

# MidSun School Council Meeting Minutes

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**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

*Recorder (1): Jess W*

*Attendees (12): Kristine C-G, Erin L, Erica M, Deanne W-F, Kayla D, Tiana L, Jeanne F, Jamie C, Danny Y, Miranda H, Jenine S, Shelly C*

*Staff Attendees (3): Charlene Kushniruk (Principal), Jenn Grant (Assistant Principal), Randy Hess (Learning Leader)*

Meeting called to order: 6:30pm

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions

Motion made by Danny Y to approve the MidSun School Council Meeting agenda for November 26, 2024. Seconded by Erin L. Carried.

Motion made by Tiana L to approve the MidSun School Council meeting minutes from October 22, 2024. Seconded by Erin L. Carried.

1. Special Presentation: Grade 7 Learning Update (Randy Hess)

- A. Randy Hess presented a G7 update at the meeting. He noted that lunch, foosball and Ping-Pong tables have been donated. Randy H said that the students are settling in and adjusting well to junior high. He mentioned that the students are enjoying the option courses but are struggling with organization of learning materials and that learning leaders are actively helping students transition from loose paper to coil bound notebooks. G7 leadership students are exploring into other pods and getting to know the school. Randy H discussed that the G7 learning leader team is relatively new (Mr. Wall, Ms. Sosnowsicz, Mr. Warawa and Miss Boulanger) except for a few who have previously taught G7 but the team is adapting and working well together. Lastly, Randy H shared an update of current learnings in math, science, humanities, powerup and leadership.

2. School Update

- A. Jenn Grant shared that there are lots of indoor activities for students as the colder months approach. After activities during lunch, the students have been reminded to clean up after, not go to other PODs or wander around the school. There are several clubs which are supported by staff to give kids options over the lunch break. Jenn also confirmed that after 1:30pm students have the choice to go outside if the weather is warmer than -20 degrees. Note: The school is actively looking for donations of board games and cards.
- B. Jenn G also noted that the Chief Superintendent, Joanne Pitman, and Area Director, Ann Ard visited MidSun on November 22. This was the first visit to the school by a superintendent. Administration was able to discuss the needs of the school and give a tour. Jenn also discussed the G9 Astrolab which is a large

bubble set up in the learning commons that students enter to discuss space for science classes.

- C. Jenn G also noted the following upcoming events: parent-teacher conferences, school Carnival (wristbands sold for \$10 to support Adopt-a-Family fundraiser), hoop dancing with Elder Shirley Hill, G9 band trip to Edmonton, band concert and craft fair. There is also a food drive for house points (each house is focusing on certain products).
- D. Charlene K discussed the School Improvement Results Report (full report posted on website). She shared both celebrations and areas for improvement.
- E. Charlene K also discussed the three-year School Development Plan with focus on learning excellence, well-being, and truth & reconciliation and specifically spoke to how our school will develop these plans for the next three years. She reviewed celebrations on enhancing literacy excellence, well-being (diversity and inclusion, connectedness and support, and resilience and mental health) at MidSun.
- F. Charlene K also shared that there was a surplus of lunch fees (\$50,000) collected that had to be used before the end of the year for lunch related activities and items for students. Administration used those funds to purchase tables and standing desks.

3. Chair Update

- A. Kristine requested volunteers for the parent council table at parent-teacher conferences, start requesting signup for casino shifts and fun lunch volunteers. Jamie asked about fundraiser updates which may be a 50/50 RaffleBox sale and/or spring flowers.

4. Key Communicator Update

- A. Jenine S shared an overview of the last CBE meeting highlighting the fact that it appears our parent council operates much more amicably compared to other schools. Jenine S noted that there were approximately 143,000 new students this year throughout the city and there is no government funding to build more schools. Jenine S also advised that everyone has access to the ASCA website for info about council meetings. Kristine C-G asked Jenine to register and share the website username and password.

5. New Business / Open Table

- A. No further business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned: 7:54pm

*Next meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6:30pm*