

MWI School Council Meeting Minutes

École Monsignor William Irwin Catholic School

In person / Teams Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2024 – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

In attendance in person: Julie Fendall, Cynthia Springer, Jenine Saunders, Jayna Funk, Charmion Whyte, Joliana Oshana, Candice Doucet, Jessica McCourt, Yulianna Voloshyna, Haley Fotty, Tracee Laba, Manuela Verde, Coralie Sado

In attendance online: Annick Mullen, Ogo, Tammy Shorey, Noemi Vianney Alvarado Lopez, Logan Bacani

Meeting commenced at 6:03pm. Prayer by Tracee; Treaty 6 Acknowledgment by Jessica; opening remarks by Yulianna.

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Yulianna moved to approve the agenda; Haley seconded the motion; motion carried.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Jenine moved to approve last meeting's minutes; Jayna seconded the motion; motion carried.
- 3. Administration Report:** Presented by Mme Doucet.
 - We have a new head custodian starting Thursday named Dennis.
 - Launched "Superheroes of Hope" for our staff. Students are creating prayers showing teacher superpowers and reading them.
 - Last month we celebrated Custodian Appreciation Day and World Teachers' Day. Several guests read during Read In Week. We had our Thanksgiving Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish; food was collected for the St. Thomas More Pantry. Edmonton Public Library presented to grades 4 – 6 about the Young Reader's Choice Awards (YRCA). Catholic Education week took place. Grades 4 – 6 did a mental health survey. We had two more successful fire drills. Deacon Tom came for the Grade 4 Bible Blessing.
 - We have two pre-service teachers (student teachers) starting in grades 3 and 4. We are replacing the Razkids and Mathletics programs with Reading Eggs and Matific.
 - Coming up this month is our Peace Ceremony, November break, Rock Your Mocs and the Scholastic Book Fair. Our Christmas concerts will be December 11 and 12 with more information to come.
 - Discussed how much money it costs to run the school; we run a slight deficit.

4. Committee Updates:

- a. **Hot Lunch:** Amy Humphreys runs hot lunches. Money was collected last month from hot lunches for the School Council budget.
- b. **Movie Nights:** Amy Humphreys runs movie nights. There will be no movie night in November but looking at doing one on Friday, December 6. Volunteers will be needed to run this.
- c. **Casino (November 8 and 9):** Jenine reported that we are close to filling all casino positions. We are using some casino angels but they cannot do certain jobs. Mme. Doucet and Joliana volunteered to split a position. Each casino brings in ~\$70,000 - \$80,000 for the school. We can do one every 18 months. Jenine is already working on setting up the next one.
- d. **Library Committee:** Marian MacArthur is our librarian and has some dedicated time for running the library. Tara Joosse helps out in the library Wednesday mornings and all day on Fridays when able. Julie Fendall has worked with Tara and will start to help out Tuesday/Thursday mornings when able.
- e. **Awareness Committee:** Cynthia reported that we are looking at doing more things like having School Council at the Demonstration of Learning and going into the classrooms to talk to the kids. Advertising at the open house and kindergarten orientation was discussed. We will look into having brochures at these types of events. Yulianna spoke at the Halloween Parade about the upcoming School Council meeting and casino.
- Yulianna would like to be copied on committee emails so that she can be aware of what is going on.
- f. **Correspondence:** Some mail was received - a letter from the bank and information about Purdy's Chocolates Fundraisers. No one volunteered to run the fundraiser.

5. Updates:

- a. **World Teachers' Day (October 4):** This was well-received. Michelle brought coffee from Tim Hortons. Flowers and a \$10 Dollarama gift card were given to all staff. There were muffins and hot dogs for staff as well.
- b. **Alberta Council Information Session (October 10):** Mme. Doucet and Yulianna attended this and said it was very informative. They met with chairs and principals from other schools.
- c. **59 Chairs and Fridge Removal/Room Cleanup (November 5):** There are 59 chairs we don't need in the School Council room. They will be donated to a Ukrainian school. The room needs a good cleaning – Jenine, Manuela, Jayna and Coralie volunteered to clean it.

