



# George McDougall High School School Council Minutes

March 13th, 2024  
6:30pm

**In attendance:** Kelli E., Erin Q, Jennifer P., Vicki P., Malia T, Melanie G., Norma Lang, Darcy M., Scott B.

**Via Zoom:** Jonah, Sherry

- I. Call Meeting to order - Kelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed Norma Lang (for Todd Brand) and Malia T (student leadership)
- II. Land Acknowledgement - Kelli read the RVS Land Acknowledgement statement.
- III. Approval of agenda - Erin Q motioned to approve agenda and Vicki P seconded.
- IV. Approval of February 12th meeting minutes - Erin Q motioned to approve minutes; Darcy M seconded. Motion passed.

V. Student Leadership Presentation: Malia T.

- a) Upcoming: March Madness intramurals - RCMP are booked for Friday, March 15th for dodgeball.
- b) Following week is basketball March madness. The senior varsity basketball teams will be playing the RCMP on Friday, March 22nd.
- c) Ongoing: mentorship with Ecole Edwards - going very well.
- d) Upcoming Event: Ride of the Mustangs to be held March 26-28. There will be a concession during, which will assist in raising monies for school carnival.
- e) April 17th AM- George McDougall is hosting a Spring Tea for the seniors at Cedarwood Station. Later that same day is the band concert.
- f) April 18th -Mustangs PEP RALLY! MCs are coming up with script that includes games and activities.
- g) April 27th is Earth Day, which means Earth WEEK will be held April 22-26th! Some planned activities include: photo contest, plant pot painting, tulip sales and other activities. Any money fundraised will be donated to [EARTH.ORG](https://www.earth.org)
- h) May - Mental Health awareness week: activities to be determined.
- i) Students say -Congratulations for PIZZA Fridays! Students are really enjoying this and it shows because the pizzas are selling out!!!

\*\* Kelli to extend sign up for pizza days\*\*

VI. Administration Report- Scott Bloxham

- a) School projections - it is estimated that that George McDougall will to grow by approximately 40 students for 2024/2025 school year.
- b) Congratulations to all of the basketball students - especially to the senior varsity girls who are attending provincials in Strathmore this coming weekend.

- c) Ride of the Mustangs: Decision was made that the event will still not be 24 hrs, however the Wednesday evening is to be extended until 23:00hrs.
- d) Parent-teacher interview bookings have opened online. It is hybrid once again meaning meetings can be either phone call or in person. Please ensure when booking that a phone number is put into conference bookings so the teacher may easily locate it.
- e) This years "Lunch & Learns" have been very successful. We are attempting to hold smaller sessions without food. To date they have had : Air traffic controller, nurses, vet techs, police officers.
- f) The new school website went active on March 8th. It was a long term project that had commenced over 4 years ago. The reason for the switch was that the previous website technology was old, thus unable to support all of the new technology upgrades.
- g) Upcoming: March 14th is the grade 8 open house at 6:30 followed by the grade 9 - 10- welcome to high school presentation at 7:30.

#### VII. Trustee Report - Norma Lang (attending in lieu of Todd Brand)

- a) Full day Career Fair to be held March 27th at the Crossfield Community Hall. There will be approximately 20-25 employers there. The career focus is more on the trades. NAIT, SAIT, Olds, Lethbridge and other schools will be represented. There will be presentations geared towards trades that encompass work experience. The event will be from 10-5.
- b) Joint school council meeting cancelled for March
- c) End of April is the deadline slotted for making decisions about ward boundaries.
- d) The province announced 3 full school construction sites - 2 K-8 schools in Airdrie (Bayview & South Windsong) and Cochrane K-8 and design funding for 4th high school, which will be a combined site with the City of Airdrie.
- e) Minister was in Airdrie and made announcements at Croxford pertaining to education funding for growth.
- f) Trustees have set priorities for our budget: including directing resources to support literacy and numeracy, support student/staff wellness, enhance facilities, and targeting of operating reserve balance, which has been depleted over the years.

#### VIII. Tabled items:

- a) Pizza Fridays: have been very well received. Council brainstorming ideas as to wear to put pizza fundraising money. GMHS Society money to be spent on theatre lighting package. To date we don't have any fundraising going on. Further discussion regarding grants.
- b) Cobs Fundraiser- Scott to sign agreement.

#### X. New Business:

- a) June 1, 2024- Jacqueline Avery Memorial Scholarship Volleyball Tournament. Fund has been depleted and Ms. Tobin is looking for ways to have fund grow every year. Need approx.\$2000 per year. Possibly looking at hosting an adult tournament to generate funds that would raise money - this is being directed to society.
- b) Council has received \$300 from the Knights of Columbus and council is looking for ways to utilize. Jen P. made motion to use money as a scholarship for a grad recipient, Kelli E. seconded. Motion passed. Kelli to pass cheque along to George McDougall.
- c) French Immersion update- still ongoing.

- d) Grad Convocation/Valedictorian update- Grad Planning is ongoing, but going very well. Updated grad list will be out in May.
- e) Grad Banquet: Also going well. To date, 550 tickets had been sold.

X. Open Floor Questions:

- a) Audio system doesn't sound great- can this be changed? Scott responded that the sound system had new speakers installed during February break, which should be an improvement.
- b) Accessible/handi-cap spots: When it snows these spaces are not visible. Could there be some other signage so it is more visible. Scott to communicate with grounds regarding additional signage.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Next meeting: **April 10, 2024 @ 6:30pm in the Learning Commons**