

**Archbishop MacDonald High School  
School Council & Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

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**In Attendance:**

**Parents:** Jennifer Harvey (President), Ivanka Simonovic (Vice-President), Jennifer Maskoske (Treasurer), Kat Pederson (Secretary), Cynthia Burkard (Casino Chair), Gussie Grimestead (Archbishop MacDonald High School Business Manager), Cara Dosman (Parent)

**Faculty:** Theresa Antonakis (Principal)

**Meeting Called To Order:** 6:37 PM

**Approval of January 24, 2024, Agenda:** Jennifer Maskoske

**Second:** Cynthia Burkard

**Motion Carried.**

**Amendments to November 22, 2023, Minutes:**

- Spelling of Cynthia's last name corrected under Approval of Agenda.
- Dollar amount amended from \$5,000 to \$6,000 for choir vests and music folders under Treasurer's Report.

**Approval of November 22, 2023, Minutes as Amended:** Cara Dosman

**Second:** Jennifer Maskoske

**Motion Carried.**

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

- **School Council General Account update** – Balance as of January 24, 2024, is \$8,392.46. Growing Smiles Christmas fundraiser brought in \$763.85.
- **School Council Casino Account update** – Balance as of January 24, 2024, is \$57,531.17. After all the items from the September wishlist come out, the remaining balance will be \$2,957.30.

**Motion:** Kat Pederson motions to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented at the January 24, 2024, meeting.

**Second:** Ivanaka Simonovic

**Motion Carried.**

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

- Casino dates are February 18 and 19, 2024, at the Starlight Casino, which we now have our licence for. All the volunteer positions have been filled except for a 4-hour count room shift. Cynthia has put in a request for our next casino date as well.

- We have \$1,200 to spend on concessions for our volunteers. If we take it out of the Casino Account, AGLC will reimburse us for it. Cynthia asked about snacks for the volunteers, which was deferred to Jennifer H., who was Treasurer at the time. It was indicated that no cheques were written to cover snacks at past casino fundraisers, just the volunteers' meals.

**Motion:** Cynthia Burkard motions to provide up to a \$30 credit per volunteer to get a meal and a drink during their casino shift.

**Second:** Ivanaka Simonovic

**Motion Carried.**

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

- *Winter Recap:*
  - Mac hosted accelerated students from St. Rose and St. Cecilia last week for a STEM themed morning.
  - Mac collected enough food to deliver 34 hampers to Sacred Heart Church, as well as make a \$4,490 cash donation, which both went to the church and to student families in need in our community.
  - Mac collected toys for Santa's Anonymous. A team of students also went to volunteer, from which the feedback was incredibly positive.
- *February Highlights:*
  - Semester 2 starts February 1.
  - Junior high basketball tournament will run February 1-3.
  - The next ski trip is to Marmot Basin February 8-10.
  - The annual David Adomako-Ansah basketball tournament will run February 9-10.
  - The school play/musical this year is Shakespeare In Love, which will run February 13-17. Show times will be announced soon. Tickets will be \$10 for students and \$15 for adults.
  - Shrove Tuesday will be celebrated at school on February 13, followed by an Ash Wednesday liturgy February 14. There will also be upcoming opportunities for students to participate in a reconciliation sacrament during some PLTs and lunch hours.
  - There are Valentine's Day activities already underway with match-matics, and candy grams will be handed out again this year as well.
  - This year's Night of Music will take place on February 15.
  - Grade 10 application packages will be going out on February 20. Mac's Open House this year will be on February 22 at 7 PM. Mac is also doing junior high school visits right now and are bringing in French Emersion classes from three mornings for three separate mornings to shadow at school.
  - Mac is hosting its very first student conference for the Black Students Association on February 24. Invitations have been extended to other high schools.
  - There will be a grad assembly some time in February to provide an update to the students. Grad photos are mostly done, just need to catch a few missed students.
  - Pink Shirt Day is February 28.

- There will be no classes on February 19 (Family Day), February 23 (PD Day), February 29 (Teachers' Convention), and March 1 (Teachers' Convention).
- *March Highlights:*
  - Mac is hosting the debate regionals on March 9.
  - The Mac band is attending an international band festival the week of March 11.
  - The spring school dance will be on March 8. Theme is still TBD.
  - Taste of Mac will be on March 19.
- *April Highlights:*
  - Easter Mass with Archbishop Smith at St. Joseph's Basilica April 3.
  - Mac's first annual 24-hour bike-a-thon will take place April 24-25. Funds will be raised for the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation, Catholic Social Services, and one more organization to be determined by student vote.
- *Peer Support Update:*
  - The peer support team put together a video of the staff wishing students a Merry Christmas before the holiday break, which was very well-received.
  - Self-love candy grams will be handed out in February, along with lollipops with mental health tips. The next M10 session will be February 27.
  - The peer support team will be helping with Grade 10 registration.
  - March activities being planned include a "Throwback Week" and a Scooby-Doo mystery PLT.
  - April activities are being planned around "Smile Because You're Beautiful."

#### ❖ **Old Business**

- **Status of Audit on 2022-23 Secretary and Treasurer Records (Jennifer Maskoske)** – The audit was completed and submitted. An Email back was received stating things were good.
- **2023-24 PAC Fundraisers (Ivanka Simonovic)** – The Christmas Growing Smiles fundraiser brought in \$763.85. A "Leap of Faith" cash call campaign will be launched for the month of February to raise money for Mac's stained glass window project.
- **Staff Appreciation Update** – SAC members agreed upon May 16 as the date to provide breakfast to Mac's staff before the start of their PD Day. Jennifer Maskoske will head up this year's staff appreciation once staff numbers are confirmed, with support from Kat Pederson and Cynthia Burkard.

**Motion:** Jennifer Maskoske motions to utilize up to \$2,000 from the General Account for the staff appreciation breakfast.

**Second:** Kat Pederson

**Motion Carried.**

- **\$500 Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant (Cara Dosman)** – Cara Dosman and Jennifer Harvey presented the idea of hosting a parent-student presentation on how to nurture faith development in teens. A team from Cara's church, along with a

psychologist who utilizes faith-based counseling, would talk about how to model faith, the stages of adolescent development, what is helpful vs not helpful for faith development, and good communication methods. Cara will reach out to her contacts about a possible date in April, to be held in the school's atrium. Invitations and a pre-registration link will go out to parents once details are confirmed. We will continue to talk about this at our next meeting in March.

❖ **New Business (Jennifer Harvey)**

- **Motion Amendment** – A request to amend a motion from the January 25, 2023, meeting was made, to transfer the \$1,000 attached to the choir folders, to fund busing costs to Canmore for our music students.

**Motion:** Ivanka Simonovic motions to reallocate the \$1,000 approved at the January 2, 2023, meeting for the choir folders, to transportation costs for our music students to Canmore.

**Second:** Jennifer Harvey

**Motion Carried.**

- **Save The Date** – The ECSD trustees will be hosting an in-person evening on March 6 from 6:45-8:40 PM at Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre with a variety of pre-registered sessions to explore various aspects of your child's educational experiences and opportunities. Session information and a registration link will go out through SAC on January 31.

- ❖ **2023-24 Meeting Dates** - Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the SRC every other month. All parents are welcome. Remaining meeting dates are March 20 and May 22.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:30 PM

**Meeting Adjournment:** 7:49 PM