- d. **Vests for Students for Field Trips:** This was requested by teachers. 88 vests in various colours were found and will be used for field trips. Remind your teachers that these are available; they would be good for Kindergarten and Grade 1.
- e. **Christmas Concerts (December 11 and 12):** This is a good opportunity for School Council to have a presence and share what we do.

6. New Business

- a. **Raffle at Christmas Concerts:** We discussed fundraising during the Christmas concerts to fund replacing the sofas in the school as they are in bad shape. Raffles have to go through AGLC. Staff have been asked to go to a local business for a raffle prize.
 - b. **Furniture Fundraiser:** See above. It was also mentioned that maybe some families may have couches to get rid of that are in good shape. They cannot be cloth.
 - c. **Popcorn Friday:** Mme. Doucet used to do this at her old school. Popcorn was made and sold every third Friday. Money raised could also go toward furniture. Haley and Manuela can help out with this but it was discussed that we should put this out to the school community to hopefully get other people helping.
 - d. **Additional Person for Movie Night Committee:** Amy would like another person to help her. It should be put out to the school community to explain what this is and ask for help. Jayna said she could help out. We will aim for one movie every other month.
 - e. **Other New Business:** The School Council email is mwischoolcouncil@gmail.com. Currently verification for logins goes to Charmion. Jenine said she could monitor the account as she uses it for the casinos. Yulianna also checks it sometimes.
- Haley will organize a School Council table to greet parents at the Demonstration of Learning on November 21. The times for this will be 1 – 5 pm and 5:30 – 7pm.
 - If anyone in our school community has teacher wish list items they want to get rid of (books, crafts, board games, etc.), please ask your teachers.

7. School Council Operational Information:

Charmion spent two years as School Council Chair in the past and worked on renewing our bylaws. She discussed the roles of School Council and the Fundraising Society; a document summarizing this was provided.

8. Review of Actions and Motions:

- a. **Action Items:** Not discussed.
- b. **Motions or Funding Requests for the MWI Fundraising Society:**
 - Mr. Bulger and the Christmas Concert Committee is requesting up to \$1000 for renting spotlights for the concerts.

- Haley is requesting up to \$500 for the School Council table at the Demonstration of Learning.
 - Mrs. McCourt is requesting up to \$1000 on behalf of the Kindergarten team for loose parts and sensory items.
9. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Yulianna at 7:40pm. Next meeting will be Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the school.

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1. **Call to Order:** Yulianna called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Yulianna moved to approve the agenda; Julie seconded the motion; motion carried.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2024:** Yulianna moved to approve the minutes; Julie seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. Reports

- a. **Society's Financial Report:** Haley reported the amounts in the casino and community accounts. She received cheques from Healthy Hunger and Mabel's Labels. Once pending transactions are complete, there should be enough casino account money to cover the Kindergarten loose parts request (literacy item).

**Please see Haley for the financials.*

5. Standing Business: None

6. New Business:

- a. **Cover School Council Meal Expenses:** This was not discussed.
- b. **Funding Requests for the MWI Fundraising Society:**
 - The Awareness Committee requested up to \$1000 for running a School Council table at the Demonstration of Learning and the Christmas concerts. Yulianna moved to approve this; Jenine seconded the motion; motion carried.
 - Mr. Bulger requested up to \$1000 for Christmas concert lighting. Haley moved to approve this; Yulianna seconded the motion; motion carried.
 - Mrs. McCourt requested up to \$1000 for kindergarten loose parts. Jenine moved to approve this; Haley seconded the motion; motion carried.

c. **Future Meetings:** Future School Council/Fundraising Society meeting dates were decided on.

- Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6pm.
- Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6pm.
- Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6pm.
- Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6pm.
- Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6pm → **AGM**

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Yulianna at 7:50pm. Next meeting will be Monday, January 20, 2025 following School Council meeting at the school.