



St. Thomas More Junior High School

School Council Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2026 @ 6:30 PM (In Person and TEAMS)

In-Person Attendees:

Kevin Myskiw (Principal), Ashley Flamia (Assistant Principal), Justine Buttigieg (Assistant Principal), Nicole Cooper (Chair), Kim Holder (Treasurer), Directors at Large - Sarah Larety, Shannon McLachlan, Nathalie Vladicka, Kelly, Sandra Hartmann, Teachers - Emily Motoska, Jackelyn Ottenbrite, Gerrilynn Pavone

Online Attendees: N/A

Call to Order - 6:33 PM

Opening Prayer: Kevin Myskiw

Treaty Six Acknowledgement : Justine Buttigieg

Approval of minutes from April 13, 2026

- Kelly motioned to approve the minutes
- Kim Holder seconded
- Motion passed

Principal's Report:

- Reviewed schools mission statement & school goals for the upcoming school year (all information is on the school's website)
- Grade 9s will not be doing Social and Math PATS in 2027.
- PE & Health teachers are piloting the new curriculum for all 3 grades
- On any new curriculum that is being piloted there will not be any % grades -
- Supporting kids mental health and screen time utilizing Screenagers(which was offered up in some FLEX blocks)
- Fee schedule for the upcoming year
 - keeping the basic fees the same at \$60
 - Options costs have gone up about \$5
 - Athletics - price has gone up for teams
 - Academies are keeping their same prices for the upcoming year
- WIN program is moving to St. Marks school next year (30 students and 2 teachers/staff)
- EAP approvals - very competitive this year and had to turn away some students from EAP for the upcoming year
- Basketball tarmac - starting soon and will be in place for next school year
- New teachers - class reduction size grant to AB - 2 teachers funded by GOV
 - 8H teacher
 - Another female soccer teacher/instructor
 - New Ringette teacher/ instructor
 - Math program

Executive Report - Nicole Cooper

1. Screenagers:

- Feedback was good - student version is very similar to the adult one
- Gave the students a survey after from the kids -
- Would like to do it again next year, announce at the open house

2. Next Year Council

- By laws - 2 year tenure for executive positions
- Nicole happy to continue but the positions have to be offered up
- Co-chair is stepping down

3. Will send out a parent survey

New Business

1. Athletics update (Ms. Ottenbrite & Motoska)

- Track & Field update/debrief -
 - Thank you for the BBQ
 - $\frac{2}{3}$ of the kids came - it was on a Friday this year so that might have something to do with the attendance (400 attended)
 - 60% of the kids showed up to their event on the day - the kids who didn't choose to participate couldn't be graded
 - Next year dates are to TBC. Have requested it not be on a Friday
 - BBQ - for next year being able to identify staff/teacher meals for costing purpose (ie. different color tickets)
 - Ticket pre-sale (via power school)
 - Let planning committee know if there is anything we can do to make things more efficient on the day of
 - Having more parent volunteers to help day of on different events to allow teachers/staff to be free to help in other stations or with coaching - next year we will plan ahead and work together to plan out volunteer needs, etc.
- Flag Football update -
 - Officials shortage - if there any parents that can help with that would be helpful
 - If there are any parents that would like to help with set up or officiating
 - This was the first year for the flag football league - EPSB & ECSD - it was a learning curve for everyone
- Funding requests & wish list items for athletics
 - Jerseys - would like to overhaul all the teams jerseys (would like to have them fully sublimated - easier to care for and last longer)
 - Want to focus on high quality athletics - we are a D1 school and so want a cohesive look
 - Next year is looking positive for number of coaches & teams
 - Approximately \$7500 for all teams jersey (high end quote)
 - **Action item** - motoska will send an email list of the jerseys cost and the timeline of each sport/team
 - Dance Residency for PE
 - Groovebox - hip hop dance workshop
 - We can use casino funds for this
 - XBOTGO Falcon Game Recorder \$1249.99
 - All teams can use this
 - Badminton posts - end post pair & 2 centre posts \$850 (sportfactor) - table this for a later date because the season starts in March
 - Shot clocks - \$3015 (sportfactor)

2. Staff Appreciation Lunch Planning

- Last year we ran out of food - this year we will order more Dicky's BBQ
- A lot donations coming in - look at the list closer to the day of missing things

Next Meeting

Annual General Meeting -September 2026 (in person and online)

Adjournment 7:59 p.m.