

**Archbishop MacDonald High School
School Council Association Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026,**

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

In Attendance:

Parents: Candace Christman (Chair), Lyndsay Boileau (Secretary), Dawn Megic, Onyiwyne Okyala, Gita Sud, Marcus Edino, Jennifer Maskoske

Faculty: Michelle Dupuis (Principal)

Meeting Called To Order: 6:34 PM

Opening Prayer: Michelle Dupuis

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement: Michelle Dupuis

Approval of November 19, 2025, Agenda: Jennifer Maskoske

Second: Dawn Megic

Motion Carried.

Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes: Jennifer Maskoske

Second: Dawn Megic

Motion Carried.

❖ Principal's Report (Michelle Dupuis)

- Review of recent student assessment results: **overall high engagement and improvements**, Surveys show high student engagement, citizenship, completion, education quality, respectful caring, learning, and access to support and services.
- CSA exams (Bio20, Science10) and math improved significantly; 51% of math students achieved the standard of excellence, English department set targets for weak areas and students improved in those areas; peer support and student services are developing a strategic plan; full data access is available to staff.
- Michelle presented a video of Eric Reinhart's presentation that was supplied from his production, all the students seem to be engaged and have a wonderful time. Discussion regarding the cheque being owed to the school, motioned previous meeting.
- **School Calendar of Events** was reviewed. The full 2025-26 activities calendar can be [accessed here](#). Some past and upcoming highlights: reviewed the calendar for upcoming events; Set semester two to start on the 28th; offices are processing many

course-change requests with the final deadline before the terms start. Bike a thon- April 30th -May 1

❖ **Old Business**

- Alberta School Council Engagement Grant Discussion

The discussion regarding the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant focused on the interest in utilizing the grant to support specific initiatives, particularly around building resilience and coping strategies for students.

It was mentioned that there were some options for speakers who could provide sessions on these topics. The proposed utilization of the \$500 grant was aimed at funding one of these sessions, with an emphasis on finding someone who could engage the parents and students effectively.

Suggestions for potential speakers included;

-Prusik Youth Services – group presentation/workshop “How to Build a Stronger Brain – A game plan for healthy decision making”; cost is \$500 plus travel costs (located in Calgary) or potential for virtual presentation. Group consensus was that in-person presentation is preferred.

-Jo Out Loud – Local youth resiliency coach. Candace has seen her present and commented on her ability to engage the audience. Candace has emailed her to confirm cost but has not heard back

Email group to be created to encourage decisions within council for recommendations with a goal for final decision at the next meeting.

April 14-16 tentative date for engagement event

❖ **New Business**

- School council table at MAC open house Feb 12/26 in atrium, volunteers needed for table
- Candace, Onyiwyne, Dawn able to attend
- It was proposed to have flyers and materials available that outline fundraising initiatives and other important information about the school. Up to \$50 was discussed for treats or supplies to engage visitors at the table.

The open house is scheduled for February 12th 2026; It was emphasized that it would take place in the atrium of the school

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March,18 2026, at 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjournment: 7:16 PM

**Archbishop MacDonald High School
Fundraising Society Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING

In Attendance:

Parents: Candace Christman (President), Lyndsay Boileau (Secretary), Jennifer Maskoske (treasurer), Dawn Megic, Onyikiye Okyala, Gita Sud, Marcus Edino,

Faculty: Michelle Dupuis (Principal),

Meeting Called To Order: 7:17

Approval of November 19, 2025, Agenda:

Second: Jennifer Maskoske

Motion Carried. Dawn Megic

Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes: Jennifer Maskoske

Second: Dawn Megic

Motion Carried.

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

● ***General Account***

- The balance as of January 21, 2026, was 5672.89\$ in General Account —activity since 0.00, bank fees are only expenses thus far

● ***Casino Account***

- The balance as of January 21, 2026, was \$51 379.15 Casino Account activity; After the payment towards Track from previous commitments; the Balance is \$45 029.86
- 1300.00 allocated to pay Eric Reinhardt, cheque to be written to School

Requests

❖ Update on screens; They have been ordered and awaiting arrival. Michelle requests council to assist with help with theatre quality lighting.

This lighting request presents great benefit to teachers, staff, and students for all events taking place in the gym. This high quality theatre lighting would enhance the ambiance for events and reducing the need for the manual set up that was in place before. This would be a safe alternative, and investment.

Motion: Candace Christman motioned to remove the previous motion to pay for the screens; and motion to allocate up to \$40,000 from Casino account for the purchase of lighting installation of gym lighting. Including necessary equipment, and associated labour costs.

Second: Dawn Megic

Motion Carried.

- ❖ Discussion in regards to open house and aim to create an open welcoming environment, spreading information on councils involvement in the school. Need for treats, signs etc. at the table

Motion: Candace Christman motioned to spend up to \$50 for treats/supplies (out of the general account) for the School Council/Fundraising Society booth at the MAC open house

Second: Jennifer Maskoske

Motion Carried.

- ❖ Discussion around staff luncheon, Date to occur May 1, 2026. Coinciding with PD Day. Overall aim is to create an event like in previous years. Fostering appreciation for the teachers by allocating a budget towards catering and trinkets etc. needed for the event. Michelle mentioned speaking to staff/committee in regards to what should be provided

Motion: Candace Christman motioned to allocate up to 1500.00 towards May 1, 2026 staff luncheon, food etc

Second: Dawn Megic

Motion Carried.

❖ **New Business/Fundraising Initiatives**

❖ **CASINO Update**

Casino update: license submitted Jan 11; event scheduled March 22–23; 32/36 volunteer spots filled; 11/18 required volunteer forms returned

Fundrive Update March 27th - April 18th 2026

The Fun Drive is a fundraising initiative that involves collecting gently used items, such as clothing, household goods, and books, to raise money for the school

- The Fun Drive partners with Value Village, which pays the school based on the weight of the items collected. This means that the more items that are donated, the more funds the school can potentially raise.

- The collection will run from March 27 to April 18. During this time, families are encouraged to donate their unwanted items.
- Sentinel storage locker was donated, Items to be dropped there
- Parents and students are encouraged to volunteer to help with the collection process, unloading items, and organizing them at the storage facility. Dawn will be facilitating this and reaching out for parent engagement
- The fundraising target set for this initiative is \$20,000, and there is a strong emphasis on community participation to achieve this goal.
- Overall, the Fun Drive is designed to be a community-focused effort that not only helps raise funds for the school but also promotes sustainable practices by encouraging the donation of unwanted items

Motion: Dawn motioned up to 100 to cover the cost of VAN for fundrive, and reimbursement will come when event finalizes

Second: Onyiwe Okyala

Motion Carried.

Purdys Update

- Lyndsay will create an account with Purdys early February to generate the sales link, with goals for sales to start late February. Goal for a sort date of March 25th, based off this date we will know when sales cut offs will be based off account set up. Lyndsay will create instagram posts to promote to parents/guardians/staff.

Motion: Candace motioned up to \$100.00 to cover the cost of VAN for fundrive, and reimbursement will come when event finalizes

Second: Dawn Magic

Motion Carried.

❖ Old Business

- Update on Signing Authority Ivanka removed and Teresa added as per November 19, 2025 motion
- ASCA Membership-nothing owed,resolved
- A final meeting was proposed for February 10 at 6:30 PM at the school. This meeting aims to bring together both previous members of the bylaws committee and current Fundraising Society board members. The goal of the meeting is to finalize the bylaws and address any remaining comments or adjustments suggested by members, who had provided final remarks on the drafts.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjournment: 8:03 PM