



George McDougall High School School Council Minutes

April 9, 2025
6:30pm

I. Meeting commenced at 6:30

II. Kelli read land acknowledgment.

III. Melanie made a motion to approve agenda; Darcy seconded motion.

IV. Darcy made a motion to approve meeting minutes from March 12th, 2025; Sherry seconded motion.

V. Teacher school representative- Jackie Vang

VI. Leadership Students Presentation- Update on Earth week from leadership

- Monday started with plant pot decor. Good turnout and great start
- Tues - reducing car use. Students who car pooled were given suckers in appreciation.
- Wed - today - handed out tulip grams. Also had reuse day> If you brought reusable cup given iced tea
- Thurs- recycle day. Making crafts with upcycled items
- Friday - photo contest. Students submitted nature themed photos. Winner to be announced on Friday.
- Mentoring going well with big -brother/big - sister program. Younger students are from Ecole Edwards.

VII. Teacher presentation - none this month..In lieu, Jackie Vang presented on update for Ride of the Mustang. So far 30 teams are registered. Still looking for parent volunteers.

Flooring was delivered last week and installed this week. Dance party will be on the Wed night, Brandon Lorenzo Tuesday, Wed at lunch there will be a head shave. New this year- Airdrie Middle School is joining the ride!

VIII. Admin - Scott

- Picnic table is here and set up in court yard. Final amount was approximately \$2000. This was covered by pizza funds. Hoping to purchase another one soon.
- The existing wooden tables will be stripped down, rejuvenated and put into courtyard again
- April 28- participating in student vote for the election. Students will be doing their own research about different platforms. The info shared around the school is student generated.
- On behalf of all teachers, thank you for the teacher appreciation dinner.
- Ride update- provided.
- Going into spring break. This should be a break for all. We are not putting large projects on people's plates, however there are possibilities of cumulative exams shortly after the break. Time for review and turn in outstanding items.
- Grad continues to move along. Valedictorian packages has been released. Selection committee has been chosen.

IX. Trustee Report- Melyssa Bowen

- Spoke about march 20th meeting - presentation from teacher from Coopers Crossing (exemplary practice) > speaking about how she is helping students with literacy program. Awesome presentation.
- Celebrated Edwin Parr -award for a first-year teacher. RVS Nominee Connor Benson at Cochrane HS who is a high school band teacher.
- Capital plan document approved -includes a lot of approvals happening for Airdrie. Available on RVS website.
- Update from Indigenous learning branch. Help support schools with any sort of indigenous learning.
- April 3rd meeting - had presentation with fine arts academy at Chestermere. How they collaborate with all of the areas of this program to put on school musicals.
- Update from staff working on career learning framework. Launched in January and has led to more events and learning for all grade levels.
- Funding profile received...2025/26 year. Approx. 2.5%v increase overall. Can move forward now as a budget committee to set budget to government by end of May.
- School council survey highlighted.

- Heard delegation of parents from Croxford High School regarding how students in grade 10 would like to remain at the school for next 2 years even though they are not zoned for the school.
- Higher number of out of area attendance appeals. Spoke about the appeal process and how important it is right now.

X. New Business

- a. How to spend our \$500 government grant – Melanie Gaze made a motion for money to go towards initiating a Parent Resource Library. Erin Quring seconded. All in favor - **motion passed**. Ideas and suggestions welcomed . The idea is to share idea and ask for input from community about books they would like to see. Jackie suggested that we could have an online yearly subscription to learning link...
- b. School fee update- Scott- We maintained for last 2 years not raising fees. Fee levels will not change for 2025/2026 school year. What you see on that list is max that we could charge , but it is not actually what the school charges. Only fluctuation of course fees is drawing 10, hoping it will have the same fee as all of the art 10 fees. Also an adjustment to percussion in our band program. Thus if student plays percussion there is a different fee than other band students.
- c. Ride Update- completed earlier
- d. Grad update:
Walk the stage- Scott- spoken about at last meeting
Banquet: Kelli- all 3 Airdrie high schools have been sold out. The only people who are still eligible for tickets are grads who have not yet purchased tickets. Bert Church - sold 1033/GM sold 1024 tickets. Still looking for grade 11 parent volunteers. See the link in the school newsletter from last weeks newsletter.

XI. Old business: None.

XII - Open floor question - When do we learn which teachers are staying or leaving? Scott says end of May/June.

Other question from community - PBIS - are we using it? What are the pillars? Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports.

Pillars are:

- Safe
- Respectable
- Responsible

You can see posters about the pillars on display around the school.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Nest meeting: Wed, May 14th at 6:30pm following the Society meeting.