



George McDougall High School School Council Minutes

March 12th, 2025
12:00pm

In attendance: Scott Bloxham, Kelli, Darcy, Melyssa Bowen, Jackie Vang, Jeff Rasmussen, Casey (student), Jen, Sherry.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30.
- II. Kelli gave land acknowledgement.
- III. Darcy motioned to approve agenda; Sherry seconded.
- IV. Darcy motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 12th, 2025; Sherry seconded.
- V. Teacher School Representative- Jackie Vang
- VI. Leadership Presentation - Casey

February recap:

- Crush for Crush
- Movie Day in the gym
- Kindness card making.
- Suckers handed out for appreciation in the rotunda and at bus doors.
- Purses for hope and for hygiene.
- Anti-bullying basketball

Upcoming in March:

- March Madness
 - Dodgeball & Basketball in main gym

VII. Teacher Presentation - Jeff Rasmussen - Social Studies

- Teaches mostly grades 11 and 12s and sometimes grade 10s...
- Interesting time to teach social studies with current political climate.
- What are the difference between a dash 1 and dash 2 level curriculum ?
 - Ability to have stronger writing skills and can discuss must points of view and conversation
 - If you are not as skilled, dash 2 might be better. More opinion based while still understanding different perspectives. Dash 1 has more complex understanding of the topics. Dash 1 has more depth in writing as compared to a dash 2 student.
 - Involved with the Dash 1 marking of diplomas.
 - Course curriculum for dash1/2 is the same, it is the writing or testing expectations that are different. Option based (dash 2) vs theory (dash1).
- Is it easier to take dash 2 to get a higher grade in order to get into university? Sort of. It makes sense to not take a course that you are not really interested in, therefore taking dash 2 if it is not necessary is okay.
- In Etude- sociales - students in both dash 1& dash 2 are combined together They are taught the same curriculum, but assessed differently.
- New curriculum is coming out, but no date as of yet.

VIII. Admin Report - Scott Bloxham

- Have begun teaching out matrix on Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) within our school community. Takes placed on Wednesdays.
- Tiered fidelity survey will be in April - data collection to be coming out.
- Course registration taking place at the moment - to be completed by next week.
- In order to ensure this is accurate, admin meet with each student to ensure they are requesting the right courses.
- Parents should take a look at the course sheets as well as some of the fees have gone up!
- Alberta Ed assurance surveys have now gone out to grade 10s. Parents should have received a survey. 275 were sent out and only 9 have been received. Parents, students and certificated teachers complete the survey. Hoping that it will increase the uptake as the survey comes from the school.

- Out of area applications are taking place. There are a number of students at our school who are not currently within our boundary, but have been approved by application in previous years. Next year our school remains at capacity even with the grade 9s being removed. Grade 11s going into grade 12 have been grandfathered in. If people are attempting to request an appeal talk to Scott directly.
- Ride of the Mustangs is in full team building mode. Initial deposits being accepted. Have ordered new flooring that society is paying for in order to facilitate event. Please reach out to Ms Aliwala if you would like to volunteer.

IX. Trustee Report- Melyssa Bowen

- Congratulations on Women in Airdrie nomination
- Proud of advocacy around high schools. Been awhile
- Mechanics training program is in its 25th year and highlight partnership with Cam Clark Ford.
- Delay surrounding the balancing Airdrie spaces . Lots of changes are taking place that will hopefully be positive. This coming year will be tricky to figure out how it will all play out due to the grade 9s not going to high schools , etc.
- Excited at the announcement of Ryan Reed becoming new superintendent.
- At February 13th meeting:
- had student from Bert Church who shared about a student led coding club. She saw a need for this and wanted to share with others.
- Also update on main and renal projects. They were excited to share where they were at...roofing, light replacements, parking lot main etc. Focus has also been placed on modulars.
- Also received enrolment from Sept 2024 to January 2025, we have grown by 241 students in the division. From 29,240 to 29,481.
- Focus with budget still remains on numeracy and literacy, enhancing staff and student wellness.
- Looking at optional school fees and trying to give direction to schools as to what they are looking for with respect to school fees. School fees are necessary however there should be some options offered at no cost because we want to ensure fairness around public education.
- For the 2025/26 year the board has said that no increases in school fees greater than \$10 or 4-5%. The board tries to talk to admin to keep things consistent across the schools.
- Also said no new alt program fees. May 15th is budget committee review meeting.
- Adhock community committee created to make sure our board aligns with other boards.
- March 6th meeting presentation from grade 6 students who held a mock legislative assembly. Very well done.
- Locally developed courses approved - these are courses developed by teachers in our community that are approved and made available for schools to have as part of their options.

X. New Business

- a) Picnic table has been ordered - expected delivery date is unknown. Blue Imp is the manufacturer.
- b) \$500 Provincial Government grant - this was tabled. Kelli to chat with Mel on her idea. Will send an email tomorrow and do an online vote.
- c) Staff appreciation dinner- Wed March 19th. Sign up Genius has gone out. Some families away next Wed that are etransferring money will use money to purchase what is needed. Taco Night is the theme.
- d) Grad Update:

- Walk the Stage - Scott: Craig Baskerville is lead on grad convocation held Friday, May 23rd.
- Students currently doing their self-checks to ensure they are meeting all of the grad requirements.
- Reminder that convocation is a celebration ceremony. The actual diploma comes from Alberta Education.
- Excitement starting to build.
- Banquet Update - Parent Run - Kelli
- May 3rd - held at Calgary Westin Airport - 865 tickets have been purchased

XI. Open floor questions - Will the King Knight be able to present the bursary that we have turned over to the school? He would need to sit through the grad ceremony in order to do so.

Adjournment - 7:42pm

Next Meeting- April 9th, 6:30pm.