



## ***George McDougall High School School Council Minutes***

**November 8, 2023**

**6:30pm**

**Attending:** Gladys B, Darcy M, Kelli E, Erin Q, Melanie L, Lisa E, Diane L, Sophia L, Hayley

**Via Zoom:** Shera-lee, Marla, Jonah

I. Call Meeting to Order- Kelli called the meeting to order at 630pm.

II. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment- Kelli read the RVS Land acknowledgement statement.

III. Approval of Agenda- Darcy made a motion to approve the agenda; Melanie seconded.

IV. Approval of October 11, 2023 meeting minutes- Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes, Erin seconded.

V. Leadership Students Presentation- Hayley

- Getting photos sorted for sports boards in the hallways and additional board for photos of Mustang Teams.
- Halloween activities included a haunted house for grade 3 students, a parade for kindergarteners and various themed dress up days for George McDougall Students. A total of 914 items were brought in for "Scare Hunger".
- Leadership visited Cedarwood station this week to assist with poppy making.
- Remembrance Day ceremony to be held November 9th. Students can dress in black & white instead of needing to wear formal attire.
- Recent PEP Rally a success in spite of the sound system issues that were discovered. These are being corrected. Next Pep Rally to be held in March, date TBD.
- Communication reps are attempting to have music played before school in the mornings. The hope is that students can soon vote on song choices.
- Trying to encourage student engagement via social media, posters, tv, morning announcements, etc. Looking for ways to get students involved in activities.
- The volleyball teams are inviting RCMP for game of "bump" very soon.
- Middle School Visit - plan is to have Airdrie Middle school visit George McDougall.
- December spirit week upcoming for 12 days leading up to the Christmas holidays.

VI. Ride of Mustang update- Sophia

- Student leadership is creating a student survey/pole that would help to bring support to making the event 48 hrs instead of just half the time.
- At this time, the event is being advertised as a 48 hr event on the website and it appears to be what people want! The community supports the event, but ultimately this is a school admin decision.

## VII. Administration Report- Gladys Brown

- School Education plan update- November 24th is the date to review current plan that will then be submitted to head office for approval. Staff are currently reviewing some strategies within document that may be over ambitious to ensure achievable goals.
- One goal is preparing future ready students. To help with this, the school introduced the new Lunch & Learn program that has been quite popular among students. The idea is to bring in guest speakers in various vocations to talk to students about their careers. To date the school has had a Calgary Police Service member speak. Next on the list to attend is a dental assistant and a nurse.
- Bow Valley college attended today to present about process on how to get into BVC.
- During parent teacher interviews there was a post-secondary fair, however there was very little communication so low attendance.
- Mustang sports recap:
  - Volleyball - we are on the verge of 3 gold medal games! Senior boys, Junior girls and junior boys. Mustangs Football suffered a tough loss against Foothills Composite , but they achieved great things this season going from a Tier 3 team to Tier 1. Soccer - has also been amazing. Basketball tryouts have now commenced.
- Mr. D. recognized for a student that received 100% on their June diploma.
- Sign up for grad photos has gone out. Nov 22nd will be a grad fair - gown measurement, voting on themes & class quote.
- Leadership is looking for volunteer parents to run concession for the Junior varsity boys volleyball tournament being held November 17 & 18th. Tasks will be to monitor cash flow, counting cash and clean up up.

## VIII. Trustee Report- Todd Brand.

- Todd Brand was absent from the meeting.

## IX. Tabled Items - Pizza Friday

- Last month council discussed ways in which we could provide lunches to students “on campus” so they do not have to leave to get a hot lunch. One suggestion was a pizza day one a week.
- Kelli contacted Chestermere High school who shared information on how they are running their school pizza days.
- Kelli to email to Scott to share this information and come up with a plan as to how to facilitate a pizza day for our students If approved then we can move forward with planning. We may need 2-3 parents that can help coordinate this each time. Stay tuned for more information.

## X. New business/questions from parents:

- Is it possible to open the weight gym daily or open the large gym for kids to be active in during lunchtimes? - Gladys says unfortunately at this time there is no additional supervisors available to achieve this.
- Kelli attended a joint council meeting, which provided opportunities to learn and liaise with other school councils. Will be going to negotiations with Alberta Ed to work on getting more spaces for students. etc.

## XI. Open floor for questions.

- No additional discussion.

## XII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting - Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons.

December 13th meeting cancelled.