

**Archbishop MacDonald High School
School Council Association Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

In Attendance:

Parents: Ivanka Simonovic (Chair), Candace Christman (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Maskoskis (Treasurer), Kat Pederson (Secretary), Cynthia Burkard (Casino Chair), Dawn Megic, Teresa Hennessey, Arlette Kapunga, Trina Jewison

Faculty: Michelle Dupuis (Principal), Tom Zdunich (Teacher)

Guests: Ruth Kaptchouang, Darren Ymbong, Anna Yin (Mac Council)

Meeting Called To Order: 6:38 PM

Opening Prayer: Michelle Dupuis

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement: Alberta Teachers' Association

Approval of March 19, 2025, Agenda: Candace Christman

Second: Cynthia Burkard

Motion Carried.

Approval of January 15, 2025, Minutes: Cynthia Burkard

Second: Dawn Megic

Motion Carried.

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

- ***The School's Calendar of Events*** was reviewed. The full 2024-25 activities calendar can be [accessed here](#). Some past and upcoming highlights:
 - Mac hosted the METRO junior basketball finals on March 8 where our men's team won the city championship.
 - Band Share Day at the Winspear Centre on March 11 was amazing, followed by Mac's Senior Band winning double superior in the Alberta International Band Festival.
 - The MACMUN Model UN Conference is taking place on April 12, which will see schools from all over the city attend.
- ***Chapel Project Update (Tom Zdunich)***
 - The stained-glass project for the chapel is pivoting to vinyl window coverings that will be professionally designed and installed at a fraction of the cost of around \$2,000-\$3,000. The draft designs should be ready by the end of the school year to share.

- Discussions are also happening with facility services to adjust the internal lighting so that from the exterior of the building, traffic will be able to see the vinyl designs at night, which will help broadcast our Faith and identity as a Catholic school.
- Options are being explored for sacred art for the interior of the chapel as well as filler ideas for the other windows. The cross inside of the chapel is also being looked at to be replaced or upgraded to a crucifix.
- **Mac Council (Student Reps Ruth, Darren, and Anna)**
 - **Spring Dance** took place on March 7. It was a well-planned event with lots of great feedback afterward. Mac Council is looking for ideas on how to involve the student body more in the planning process for next year, as decisions are presently made internally by Mac Council.
 - **Spirit Week** was last week, which consisted of five full days of dress up themes as well as lunch hour activities to enhance each day's theme. Social media was used to advertise each day, which contributed to enhanced student engagement.
 - **Numeracy Week** was hosted by Mr Pryma this year, which saw Math-related events such as Math bingo happen, and pies were handed out on March 14.
 - **Taste Of Mac** is happening on April 11. Students can sign up to showcase food and entertainment from their culture. Students who sign up to share food are eligible for up to \$100 reimbursement for ingredients. Tickets for food will be sold in advance up to a maximum of 20 tickets per student at \$1 per ticket.
 - **Bike-A-Thon** is happening next month, consisting of 40 teams/up to 400 students participating. It will take place April 24/25. Students are raising money this year for the Stollery Children's Hospital, ECSD's Conquering Hunger program, and the school's community needs. There are lots of activities planned for the participants during the 24 hours including a dance and BBQ lunch.
 - **Mac It Up** is being planned for June 5. Some of the activities planned so far include music by DJ Kwake Entertainment, a BBQ, and a petting zoo.
- **Graduation Questions**
 - Mme Dupuis shared last year's breakdown of graduation fees. Mac would like all students to attend commencement; families experiencing financial difficulties can approach the school for support to help their child attend graduation.
- **2025-26 Registration** – Numbers are up from last year to this year, from 1,130 to 1,185 students in 2025-26.
 - Grade 10 – 430 (up from 417)
 - Grade 11 – 411 (up from 352)
 - Grade 12 – 344 (down from 361)
- **Open House Feedback and Changes for 2026-27** – This year's Open House was very successful with over 700 people attending. Feedback that will be considered for next year included shortening speeches, assigning clubs to stack chairs in the middle of the atrium to open up more space for their presentations, and not closing the gym down early.

- **2025-26 Technology Plan**

- Dismantling of the labs in Rooms 116 and 122 to create flexible classrooms. The desktops in these labs are under warranty and will still take Windows 11 updates, so they will be used to replace all the “red lined” desktops in the classrooms, workspaces, and departments.
- Four classroom projectors updated to Apple Interactive TVs.
- Addition of two chromebook carts with 40 chromebooks (buy 40 replacement chromebooks).
- Update 25 desktop computers in the CTS lab.

