



# George McDougall High School School Council Minutes

February 12, 2024  
6:30pm

**In attendance:** Kelli E, Darcy M, Scott B, Erin Q, Jennifer P., Cael (student), Ms. Desrosier  
**Via Zoom:** Melanie, Jonah, Marla, Vicki

- I. Call Meeting to order - Kelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. Land Acknowledgement - Kelli read the RVS Land Acknowledgement statement.
- III. Approval of agenda -Darcy M. moved to approve agenda and Jen P. seconded.
- IV. Approval of January 10th meeting minutes - Darcy motioned to approve minutes; Kelli seconded. Motion passed.
- V. Student Leadership Presentation: Cael

- Mustangs basketball finals are approaching. Division finals are coming up with the senior varsity boys in 6th in their division and the senior variety girls 4th. Badminton will be the next sport with tryouts upcoming.
- Kindness week is approaching- dates of Feb 25-29th. This will include the following events: bus driver & custodian appreciation day(26th), teacher appreciation day(27th), pink shirt/anti-bullying day (28th), cupcake sale in support of Dare to Care and a special "Just Dance" for leap day(29th). Check the social media page for updates.
- Still participating in mentorship at the elementary school on Wednesdays.
- "March madness" will see some school intramurals.
- Basketball zones are being held March 8th & 9th. We will need parent volunteers to assist in running concessions. Kelli to sign up genius for call to volunteers.
- Upcoming RCMP games vs students.

Jumping ahead in the agenda...to pizza day.

Pizza days are to commence Friday, March 1st. The pizzas will be sold in the kiosk and in the cafeteria. Kelli E. to send out request for volunteers to run events. Pizza is sold at \$2/slice and students must bring exact cash or may also purchase \$20 punch card through school cash. Council still needs to decide out what the fundraised monies will be spent on. Does Student Leadership have any asks ?

If successful, subsequent dates are March 8, 15 & 22nd. No pizza day March 29th due to school closure on Good Friday.

- VI. Ride of the Mustangs Update - Scott B.

- Mr. Bloxham updated that the Ride of the Mustang event will not be a 48 hour event. It will commence at 6am and run until 10pm both days. School cash has been updated to accept registrations and fundraising is ongoing.

#### VII. Administration Report- Scott Bloxham

- Congratulations to the students who put on the recent production of The Descendants (musical theatre performance). It was very well received. Also a thank you to parent volunteers who assisted in making the event a success.
- Welcome to Mme. Desrosier our new guidance counsellor at school
- March 8th will be unveiling a new website for the school through RVS. Look will be more clean, current and will also include a parent council page.
- Thurs. Feb 15th - pick sheet to be emailed for course selections for 24/25 school year. This will be ongoing until Feb 28th.
- March 14th will be the grade 8- open house 6:30-7:45pm; grade 9s moving on to grade 10 will also have an open house however the time is still TBD.
- Monday , February 26th grade 12 student grad meeting to speak about grad requirements.
- Feb 24 & 25th- adopt a grad is running presentation to support students. There is a link online for this.
- Friday, February 16th need parent volunteer to come to school to begin stuffing grad envelopes- please reach out to Scott or Gladys.
- June 7th will be the date of the Grad BBQ & Carnival day- 6 parent volunteers required for this day please!

Looking to engage in new photography contract for next year. Life touch or Edge Imaging are the choices and Scott is looking for feedback to assist in this decision.

#### VIII. Trustee report - Todd Brand

- No report or attendee.

#### IX. Tabled items

- Pizza Fridays- discussed above.
- Council made a decision as to how to allocate our \$500 Alberta Government council grant. Kelli made a motion to allocate our \$500 grant to sponsor bussing for students to attend a Career Fair at Carstairs High School. Erin Q seconding motion. All in favour- motion passed.

#### X. New Business

- a) FI Engagement: Council has been looking for ways to assist in French Culture engagement throughout the school in order to support the French Immersion community. Kelli did some research and spoke to community members and partners and put together a thoughtful write up for the school newsletter on ways to reintroduce French Immersion engagement at GMHS. Scott suggested that perhaps rebranding the Fine Arts night to integrate or include French experiences could be one idea. Further discussion needed on this subject.
- b) Fundraising opportunity: Scott has been approached by Cobs Bread with a fundraiser opportunity whereby 5% of all purchases made at COBS by community members could be donated towards GMHS school council to be allocated in the future. Kelli made a motion to accept this as a school council fundraiser, Darcy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Scott to sign application.

c) Lunch time/ space in schools : There has been communication from community members stating there is a lack of lunch space for students and also questions as to why the learning commons is closed so frequently. Scott responded saying that there is ample classroom space that is open to students to eat their lunches in during lunch. Further, it is rate that the learning commons is closed during lunches. If parents are concerned about space in the school during lunches please reach out to admin directly.

Scott also advised on this subject that GHMS will be receiving a new portable that will be attached to the school and for occupation in May.

d) Grad Convocation update: fees are expected to have been paid at this time and a Grad list will be going out after the February break.

e) Grad Banquet update : this is the parent run event. There is an upcoming information meeting Feb 13th. All is going well.

XI. Open Floor questions :

a) **Do we have an exchange program?** No we do not currently have an exchange program.

b) **Is there a robotics program ?** Question diverted to Mr. Ayer.

c) **Do we or could we have peer support tutoring with students?** We do have something informal, but not a formalized program.

d) **Is there a need for a volunteer events coordinator for the school? A community member that assists with event set up, sporting event set up, school spirit, photocopying etc.** Quite possibly this could be a need in the office. Follow up with admin staff.

e) **Do we have access to RCMP resources that come weekly ?** Yes, the RCMP attend the school weekly and have space in the office to meet with students.

f) **Is it possible to add a “teacher of the week” to our newsletter.** This could perhaps be a hi-light for celebration newsletter where we could use space to introduce teachers on a more personal level.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 @ 6:30pm.**