



George McDougall High School School Council Minutes

May 14.2025
6:30 PM

In Attendance: Melyssa B, Darcy M, Scott Bloxham, Jackie Vang, Adam Ayer, Jennifer P, Malia (student rep)

**Meeting chaired by VP Darcy McCurdy as Kelli Ellingson was absent on this day.*

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Darcy McCurdy.
2. Scott Bloxham read the RVS Land Acknowledgment.
3. **Approval of agenda - tabled- as we had no quorum.**
4. **Approval of Minutes from April 9th - tabled as we had no quorum.**
5. Teacher School Rep - Jackie Vang.
6. Teacher Presentation - Mr. Ayer
 - Spoke about the robotics and photography programs at the school. Recently the students went to the Calgary zoo to take photos where they encountered brand new butterflies.
 - Attempting to get ready for the Mustang showcase which will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd. Students are preparing their best photos to have on display.
 - Robotics students trying to put together arcade of games.
 - E-sport team will compete in rocket wars?
 - For next year, school curriculum to include game design course for table top games.
7. School rep- Malia. Spoke about the upcoming mental health week.
 - M-F had chalk art in courtyard
 - Tues- slam poetry
 - Wed - Hats on for mental health and leadership handed out suckers.
 - Thurs- School Tug O'War
 - Currently planning the Mustangs Carnival Day - to be held on Friday, June 6th
 - 4 Leadership students attended Rotary Youth Leadership Awards in Red Deer. The conference is incredibly beneficial for sharing leadership ideas.
8. Scott Bloxham- Administrative Report
 - School representative presentations have been well received by council. Hoping that they can continue to honor this in the future. Jackie will continue on next year as our rep.

- \$52,000 generated for Ride of the Mustangs, which will be expected to grow as monies continue to trickle in. Have been offered an opportunity as a school to go on a tour of Children's Hospital. Scott is working on arranging a time as to when this will work for students.
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports)
- Advisory council has been working on implementing this. Tiered fidelity shows you how your school is doing. Last year we were at 17% compliance; this year we are at 77% as a school. Have identified some key pieces to focus on.
- Timetable has been created for next year, but has not yet been finalized. Hoping to release timetables in June, but changes for student schedules won't be made until August.
- Total of 18 staffing positions that will be leaving our school (between teachers and support staff). Names announced by Scott, however there will be an official newsletter that will confirm names.
- GMHS has no funding to facilitate a learning commons teacher for next year. Scott is not sure what that will look like yet.
- Down a staff person in the office currently and that position will not be replaced next year.

9. Trustee Report- Melyssa Bowen

- April 17th meeting -heard from the inclusion aquatics program in RVS where students have been going to Genesis place. This has been a great program for students and learning assistants alike to share ideas and have a community support.
- School fees have been approved. Minimum increases for 2025/26 year. Some increases in costs for materials, travel, etc.
- 117 fees eliminated because they are no longer required.
- 106 new optional courses introduced.
- Community use fees have remained the same.
- Transportation fees increased \$70 (there has been no fee increase in 4 years). Reasons for this as government funding has been limited as well the distance for students walking has changed. Half price rate for kindergarten students, early registration discounts. 13,500 students are transported each year.
- May 1 meeting celebrated students who received 100% on diplomas.
- Approved year 3 of education plan. The 23-27 plan will be available in late may on the rvs website.
- Modular classrooms - requests are made in the fall. 27 modular units were requested. Only 5 units were approved as well as 1 washroom relocation. 3 to Nose Creek Elementary and 2 to Ralph McCall. This of course is disappointing as most schools are at or over capacity.
- 2 communities have been designated - Vantage Rise has been designated to Coopers, Muriel Clayton and George McDougall. Goldwyn has been designated to Kathryn and Beiseker.
- Q2 update -higher than budgeted revenue. Slight deficit being drawn from reserves.
- Policy changes- Role of board, trustee and superintendent.

10. New Business

- a) Tabled.
 - b) We will have approximately \$4000 in leftover funds for Pizza Friday. Sales for punch cards have been paused until next year. The picnic table that has been set up in the courtyard will not be able to be used due to the geese and ducks that have inhabited the courtyard. Hopefully they will move along soon.
 - c) Ride update -was done earlier by Mr. Bloxham
11. Old Business- none.
12. Open floor- Parent survey has been sent out. 48 responses have been received thus far.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Next meeting: June 11th, 2025 at 6:30 pm.