- **ECSD Competencies** were reviewed and were shown to align with our current IB competencies. The goals of the ECSD competencies are to basically establish learning conditions to be part of the school’s goals moving forward.

❖ **Old Business**

- **\$500 ASCE Grant Idea Update** – Recovery Alberta’s [Caregiver Education Program](#) has speakers that will come to the school to do a talk about internet safety. The speaker cost will be around \$150-\$200. Decision made to hold internet safety seminar on Thursday, May 1 with doors opening at 6:30 PM, seminar from 7-8 PM, and questions/coffee till 8:30 PM. Remaining monies can be used to purchase snacks and refreshments for the event.
- **ECSD Community of School Councils Event** was very well attended, including by parent council and staff members from Mac. Some of the seminars presented included how technology affects mental health and how to write a technology plan for home, as well as understanding societies.
- **Operating Procedures Development Update**
 - Candace is going to send the draft operating procedures and by-laws to Jolene Thompson and Kim Street at ECSD to review. They have offered to do this for free.
 - Name change is done. Letter of direction from RBC needs to be signed by the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer, with two out of three members attending the bank in person. Will order new cheques at the same time.
 - New school council Email has been updated with ASCA and AGLC.

❖ **New Business**

- **Upcoming ASCA Events**

- [Spring Symposium](#) is on Saturday, April 26 from 9:30-3:30 PM. Fee is \$100 for members and \$250 for non-members. If anyone is interested in attending, any leftover monies from the ASCE grant can be put toward admission.
- [AGM](#) is on Sunday, April 27. It is free to attend, but interested attendees must pre-register by April 14. All schools with valid memberships are eligible to submit Proposed Advocacy Resolutions and send a parent representative to vote on behalf of school council. Please contact School Council if interested in attending.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 6:30 PM (both in-person and online).

Meeting Adjournment: 7:52 PM

**Archbishop MacDonald High School
Fundraising Society Meeting Minutes
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FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING

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Faculty: Michelle Dupuis (Principal)

Meeting Called To Order: 7:53 PM

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Second: Kat Pederson

Motion Carried.

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Second: Dawn Megic

Motion Carried.

❖ **Treasurer's Report (Kat Pederson for Jennifer Maskoske)** – No account activity to discuss this month. Balances as of March 19, 2025:

- **General Account** – \$5,842.19.
- **Casino Account** – \$58,397.25.

Motion: Cynthia Burkard motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented on March 19, 2025.

Second: Dawn Megic

Motion Carried.

❖ **Old Business**

- **Name Changes To-Do's** – Will order new cheques at same time Letter of Direction is brought to RBC. AGLC says we are all good after these steps have been taken.
- **Fundraising Society Table at Open House** – Six parents signed up as being interested in joining School Council next year. Candace had leftover monies from the purchasing of treats, discussed using refund at a future event.
- **Staff Appreciation** – Friesen Bros did a special hot buffet breakfast for the staff. Cynthia made cupcakes, and Ivanka gave a thank you speech to the staff. Total cost came to just over \$900.
- **Review of Fundraising Society Objectives** – Jolene Thompson and Kim Street from ECSD will be reviewing them for us. Kat will organize the School Council drive with all the influx of documents as of late.

- ***Purdy's and Growing Smiles Fundraising Initiative Updates*** - Decision to move forward with Purdy's only as this year's fundraiser. Advert will go out to the parents soon with an order deadline of April 5 and a delivery deadline of April 16/17 for pickup.
- ***Raffle Update*** – Decision to not move forward with a raffle this year, but Cynthia will have the information ready for Sep/Oct next year to potentially move forward with. Discussion that if a raffle is held through AGLC, all monies raised would go into the Casino Account and not the General Account.
- ***Casino Business***
 - School Council will hear by the end of August or beginning of September what their first quarter date is for the next casino.
 - Cynthia is working on updating the SOP for the new person taking over in September, as the current one is 10 years old.
 - AGLC might increase the concession allowance, but nothing has been confirmed.

❖ **New Business**

- ***Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook*** – Has been printed off and is in effect as of April 1 2025. Needs to be kept handy to pass onto the new Casino Chair for next year.

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