



# George McDougall High School School Council Minutes

June 11, 2025

6:30 pm

**In attendance:** Darcy M, Melyssa Bowen, Kelli, Scott Bloxham, Sherry M, Erin Q, Jen P, Jackie Vang, Vicki P, Casey (leadership student).

**Online—** Monica M.

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:30.
- II. Kelli read the RVS land acknowledgement.
- III. Approval of agendas for May 14th and June 11th, 2025- Darcy motioned for approval of both agendas and Sherry seconded for both.
- IV. Approval of April 9 and May 14th, 2025 meeting minutes - Darcy motioned for both months of minutes to be approved and Sherry seconded for both.
- V. Teacher School Representative- Jackie Vang.
- VI. Leadership Students Presentation -Casey:
  - Mustang Showcase to be held on Tuesday - there will be band, drama and fashion presentations.
  - Wednesday - Mustang Athletics Awards Ceremony to be held.
  - Friday - PM was carnival. Was successful with all activities.
  - Nothing else scheduled for June due to all of the year end exams, etc. Not sure what will happen with leadership and council as Ms. Becket is moving on to Cochrane. Awaiting to hear who is taking over these programs.
- VII. Teacher Presentation - none for June.
- VIII. Administrative Report- Scott Bloxham
  - Showcase, Mustang Awards and Carnival were all well attended.
  - Diplomas and PATs , classes all ongoing. Lots of resources are being taken up and this has been challenging. Process for remainder of year is now focused on the reassessment period - regular classes are finished Monday, June 16th and the last final day is June 25th.
  - Report cards (once again) are available only online. If you are having difficulty accessing these then please reach out to admin/ office staff.
  - School Office will reopen August 18th - guidance will be available that week if students are needing course changes.
  - George McDougall is losing 18 positions including teaching staff and support staff due to the changing in grade structure that will no longer have grade 9s at George McDougall.
  - The 2025 Grade 12 grad class has 289 students.
  - Notifications will be sent out for grade 12 students so they can make appointments to make course changes.
  - The cafeteria area has been used by the grade 12s this past year and staff are looking at renaming this space to make it an official spot for students to hang out. This space moving forward could potentially be used for anyone who is on a spare.

- Any students that are taking year long band automatically have a spare opposite band. If band teacher wants to run something during that time frame then they can fill that or can fill it with a We Connect class. Grade 11 students may also be eligible for this spare unless they are in a deficit then they can take a We Connect class.
- Question from Kelli- What does next years' French program look like? Currently there are three full time teachers.
- Question from online- Marla- Can students meet with teachers this year ? Answer is to meet in August.
- Question from Kelli - is there any update on the possible teacher strike? Scott has no updates for this.

#### IX. Trustee Report - Melyssa Bowen

- Students at Kathryn school presented on Agi-days.
- Budget 25/26 has been approved.
- Growth of approximately 505 students in the division. Still underfunded by 140-150 students. Increase in budget has been approx 2.5% which is roughly the cost of inflation. We are growing far beyond this rate.
- Modular request of 27 - only 5 have been approved. 3 for Nose Creek and 2 for Ralph McCall. This may be altered to have 4 at Nose Creek and 1 in Chestermere at Rainbow Creek so the division does not have to pay for a cost to have a connection built.
- New superintendent Ryan ? has been attending new meetings but does not officially take the reigns until end of August. Luterbach and Bersinsky are both retiring.
- Update on technology to talk about security.
- Suspensions and expulsions - seeing a downward trend.

#### X. New business:

- a) Kelli- Would council like to do another pizza day(question from students) ?
- It was felt by council that at this time there are not enough resources to add another day. Perhaps in September we may get additional support and can revisit this decision then.
- b) Scott read a list of staff members who he knew will be leaving George McDougall HS.
- Scott also requested funds for a table for what is now the cafeteria but may soon become known as the "Mustang Coral". **MOTION:** Kelli made a motion that we utilize school council pizza money to purchase two tables that will be used in the cafeteria area. Sherry & Erin both for seconded this motion. All in favour. Total cost for the two multi-functional tables is \$2040

c) Elections for Chair - Darcy asked 3 times if anyone would like to be chair. As no other name were put forward for election of chair, Kelli will remain in position of council chair.

Elections for secretary - Kelli asked 3 times if anyone would like to be secretary. As no other names were put forward for election of secretary, Jen will remain in position of council secretary.

#### XI. \$500 Grant - Grant money to go to GMHS Parent Council Resource Library.

- Only 4 responses for survey about types of resources needed.
- Digital library of some sort to be used.

#### XII. Elections for Vice Chair and Treasurer to be held at September meeting.

XIII. Thank you message from council read by Kelli to express gratitude for all of the contributions made by volunteers over the past year.

XIV. September 10th, 2025 at 6:30pm is the next meeting (society meeting prior to at 6pm).

- \* Community at large members are still welcome to volunteer in any capacity , especially pizza Fridays!
- \* Thank you to Darcy McCurdy for volunteering in her role as Vice President and all other volunteer rolls.

Meeting adjourned 7:33pm.