



St. Thomas More Junior High School

School Council Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026 @ 6:30 PM (In Person and TEAMS)

In-Person Attendees: Kevin Myskiw (Principal), Nicole Cooper (Chair), Lindsay Alvarez (Secretary), Kim Holder (Treasurer), Directors at Large - Sarah Larety, Shannon McLachlan, Nathalie Vladicka, Kelly

Online Attendees: None

- Call to Order - 6:35 PM (Cooper)
- Opening Prayer: Kevin Myskiw
- Treaty Six Acknowledgement Kevin Myskiw

- Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2026
 - Kim Holder motioned to approve the minutes
 - Shannon McLachlan seconded
 - The motion passed

- Principal's Report:
 - There have been a few spring sports teams created. There are 30 girls for flag football and 30 boys. 30 more came out for slo-pitch. There are enough coaches for all 3. These are the first flag football teams
 - Alberta Education is moving all tests to VERTA, including diplomas. It is an on-line platform. Teachers are currently doing assessments for the program to get ready. To get students ready, all exams will be in homerooms due to wi-fi concerns. The practice ELA exam is April 30. Then Part A will be on May 22.
 - There is a pow wow May 9
 - Music awards in June
 - Track and field day May 22. Top 2 of every level advance to Divisions on May 27. If you do well, go to City Finals on June 7
 - Alberta Education moved exams to start week of June 16th, a week later than normal. Schools are able to incorporate more events in now
 - Knights Day is June 17. There is a reservation for up to 300 to go to the West Edmonton Waterpark, and up to 400 to go to Millenium Place. It will be on a first come first served with students registering for which one they would like to go to
 - Finals starts June 19th
 - Awards Day is June 16th in the afternoon
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch is June 18th
 - The Year End Dance June 12
 - The school is one step closer to Vision Statement, and it will be shared at the next meeting
 - There is no update on basketball course but there is a meeting soon to discuss it

Screenagers:

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 - It happened on February 19th.
 - 39 people signed up, 15 people showed up. There was a blizzard that night. Very worth
 - There was the thought that it be nice to do it again, see if it works out better in warmer weather. The school does have access to it for a year and would like to do one more screening this year.
 - Mr. Myskiw to offer it during Flex period, to see what students will sign up and then get their feedback
- ASCA Symposium AGM
 - The topics are out and available to look at
 - Anyone can sign up to go

New Business

- Track and Field BBQ
 - Will need volunteers for the night before and day of
 - Nicole to send out a sign-up sheet with the shifts that are available to be filled
 - Last year, enough food was bought for 400 students and 50 staff. They had lots left over, but there are more students this year.
 - The plan is to get 350 hamburgers and 150 hot dogs
 - Parents need to be reminded to send money, early enough, and with a price list. An idea would be to let parents buy tickets online beforehand
 - Kelly to make candy cups
 - Shannon is making posters
 - Nathalie to sell popcorn to raise funds for the French trip. Will make popcorn tickets a different color to differentiate and know how much to give
 - Instagram posts will be made soon to remind students and parents about the date, with a menu and price list
- Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - Will hold off on planning too much and will talk more about it at the next meeting
 - It is planned for June 18th
 - The plan will be to reach out to general parent population, and ask for donations for the lunch. Parents can donate gift, gift card, baked goods, food for the potluck
 - Last year, council brought in \$3000. That paid for lunch and a gift for each staff member. Everyone got something, with a \$40-\$50 value
 - Last year, they used money from the general account to help buy the cardigans for the staff, that went over budget
 - Nicole to work behind the scenes to make up jobs and break things up to organize who can do what
- Next Year Council
 - Think about if there is anyone coming next year who would like to join up and try to recruit

1. Open questions, comments, concerns from parent community
 - None
2. Annual General Meeting - June 8, 2026 (in person and online)
3. Adjournment 7:30 p.m.