lyndsay Boileau

Online Attendees: none

1. Welcome Dinner 6:30 PM (Cooper)
2. Opening Prayer (Myskiw)
3. Call to Order - 6:58 PM (Cooper)
4. Treaty Six Acknowledgement (Buttigieg)
5. Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: *Lindsay Boileau*

SECONDED: *Kim Lartey*

MOTION PASSED: *Minutes from May 12, 2025, were approved*

6. Principal's Report (Myskiw)
 - Acknowledgement and thank you to the Chair, as the welcome dinner was kindly donated by her real estate business
 - Thanked the 2024/2025 school council for supporting of the students and staff.
 - Increase in student and teacher population
 - Another 100 students, 200 academy students
 - There are now 3 academy soccer coaches, two male and one female
 - The hockey academy welcomed a new female coach
 - 8 field hockey female members joined this year
 - 29 teaching staff to serve the student population
 - Myskiw showed the new hockey jerseys
 - 20th anniversary of the academy at STM
 - School athletics have started
 - The STM school soccer team was put into an academy league.
 - Outdoor basketball court – not sure if ground will break before winter
 - Rock band – student band is starting
 - Choir has started with 41 members signed up
 - The Scoop newsletter has launched. It is distributed to parents and students
 - Ashley Flamia and Justine Buttigieg are our new vice principals. Each school administrator (principal and assistant-principals) is assigned their own grade to coordinate.
7. Teacher presentation (Melenberg)
 - The music and French teacher presented information regarding an upcoming school trip to Quebec and an audit of the school's instrument collection outlining how many are in stock and cost estimates of repair and maintenance.
 - There are 110 students enrolled in band, 41 students in choir and about 20 students in rock band, equating 170 students in total.

- Teacher is requesting financial support for the music program, needing parent volunteers for the 2026/27 trip to Quebec, and parent volunteers for music performances

8. Old Business

- There was no old business to discuss.

9. New Business

9.1. Overview of last year

- Received a small grant application approval of \$66,000 for the cost of the outdoor basketball court.

9.2. Review of Operating Procedures, dated April 2023

- Reviewed the document with attendees
- Chair discussed the need for members at large from the STM parent community

9.3. Audits

- Boileau and Holder volunteered to review the records of the secretary minutes and treasurer minutes

9.4. Alberta School Councils' Association Information

- Governing body of the Alberta School Councils
- Resources for parents and community engagement was something last year's council wanted to improve on this year. Ideas for this year include:
 - Pizza and movie night called Screen Agers is what the chair would like to put forward as a 2025/2026 initiative
 - Mental health resources for families

9.5. Election of 2025/2026 School Council Board Members

Position	Previous Member	New Nominees 25/26
Chair	Nicole Cooper	Nicole Cooper
Secretary	Erin Solano	Lindsay Alveraz

MOTION FOR NICOLE COOPER TO CONTINUE IN THE POSITION OF CHAIR: Kelly Spanach

SECONDED: Sarah Lartey

MOTION PASSED: Nicole Cooper appointed STM School Council Chair for 2025-2026 school year

MOTION TO NOMINATE LINDSAY ALVERAZ FOR POSITION OF SECRETARY: Kelly Spanach

SECONDED: Nathalie Vladicka

MOTION PASSED: Lindsay Alveraz appointed STM School Council Secretary for 2025-2026 school year

10. Open questions, comments, concerns from parent community

- Question from attendee, how does school council book their meetings? Based on administration schedules, third Monday of the month is chosen (Chair).
- Question from attendee, do we need a privacy officer? Chair will investigate for next school council meeting.
- Chair states the school council will need Directors at Large going forward as well as the following volunteers:
 - Need a hot lunch co-ordinator, is not an official position, but is needed. Wednesdays at lunch two or three times a month. A good position for someone who wants to be in the

school. Latoya can in January, Lindsay, Margo, Natalie have also volunteered to help support the program.

- Communications and social media support – need someone to help support the Chair. Anything the council is doing Chair would like to increase communication
 - Parent suggestions include adding a link to PowerSchool for the school council and include the Instagram link in the Scoop newsletter.

11. Next Meeting Date: October 20, 2025 (in person and online)

12. Adjournment 7:46 p.m.