

**Archbishop MacDonald High School
School Council & Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

In Attendance:

Parents: Jennifer Harvey (President), Ivanka Simonovic (Vice-President), Kat Pederson (Secretary), Trina Jewison (parent), Teresa Hennessey (parent), Cara Dosman (parent), Candace Christman (incoming parent)

Faculty: Theresa Antonakis (Principal)

Guests: Michelle Dupuis (Incoming principal 2024-25), Gussie Grimstead (Staff)

Meeting Called To Order: 6:34 PM

A warm welcome and introduction was given for our incoming principal, Ms Michelle Dupuis. Ms Dupuis will be taking over for Ms Antonakis, who is retiring. Ms Dupuis will officially start her new role in September 2024.

Approval of May 22, 2024, Agenda: Kat Pederson

Second: Ivanka Simonovic

Motion Carried.

Approval of March 20, 2024, Minutes: Cara Dosman

Second: Kat Pederson

Motion Carried.

❖ **Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Harvey for Jennifer Maskoske)**

- **School Council General Account update**

- An Email motion was made and carried via Email on April 14 to take \$100 out of the General Account to purchase a retirement gift for Ms Antonakis.
- Balance as of May 22 is \$6,639.08. After the monies allocated to the stained-glass window project are taken, remaining funds available will be \$6,086.52.

- **School Council Casino Account update** – Balance as of May 22 is \$102,333.40. Funds received from the February 2024 casino were \$77,875.48. After the following monies allocated have been removed, remaining funds available will be \$87,242.86:

- Save The Track - \$4,989.54 (raised from 50/50 draws the last two years)
- Choir vests - \$5,000 (waiting on invoice)
- Busing for the senior band - \$1,716.75 (waiting on cheque to clear)
- Busing for the honour band to today's ABA - \$3,383.25

Motion: Jennifer Harvey motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented at the May 22, 2024, meeting.

Second: Ivanka Simonovic

Motion Carried.

❖ **Casino Chair's Report (Cynthia Burkard)**

- Not given today.

❖ **Principal's Report (Theresa Antonakis)**

- Ms Antonakis is retiring at the end of June. She would like to thank the parents and staff for the support that's been given to her and Mac over the last 6 years.
- Grade 12 graduation activities are this Friday and Saturday. The commencement was sold out and the banquet was almost sold out.
- 2024-25 staffing update
 - New principal – Ms Michelle Dupuis
 - Departing staff – Ms Gina Carducci, Ms Kary Laplante, and Ms Alysia Zvonkovic
 - Returning staff – Ms Elspeth Greer, Ms Brianna Yardy, and Ms Fiona Williams
 - New staff – Ms Nicole Carson and Ms Justine Buttigieg are joining Student Services
- Posted to the Mac website at the end of May will be the 2024-25 School Plan for Continuous Growth, along with the 2024-25 school fees. Some programs did go up, but, overall, fees were kept relatively the same.
- A tender was accepted by ECSD for Mac's field rejuvenation, with work starting mid-June. Long jump and throwing pits and 100- and 200-metre sprinting lanes are being added. Shale is being put down for the track, and underground irrigation built in. The field will be out of commission for the next year while it's being redone. When it's finished, discussions will be had about possibly adding other enhancements, i.e. grandstands, etc.
- Two international fieldtrips have tentatively been approved for 2024-25 that will be open to Grade 11 and 12 students, with approximately 48 spots open per trip. One of the trips will be a STEM/IB trip to Disney World in Florida. The second trip will be a Social Studies trip, with the location to be announced in the Fall. Parent meetings will be held in Sept/Oct once the second location is confirmed.
- MAC Council update
 - Mac's first ever bike-a-thon took place at the end of April. Approximately \$58,000 will be dispersed to various charities.
 - The Mr Harkins alumni vs senior boys scholarship game took place this past weekend. A lot of activities memorializing Mr Harkins have been done during the year, which has been good for both the students and staff.
 - Grade 11 and 12 applications for Mac council are now in; students will be elected by their peers. Grade 10 reps will be elected in September.
 - The Mac It Out school BBQ and end of the year events are coming up.
- The Mosaic Club has been very busy with Asian History Month.

- Chaplain update
 - St Vincent Catholic Elementary School joined Mac for Easter Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral Basilica.
 - A rosary group has been held every morning at 8:30 AM during the month of May.
 - The painted cross reflective activity concluded on May 17, which is now on display in our lobby. The cross symbolizes the risen Lord.
- Our year end celebration is coming up, along with leadership awards on June 6, which will tie together our Let Our Light Shine theme this year.
- IB update
 - 144 IB students just finished writing their IB exams. We have 15 full IB diploma candidates in Grade 12.
 - Full IB Grade 12 student Nathan Zhao is a 2024 recipient of the prestigious \$100,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship. His achievement marks the 7th consecutive year a student from Mac has earned this honour. Nathan will be attending UBC in the Fall.
- Did you know that Mac has an Instagram account that posts daily? Parents and students are encouraged to follow @machighyeg.

