

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

In Attendance:

Parents: Candace Christman (Chair), Teresa Hennessey (Vice Chair) Lyndsay Boileau (Secretary), Jennifer Maskoske (Treasurer) Dawn Megic, Sangeeta Master, Onyi Okpala, Gita Sud, Linda Blanchard, Narayan Khanal, Benjamin Ofovi, Delilah Gerein

Faculty: Michelle Dupuis (Principal), Careyann Werth (Assistant Principal), Leah Fiorillo (trustee), Caroline Adamczuk-Sech (DH Teacher), Erin Ochowhelen (Faculty)

Meeting Called To Order: 6:30 PM

Opening Prayer: Dawn Megic

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement: Careyann Werth

Approval of November 19, 2025, Agenda: Dawn Megic

Second: Dehlilia Gerein

Motion Carried.

Approval of May 21, 2025, Minutes: Candace Christman

Second: Teresa Hennessey

Motion Carried.

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

- ***School Calendar of Events*** was reviewed. The full 2025-26 activities calendar can be [accessed here](#). Some past and upcoming highlights: some changes to calendar for January, updated calendar accessible on website.
- Calendar Review , Discussion regarding exam cancellations due to labour dispute, update calendar link above.

Michelle Dupuis addresses the old business/discussion regarding the book “ The Wars “ by Timothy Findley, introduces speaker & agenda topic

Agenda topic;

- **Parental concerns** about explicit content and its alignment with Catholic values

Speaker; Caroline Adamczuk-Sech (DH Teacher) department head of english department presents document regarding the curriculum, assignments and breakdown of the novel

- Novel approved by Alberta Education and Catholic School authorities; taught in Grade 12 only.
- Alignment with 30-1 outcomes and objectives
- Curriculum emphasizes moral, intellectual, and emotional development; novels are used to foster empathy, critical thinking, and moral reflection.
- Explicit content addressed through a Catholic lens
- Parents notified via email about mature themes; students warned about graphic content and can request alternatives. 30 days allows them advance warning, and option for alternate text
- Teachers and administration emphasized the educational and moral value of the novel, highlighting its role in developing empathy, critical thinking, and moral discernment.

A **formal motion to reconsider the novel's inclusion** was discussed and defeated by vote.

MOTION by Dawn Megic

School council shall make a recommendation to Archbishop MacDonald Highschool and the Edmonton Catholic school board to reconsider inclusion of “The Wars” by Timothy Findley, and remove it from curriculum; and to prioritize other works for grade 12 curriculum.

Second: Linda Blanchard

3 votes; FOR

No Abstentions

9 votes; against

Motion Denied.

❖ **New Business**

- November 18/25 COSC Event, Michelle, Candace, Lyndsay in attendance at event. The objective of the meeting included; Providing feedback on a new division plan for continuous student growth. Topics included catholic identity; optimal learning environment for all students, student well being, and classroom complexities.
- Alberta School Council Engagement Grant, School council receives \$500 annual grant for parent engagement; ideas for speakers and seminars discussed.
Speakers regarding resilient kids, building resilient teens in modern times; AI technology, Goal of early February to host event

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

Meeting Adjournment: 7:45 PM

**Archbishop MacDonald High School
Fundraising Society Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING

In Attendance:

Parents: Candace Christman (President), Teresa Hennessey (Vice-President) Lyndsay Boileau (Secretary), Jennifer Maskoske (Treasurer) Dawn Megic (Director) Sangeeta Master (Director), Delilah Gerein (Director) Onyi Okpala, Gita Sud, Linda Blanchard, Narayan Khanal, Benjamin Ofovi
Faculty: Michelle Dupuis (Principal), Careyann Werth (Assistant Principal)

Meeting Called To Order: 7:47 PM

Approval of November 19, 2025, Agenda: Jennifer Maskoske

Second: Dawn Megic

Motion Carried.

Approval of May 21, 2025, Minutes: Candace Christman

Second: Teresa Hennessey

Motion Carried.

❖ **Treasurer's Report (Ivanka Simonovic for Jennifer Maskoske)**

- **General Account**

- The balance as of August 31, 2025, was \$5,682.89
- General Account activity since : difference in bank fees
- Balance as of November 3, 2025, \$5,672.89

- **Casino Account**

- The balance as of August 31, 2025, was- \$52,585.25. Casino Account activity since; difference of \$10 in bank fees and insurance costs (\$1,196.10))
- Balance as of November 3, 2025, \$51,379.15

Motion: review financials and treasurer report for next meeting; motion stayed until next meeting

❖ **Fundraising Initiatives**

- Purdys fundraising for Easter ; discussion of Lyndsay doing spring campaign, will provide more info at next meeting regarding start times, campaign info etc.
- Last Purdys fundraiser raised \$688
- Casino Update **9/36** spots filled from sign up being sent to council, and parents that have previously expressed interest in participating. Casino is March 22 & 23 2026,

- Growing smiles discussion mentioned but no movement forward
- Dawn Megic discusses FundDrive, experience with it before;
Value Village drive raised \$1,000 with 25 kids; involved collecting clothing, household items, toys, and books, usable appliances, bedding etc..Items are weighed and paid out per pound.No initial expenditure required; storage lockers and truck provided free or reimbursed (\$100 for truck). Best timing for Value Village drive: after spring break in **March/April**; aligns with spring cleaning. FunDrive only allows 2 collection dates per calendar year. Dawn has agreed to spearhead this event and will update next meeting

❖ **Old Business**

- Bylaw revisions almost finalized. Special resolution meeting targeted for early 2026

❖ **New Business**

- ASCA membership fee up to (\$150),Fundraising Society to cover if not paid by Edmonton Catholic School Board.

Motion ASCA Membership Fee (potential): Candace Christman

Second: Delilah Gerein

Motion Carried.

Motion: Candace Christman motions to remove Ivanka Simonovic, and motions to add Teresa Hennessey as future signing authority for the 2025/2026 year

Second Delilah Govein

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

Meeting Adjournment: 8:07 PM