

MWI School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

École Monsignor William Irwin Catholic School

In person / Teams Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

In attendance in person: J. Fendall, A. Legwand, C. Springer, J. Saunders, J. Funk, M. Dervieu, C. Doucet, J. McCourt, Y. Voloshyna, H. Fotty, T. Laba

In attendance online: B. Awoyemi, S. Adaba, Julie

Prayer by C. Doucet; Treaty 6 Acknowledgment by J. McCourt; opening remarks by Y. Voloshyna

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Y. Voloshyna moved to approve agenda; J. Saunders seconded the motion; motion carried.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Y. Voloshyna moved to approve last meeting's minutes; A. Legwand seconded the motion; motion carried.
- 3. Administration Report:** Presented by C. Doucet.
 - Catholic Education Week is October 19 – 25. Division theme this year is “People of Hope”. School book is “I Hope” by Monique Smith.
 - School enrollment as of September 30 is 531 students (306 English; 225 French). There are 43 staff members (26 teachers; 8 EAs; 5 MDT members; 2 admin support; 2 custodians).
 - Terry Fox Run raised approximately \$1500 to support Terry's legacy. Almost 100 students in grades 3 – 6 participated in the ECSD Cross Country Run at Rundle Park. We had our School Opening Celebration, Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation Day in September.
 - Parking continues to be a safety concern. School is working with bylaw enforcement and Esther Starkman School to ensure everyone follows the rules.
 - Christmas concert will be December 11 and 12 with more information to come.
 - School Plan for Continuous Growth will be reviewed with the final draft to be presented at an upcoming SAC meeting for input.
 - First fire drill went well (October 2).
 - Tracee Laba will be our School Chaplain. The admin team will cultivate a relationship with St. Thomas More Parish.

4. Committee Updates:

- a. **Hot Lunch:** A. Humphreys is in charge of hot lunches but was not present for an update. First hot lunch was from Booster Juice/Subway. Hot dog lunch coming up. Hot lunches raise money for the school; a school printer was able to be purchased with these funds last year. We want to try to increase the number of hot lunches this year.
- b. **Movie Nights:** A. Humphreys has taken on the role of organizing school movie nights. Volunteers will be needed to run these. Looking at selling popcorn in order to raise funds. No movie night in October but planning for one in November.
- c. **Library Committee:** T. Joosse works with M. MacArthur to run the library. No one present for an update.

5. New Business:

- a. **World Teacher's Day:** This is on Friday, October 4. Y. Voloshyna presented the ideas of providing Costco muffins, Tim Hortons coffee, flowers and \$10 Dollarama gift cards to school staff. A budget of around \$1000 for this was presented.
- b. **Alberta School Councils' Association:** Y. Voloshyna paid this year's membership fee of \$150.
- c. **Other:** It was discussed that people can join existing committees or create new ones. Y. Voloshyna will work on doing an update for the school like M. McCourt did last year.
- **Casino:** J. Saunders is organizing the school casino taking place November 8 and 9 at Pure Casino on Argyll Road. This is over fall break. She will set up an online signup for volunteers. The last casino we did brought in ~\$72,000 so it is a very important fundraiser. There are AGLC rules on what the money can be used on (usually technology). We will need 12 volunteers each day and volunteers do not need to be parents from the school.

6. Review of Actions and Motions:

- a. **Action Items:**
- b. **Motions or Funding Requests for the MWI Fundraising Society:** This was discussed in the MWI Fundraising Society meeting that followed.

7. School Council Membership:

- a. **Call for nominations for School Council Vice Chair:** Y. Voloshyna moved to nominate J. Saunders for this role; A. Legwand seconded the motion; motion carried.
- b. **Call for nominations for School Council Secretary:** H. Fotty moved to nominate J. Fendall for this role; C. Springer seconded the motion; motion carried.

- c. **Vote for positions if required:** Ninja Dash is a separate committee; more to come later.
 - d. **Call for others to join School Council as members at large:** It was discussed that social media will be focused on this year as a way to spread awareness; C. Doucet runs the Instagram page and Y. Voloshyna runs the Facebook.
 - J. Saunders wants to head a volunteer committee to thank volunteers for their time.
 - An Awareness Committee was discussed as a way to increase parents' awareness of School Council and fundraising. C. Springer volunteered to work on it with help from others.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by Y. Voloshyna at 7:02pm. Next meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the school.

MWI Fundraising Society Meeting Minutes

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1. **Call to Order:** Y. Voloshyna called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. It was discussed that the role of the Fundraising Society is to fund what School Council asks for if it is approved. The executive currently consists of Y. Voloshyna as President and H. Fotty as Treasurer.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** J. Saunders moved to approve agenda; A. Legwand seconded the motion; motion carried.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes June 2024:** A. Legwand moved to approve the minutes; J. Saunders seconded the motion; motion carried.
4. **Reports**
 - a. **Society's Financial Report:** H. Fotty presented this report. There are two accounts (a general committee account and one for casinos). Past casino funds need to be spent before receiving the next casino's funds. There are rules on what can be purchased as per AGLC. It was discussed that ~\$2500* should be left in the casino account for expenses for the upcoming casino, leaving ~\$2000* to be spend now. The community account has ~\$6000*.

**Please see H. Fotty for exact numbers.*
5. **Standing Business:**
 - a. **Amendments or new motions put forward from the MWI School Council:**
 - b. **Insurance:** Y. Voloshyna submitted payment for this year's insurance and changed signing authority.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **World Teacher's Day:** Y. Voloshyna put forth an ask from MWI School Council to approve a \$1500 expenditure budget for World Teacher's Day items. A. Legwand moved to approve this; H. Fotty seconded the motion; motion carried.

b. **Teacher's requests:** C. Doucet put forth the following ask on behalf of the teachers' requests (using the September 30, 2024 enrollment number of 531 students).

- Teachers request \$10/student for classroom budget (\$5310)
- Teachers request \$10/student for field trip expenses (\$5310)
- T. Bulger requests up to \$1000 for Christmas concert supplies. This would be for ticket printing, raffle prizes and decorations.
- The Admin team requests up to \$250 for a variety of candy canes and candies for a Candy Gram social justice project.

H. Fotty moved to approve these expenses; Y. Voloshyna seconded the motion; motion carried.

7. Elections of Society:

- a. **Discussion on election of Society:** Y. Voloshyna moved to nominate J. Saunders for the role of Vice Chair; A. Legwand seconded the motion; motion carried.

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Y. Voloshyna at 7:26pm. Next meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2024 following MWI School Council meeting at the school.