❖ Old Business

- *Stained Glass Window Project Fundraiser* – The 2023 Easter Purdy's fundraiser brought in \$552.56, and PowerSchool donations have brought in \$6,865 so far, for a running total of \$7,417.56 as of today. Ms Antonakis shared a mockup of the design for the stained-glass windows, which will be uploaded to PowerSchool. The school will be reaching out to the artist to discuss pricing for completing the windows a piece at a time. PAC also discussed reaching out to the Knights of Columbus for additional monetary support.
- *Staff Appreciation Breakfast* – Was held last week. The total cost was \$1,780.48 for catering, decorations, supplies, and treat bags for the teachers. Ms Antonakis passes on heartfelt thanks from the staff, who felt appreciated and honoured. PAC would also like to thank Eagle's Nest Catering and Canova Bakery for the delicious food.
- *Nurturing Faith Development in Teens Parent Info Session* – Veteran Youth Minister Mike Landry presented to a group of around 30 parents. The session was very well-received, with great commentary back from the parents who attended. A motion was made and carried via Email on April 5 that Mr. Landry receive a \$500 honourarium paid from the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant.

❖ New Business

- *IB Diploma Program Orest Melnyk Learner Profile Award* – PAC has a long-standing commitment of funding the monies for this award, which is given to a full IB diploma Grade 12 student who exemplifies the 10 characteristics of the IB learner profile. This year's award will be handed out at the awards night in October 2024. PAC discussed setting one amount for the award moving forward.

Motion: Trina Jewison motions that we take \$500 from the General Account to fund this year's Orest Melnyk Learner Profile Award.

Second: Ivanka Simonovic

Motion Carried.

- *School Wish List 2024-25* – Was presented by Ms Antonakis and then reviewed and discussed by PAC this evening:

▪ Buses for ABA in Red Deer	\$6,000 (Music)
▪ Might Bright Orchestra lights	\$4,200 (Arts & Music)
▪ Wall grids for displaying student works	\$1,200 (IB & Art)
▪ Smartboard replacements x 4	\$15,000 (Technology)
▪ Compound microscopes x 2 (10 total)	\$4,700 (Science)
▪ Balances x 4	\$4,440 (Science)
▪ Update classroom libraries	\$1,200 (English)
▪ Buses for IB retreat	\$1,000 (IB)
▪ Badminton nets (6) & uprights (4)	\$2,000 (Athletics)
▪ Treadmill	\$4,000 (Fitness room)
▪ Medicine balls	\$250 (Fitness room)
▪ Omnikin balls	\$250 (Phys Ed)
▪ Busing for Advent & Easter Masses	\$2,400 (Religion)

Motion: Jennifer Harvey motions that \$46,640 be taken from the Casino Account to be allocated to the 2024-25 wish list as outlined above.

Second: Ivanka Simonovic

Motion Carried.

- *Parent Concerns/Questions*
 - Campus Ministry Tour (Cara Dosman) – Cara connected with the chaplains at St Joseph's College at the U of A about booking a tour for any interested students, which can be individualized for small groups. Cara will forward the information to Mr Ferguson to potentially organize a tour for a Thursday afternoon or a Saturday in the new school year. Information can also be posted to the Grade 11 and 12 student services portals for students to access now.
- *2024-25 Executive* – The positions below will be up for election at the PAC AGM in September. All terms are for 1 year. Parents are encouraged to apply:
 - *President* – Chief spokesperson who presides over PAC meetings. Helps prepare agenda. Has a vote at all meetings and signing authority on PAC financial accounts.
 - *Vice-President* – Presides over PAC meetings in absence of President. May Chair special committees/projects. Signing authority on PAC financial accounts.

- *Treasurer* – Receives all funds raised or paid to PAC and depositing into the appropriate accounts. Keeps records of all financial transactions and reports back at each PAC meeting. Prepares/presents annual financial report at the AGM. Signing authority on PAC financial accounts.
- *Secretary* – Keeps attendance, records minutes, and collects reports and correspondence received at each PAC meeting.
- *Officer/Director-at-Large (Casino Chair)* – Plans, organizes, and executes PAC casino fundraising events and reports on casino related activities at PAC meetings.

Next Meeting: PAC Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjournment: 7:49 PM