

Date: Tuesday June 3, 2025

Time: 6:30-8pm

Location: Music room @ FMCS

Present: Jolene Peters, Jonathan MacIntosh, Geoff Bishop, Christine Gogolinski, Mary Murley, Gloria Davies-Ocloo **Online:** Carolina Bolivar

Regrets: N/A

Chair: Mary Murley

Vice-Chair: Jolene Peters

Secretary: Gloria Davies-Ocloo

1. Welcome and Call to Order - Mary Murley @ 6:43 pm

2. Opening Prayer - Jolene Peters

3. Networks Committee Meeting Info:

- School Council Networks 23/24 reports summary

- Mary attended the School Councils Network Committee meeting on April 8, the first of the year due to the CUPE strike.

- Key topics discussed:

- Parent volunteers were needed across public schools, especially during the strike. FMCS was fortunate to have strong parent support—for example, with the hot lunch program.
- Adjustments to class sizes.
- Board member appreciation.
- Lack of parent orientation resources.
- Suggestions for how the board could better support school councils.
- General concern over the board's perceived lack of support during the strike.

4. School Agendas - For the students/staff

- Melesa suggested introducing student planners as a standardized tool across all grades to help students take responsibility for homework and consistently share information with families.
- While teacher emails are appreciated, having something tangible in front of students—like a planner—encourages daily habit-building and accountability.
- She shared a resource from *First Class Planners* and noted that ordering early allows for customization with a school logo and a Christian theme.

Link to planner brochure:

<https://www.firstclassplanners.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2025-2026-FCP-Brochure-Web.pdf>

5. Principal's Report – Geoff Bishop

- **Student Demographic Confirmation:** Parents are encouraged to complete the form.
- **Let's Grow Project:** Successful first-year report.

- **Education Plan:** Approved by the Board of Trustees; presented by Geoff and Jonathan.
- **AEA Report:** Only 24 parents completed the survey.
- **Staffing Update:**
 - Additional elementary teacher needed (Grades 2–3, 4–5, and JH).
FMCS has access to grads from King's that would be pursued if needed as they are Christian education trained. Christine to design a graphic ad.
 - Projected enrollment growth to 326 students.
 - Staff has grown by 7–8%.
- **Literacy Improvement:** There is general improvement across all grades. All but two classes are better than the FMPSD average.
- **TFT Report:** 56% of teachers have a high comfort level of implementing Christian Education/TfT in their classrooms.
- **Serve YMM:** 135 students took part, the sessions were impactful, and the event was highly successful.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Info Night:** June 10
 - **Worship Wednesdays:** Three remaining sessions.
 - **Final Assembly:** Scheduled for June 25

6. Parking Lot

- “No Parking” sign installed between the intersection and the parking lot Exit.
- The division will hire personnel to enforce parking rules with tickets.
- Christine proposed displaying a map indicating the “No Parking Zone.”
- Proposal to paint the boundaries of handicap parking zones.

7. Fundraising at FMCS

- Proposal to establish a dedicated fundraising group for capital and special projects.
- Collaboration proposed between Carla (School Council Chair, Timberlea School) and Mary to fund joint initiatives (e.g., outdoor benches for shared playground space). To be explored next school year.

8. Important dates:

- **Work Bee:** June 11, 2025 @ 8:45 AM
- **Kindergarten Graduation:** June 18, 2025 @ 10:00 AM
- **Grade 9 Graduation:** June 20, 2025

9. School Council Year Report

- Presented by Mary Murley.
- **Key Achievements:**
 - Organized the Welcome Back to School Barbecue.
 - Partnered with the Society to host the Brett Ulman presentation.
 - Facilitated workbees to support the school library.
- Consistent participation in Networking Committee meetings

10. Call to Adjourn Mary @ 7:57pm

Future Projects/Ways to be involved:

- **Next workbee**
- **Yearbook**
- **Advisor to the Principal**
- **Fundraising initiatives/Special Projects?**