

**Archbishop MacDonald High School  
School Council Association Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

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**In Attendance:**

**Parents:** Ivanka Simonovic (Chair), Candace Christman (Vice-Chair), Kat Pederson (Secretary), Cynthia Burkard (Casino Chair), Dawn Megic, Teresa Hennessey, Susana Poroski, Angela Yung  
**Faculty:** Michelle Dupuis (Principal)

**Meeting Called To Order:** 6:33 PM

**Opening Prayer:** Ivanka Simonovic

**Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement:** Ivanka Simonovic

**Approval of January 15, 2025, Agenda:** Candace Christman

**Second:** Cynthia Burkard

**Motion Carried.**

**Approval of November 20, 2024, Minutes:** Candace Christman

**Second:** Dawn Megic

**Motion Carried.**

❖ **Principal's Report (Michelle Dupuis)**

- **Upcoming School Activities and Events** were reviewed. The full 2024-25 activities calendar can be [accessed here](#).
- **Marauders Helping Marauders** – Raised around \$4,000. Purpose is to assist Mac families in need with basic living needs, i.e., food, clothing, transportation. Were able to provide \$250 gift cards for eight families.
- **Building Security** – Students have now been hired to assist with answering the doorbell after hours, which has been working well. Bus entrance doors are now going to be locked after reports of an intruder, which was quickly handled. Custodians will clear out a path in the snow for students to walk safely from the bus stop to the front entrance.
- **Spamalot** the musical will run February 7 and 8 at the Orange Hub Performance Theatre. Tickets are on sale now through [ShowPass](#).
- **Mac Athletics Dept** hosts their feature DAA basketball tournament this year on February 7 and 8. We will be welcoming teams from within and outside of the city for a skills competition, tournament, and banquet.
- **Mac's Got Talent Event** was kicked off with a pancake breakfast on December 20 served by the staff.. It was a wonderful to have an audience having fun with both talented students and teachers performing.

- **January Diploma Exams** are underway. Students will be starting to use a digital assessment platform put out by Alberta Education in Semester 2 for writing practice and field tests in preparation for 2025-26 diploma exams.
- **Feeder School Visitations** will be starting at the end of the month with staff visiting 13 Catholic junior high feeder schools around the city. Accelerated Math and Science students from St Rose and St Cecilia will be visiting for Science Labs on January 24, and French immersion students will be visiting on January 28.
- **Mac Open House** will be taking place February 20 at 7 PM.
- **2025-26 Student Intentions** opens February 3. Applications of Grade 9 students for Grade 10 will close on March 14; chosen families will be notified before the start of Spring Break.
- **Teacher Professional Development and Community of Practice** will see the IB teachers working collaboratively on various IB subject areas on January 16, with Staff Professional Development Day taking place February 21.
- **Advent Mass** took place at St Joseph Basilica December 17 with St Pius and was led by Father Andrew from St Andrew. The Mac Choir led the music ministry.

#### ❖ Old Business

- **\$500 ASCE grant ideas** – An internet safety presentation was decided on; Ms Dupuis will look into possible contacts.
- **ASCA 2024 Virtual Engagement Event recap** – Topics discussed were assessment and standardized testing, legislative changes impacting students, education funding, student mental health, and ASCE grant ideas. There was also a fireside chat about how school councils/communities contribute to positive mental health and how school councils engage their school communities. If anyone is interested in a more detailed recap, please Email the Mac Council Email, and a link can be sent out.
- **New Mac Council Email** is now up and running at [archmacschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:archmacschoolcouncil@gmail.com). Parents are encouraged to Email the council with any questions/concerns/feedback.

#### ❖ New Business (Candace Christman)

- **Operating Procedures Development Update** – A meeting was held last night to review the operating procedures and bylaws. The goal is to have the drafts of both approved at a special resolution meeting on March 19 after parent council.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:30 PM (both in-person and online).

**Meeting Adjournment:** 7:13 PM

**Archbishop MacDonald High School  
Fundraising Society Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

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**FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING**

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**In Attendance:**

**Parents:** Ivanka Simonovic (President), Candace Christman (Vice-President), Kat Pederson (Secretary), Cynthia Burkard (Casino Chair), Dawn Megic (Director-at-Large), Angela Yung (Director-at-Large), Teresa Hennessey

**Faculty:** Michelle Dupuis (Principal)

**Meeting Called To Order:** 7:13 PM

**Approval of January 15, 2025, Agenda:** Cynthia Burkard

**Second:** Dawn Megic

**Motion Carried.**

**Approval of November 20, 2024, Minutes:** Candace Christman

**Second:** Cynthia Burkard

**Motion Carried.**

❖ **Treasurer's Report** – Deferred to the March 19, 2025, meeting.

❖ **Old Business**

- **Insurance Update** – Insurance has now been secured for 2024-25 through ASCA for \$2 million liability. The fundraising society name change was completed as well, but cost over the allotted \$100 to do so.

**Motion:** Cynthia Burkard motions to amend the motion from the November 20, 2024, meeting from \$100 to \$150 from the Casino Account to be allotted for costs incurred with changing the fundraising society name.

**Second:** Dawn Megic

**Motion Carried.**

- **Review of Bylaws Update** – A special meeting was held last night to review and revamp the bylaws. Ms Christman and Ms Hennessey are amending the bylaws with the agreed-on changes, to bring to a special meeting in March for approval.
- **Staff Appreciation Event** will be held on February 21 with the help of Freson's to provide the staff with breakfast before the start of their Professional Development Day. Sweet Emotion Bakery is also donating cupcakes for the event. Mme Dupuis will confirm the total number of staff including admin support and custodial and will send the breakfast invoice to the society, for which up to \$2,000 has been allotted.

- ***Stained-glass Window Funds Amalgamation*** – Discussion and decision that further investigation is required before deciding if the society will amalgamate their allotted funds with the school's funds. Some alternative ideas were discussed for the windows; Ms Megic will check with St John Evangelist Church about who did theirs and report back at the next meeting.
- ***Save The Track Funds*** – Mr Verhesen would like to allocate the funds the society has put aside to potentially purchase jump pit covers. Mme Dupuis will ask him to get price quotes to bring a formal ask to the society for consideration.
- ***Fundraising Ideas*** – The society discussed and decided on a Purdy's fundraiser for Easter. Ms Simonovic will also look into a spring Growing Smiles fundraiser and send the information to the society members to make a decision.

#### ❖ **New Business**

- ***Casino Business Pertaining to Name Change*** – Discussion to change access to AGLC to new Email address; signatures are needed from the President and Treasurer to do so. Once the name change is approved, a motion will need to be made to get the bank account name changed and order new cheques. This will need to be completed by the end of this academic year for next year's casino.
- ***Mac Open House Table*** – Ms Christman and Ms Megic are going to have a table for parent council/fundraising society at the Open House. Ms Hennessey is going to create a graphic with a QR code that Mme Dupuis will have printed into postcards to hand out. Mme Dupuis will collaborate with the society in terms of what to put out for food and refreshments.

**Motion:** Candace Christman motions to take \$175 from the General Account to use for food and refreshments at the council/society table at the Mac Open House.

**Second:** Kat Pederson

**Motion Carried.**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:30 PM (both in-person and online).

**Meeting Adjournment:** 8:24 PM