

**Archbishop MacDonald High School
School Council & Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

In Attendance:

Parents: Ivanka Simonovic (Chair), Candace Christman (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Maskoske (Treasurer), Kat Pederson (Secretary), Trina Jewison, Olha Brovchenko, Rita Drake, Hardeep Uppal, Leanna Chan, Melinda Endre-Petak, Dawn Megic, Zsolt Endre, Carlos Lugo, Ying Lin, Teresa Hennesey, Kavrina Mendez, Alexandre Ohmos

Faculty: Michelle Dupuis (Principal)

Meeting Called To Order: 7:04 PM

Approval of September 25, 2024, Agenda: Jennifer Maskoske

Second: Cynthia Burkard

Motion Carried.

Approval of May 22, 2024, Minutes: Jennifer Maskoske

Second: Ivanka Simonovic

Motion Carried.

❖ **Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Maskoske)** – Jennifer will confirm if there are any outstanding invoices from last year's financial commitments.

- **General Account** – Balance as of August 31, 2024, is \$6,624.08. Still to come out of that is monies for the stained-glass window project in the amount of \$552.56.
- **Casino Account** – Balance as of August 31, 2024, is \$86,044.62. Still to come out of that is monies for Save The Track in the amount of \$4,989.54.

Motion: Ivanka Simonovic motions to accept the 2023-24 Financial Report as presented at the September 25, 2024, AGM.

Second: Cynthia Burkard.

Motion Carried.

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

- *2024-25 Enrolment* -1,134 students total
 - Grade 10 – 421
 - Grade 11 – 353
 - Grade 12 – 360
- *School Council and Society Welcome and Info Night* – Principals and School Council Chairs are invited to attend an info night on October 10 to connect with fellow administrators and parents, meet other school council and society chairs, and learn more about how to work together to support our students and school community. Newly elected Chair and

Vice-Chair, Ivanka Simonovic and Candace Christman, will be attending on behalf of our school council.

- *Upcoming Events*

- September 24 – A parent information evening for the University of Alberta was held for Grade 12's and was well-attended with lots of questions answered. Parents and students are reminded that applications for the University of Alberta open October 1st. A discussion was also had about the possibility of having a Grade 10 and Grade 11 parent information evening.
- September 27 – Senior sunrise for the Grade 12's is at 7 AM. The school will supply hot chocolate and Timbits.
- September 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day is a day of reflection, recognition, and commemoration of the tragic impact of residential schools in Canada. There will be no classes this day. There will be Truth & Reconciliation activities during the October 1 PLT.
- October 16 – Photo Retake Day. If retakes aren't needed, initial school photos are available for order through Edge Imaging until October 2.
- October 22 – Grade 12 Grad Assembly will be held during PLT.
- October 21-November 3 - Vic Lewis Music Festival is taking place in Canmore.
- November 7 – No school due to a Mac Staff PD Day.
- November 8-12 – No school due to Fall Break.
- November 14-16 – Mac Junior High volleyball tournament.
- November 22 – Mac Formal Dance from 7-10 PM. An announcement will be made in the coming weeks about tickets.

- *Communication* – Replacing the monthly newsletter, a new initiative was started this year wherein announcements are being posted daily to both the Mac website and Instagram account. A suggestion was made for the announcements to be posted for a full week instead of removing them daily, with the newest one put at the top of the page.
- *Personal Mobile Devices* – Students are respecting the new policy so far, and a positive difference in classroom learning has been observed. One drawback noted, however, is the higher demand of additional technology from the school.
- *School Entrance Access* – Feedback was received by parents whose children are in after school activities, not being able to gain timely access to the school to watch their kids. The school is looking at numbering the entrances, with all doors being locked down at 4 PM. A discussion was had about hiring students to stay behind and do homework from 4-7 PM, with the job of letting parents in who ring the doorbell. More information will come down about this soon.
- *2023-24 Diploma Exam Results* – The diploma exam results from January and June 2024 were reviewed with parents in comparison to the rest of the province. In most subjects, Mac scored above the provincial average for standard of excellence. This data will be reviewed by the staff for future exam preparation.

❖ **New Business (Ivanka Simonovic)**

- **Welcome New Principal** – Ms Dupuis was welcomed on behalf of the School Council.
- **2024-25 Fundraisers** – A discussion was had about what projects to support this year, including the ongoing stained-glass window project, Save The Track, and refurbishing the atrium student couches. Six parents volunteered to form a fundraising committee to

meet and present ideas at the November meeting. Ivanka Simonovic will contact the volunteers.

❖ **2024-25 Meeting Dates**

- The 2024-25 meeting dates of November 20, January 22, March 19, and May 21 were reviewed. A request was made to change the January date from the 22nd to the 15th to allow for all school council executive to attend. The meetings will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on the indicated dates.

Motion: Ivanka Simonovic motions to change the January 22 meeting date to January 15.

Second: Cynthia Burkard.

Motion Carried.

- A discussion was had about offering a hybrid model for future meetings for parents to attend via Microsoft Teams if they cannot attend in person. We will try this out for the November 20 meeting. A link to attend online will be provided closer to the meeting date.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM (both in-person and online)

Meeting Adjournment: 7:54 PM