

**Fort McMurray Christian School
School Council Meeting Minutes**



Date: September 20, 2022

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Fort McMurray Christian School

Present: Elizabeth Benner, Geoffrey Bishop, Christine Gogolinski, Kris Jackson, Simi Oladipo, Tunde Oladipo, Grace Namazzi, Putra Simanjuntak, Peter Sdungu, Erica Vanden Pol, Riva Walters

I. Welcome and Call to Order (7:36 pm)

Chair: Erica Vanden Pol

II. Devotion/Opening Prayer

A fear of failure sometimes causes us to wait for just the right moment to speak up for God, or for the perfect timing to serve Him. We must remember that our job isn't to make sure that everything works out. Our job is to serve, help, and share God's good news every chance we get. We must trust that everything else is in God's care.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Tunde Oladipo

2nd: Christine Gogolinski

Unanimous

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2022

Motion: Elizabeth Benner

2nd: Kris Jackson

Unanimous

V. Reports

A. School Administration Report

Geoffrey Bishop

- The recent Welcome Back BBQ was a great success thanks to collaborative involvement and food donations from both the school and its families. Around 300 attendees, including Linda Mywaart (Board of Trustees Chair) and representatives from the Fort McMurray Public School Division, joined together for an evening of delicious food and community connection.

- FMCS's smaller student population allows increased opportunities for connection, mentorship, and collaboration. Current enrolment is 234 students. The school will be welcoming the addition of two new junior high students in the upcoming week.
- A field trip to Stoney Mountain/Loon Lake has been planned for the junior high classes for the end of September. Students will learn how Indigenous people lived off of the land by participating in a variety of traditional activities and games.
- Members of the school community are all in this together and open communication is key to success. The door is always open for parents to reach out with questions, concerns, and feedback.

B. Fundraising Report

Christine Gogolinski

- The fundraising account has a balance of \$10567 which includes the proceeds from last year's final bottle drive. Approximately \$3000 of this amount is designated for library improvements. Non-designated funds are used to promote student experience (e.g., Alien Inline Skating program, natural learning spaces, teacher requests).
- The school has submitted a funding request of approximately \$100 to help with the programming and transportation costs of the upcoming junior high field trip. The cost of bussing is estimated to be \$400. Some of the expense will be covered from the school's \$700 annual field trip budget, and each attending student will also contribute \$10.
- The School Council unanimously votes in favour of releasing up to \$200 from the fundraising account to help fund the junior high field trip to Stoney Mountain/Loon Lake.

VI. New Business

A. Parent Volunteers

- Real Canadian Superstore has generously offered a weekly gift of fresh apples for the students to enjoy. Volunteers are needed to pick up the box of apples every Monday morning and deliver it to the school. A sign-up link can be found on the FMCS Facebook page.
- There are many opportunities for parents to contribute their time to the school community, and all volunteers are greatly valued. Those interested are invited to pick up an information packet in the main office. A current police reference check is required for all in-school volunteer positions and a signed school letter is included in the packet which will allow you to request the police check at no cost. Completed checks will remain valid and on file for five years.

VII. Dissolution of Current School Council Executive

Motion: Christine Gogolinski 2nd: Elizabeth Benner Unanimous

VIII. School Council Executive

A. Elected Roles

- Chair: Tunde Oladipo Unanimous
- Vice Chair: Elizabeth Benner Unanimous
- Secretary: Riva Walters Unanimous

B. Non-Elected Roles

- Volunteer Coordinator: TBD
- ASCA/Division Networks Committee Representative: Elizabeth Benner
- Media Lead: Christine Gogolinski
- Teacher Representative: TBD
- Junior High Student Representatives: Luke Jackson, Simi Oladipo

IX. Next Meeting: TBD

X. Call to Adjourn (8:20 pm)

Motion: Peter Sdungu 2nd: Kris Jackson Unanimous