

MidSun School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Recorder (1): Jess W

Attendees (9): Kristine C, Jamie C, Deanne W-F, Danny Y, Tiana X, Shelly C, Jamie O, Kayla D, Erica M, Erin L, Lynette M

Staff Attendees (4): Charlene Kushniruk (Principal), Jenn Grant (Assistant Principal), Erin Purdy (Learning Leader)

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions

Motion made by Tiana L to approve the MidSun School Council Meeting agenda for April 22, 2025. Seconded by Kayla D. Carried.

Motion made by Tiana L to approve the MidSun School Council meeting minutes from March 18, 2025. Seconded by Deanne W-F. Carried.

1. Special Presentation: (Erin Purdy, Learning Leader)
 - A. Erin Purdy shared an overview of the Student Services Specialized Support team who offers support to IPPs, students, families, and transitions from grade 6 and into grade 10. Erin P works with teachers to support EAL and both in small groups and within the classroom. The Student Services space is upstairs in the red pod. It is a large, welcoming, open, safe space with flexible seating with lots of other things for students to do.
 - B. Questions from parents about specialization, development and progression of learning. Additional questions about the transition to high school, and whether Erin's role is similar to a guidance counselor.
2. Charlene K and Jenn G shared an administration update to the meeting attendees which included various topics:
 - A. Election Day April 28th – MidSun is a polling station, starting at 7:30am
 - B. Bell Times 2025-2026 – Days will be starting slightly later and ending slightly earlier, Friday dismissal goes from 12:50pm to 1:13pm, changes mainly due to transportation and shortage of bus drivers, also from the growth of the city.
 - C. Upcoming events:
 - (i) Grade 8 Beach Volleyball - April 25; Gr 9 SAIT - April 28; Gr 7 TELUS - April 29; GR 8 Band Trip Banff - April 28 - May 1; May 2 - Band Feeder Tour to Sister Schools; May 5- 9 - Gr 9 SALTS Sailing Trip; May 8 - Badminton Tournament; May 14/15 - Gr 9 Riverwatch; May 15 - Gr 8

Movie - 21 Ronin; May 16 - NID/PD Day; May 21 - Victoria Day Long Weekend; May 20/21 - Improve Festival - Drama Students; May 26 - 28 - Gr 9 Band Camp Caroline; May 27 - School Council; PAT - Gr 9 English Part A Written; May 30 - Wellness Day

- D. SALT'S Sailing Trip 2026 – Grade 8 interest will be circulated in late May
- E. RAM Budget for 2025-2026 – Administration is in process of confirming budget approval for next year's staffing based on 638 student projections.
- F. School Engagement & Survey Data April 2025 – Charlene K and Jenn G shared information and updates, generally very positive regarding communication, school fees, and activities. Detailed reports to be shared at the end of the school year. Administration is doing a lot of work behind the scenes to manage fee reductions and finding ways to continue running classes and programs without going over budget.
- G. Video Surveillance Technology (VST) Update – Wiring is installed, existing cameras will be removed soon. There will be 22 new cameras (9 exterior, 12 interior) which will be installed on an updated security design. New signage will also be added. No audio recordings will be available. Cameras will only be focused on CBE property. The cameras will have better quality footage, advanced searching capabilities, with secure, scalable and reliable solutions, and will be relatively low maintenance. Supervision at school stays as-is. Charlene K explained how collection is used, accessed and controlled. Attendees had questions about budget implications, and Charlene noted that this is a CBE mandate at no cost to the school.
- H. Jenn G and Charlene K asked the attendees questions about the benefits, concerns and other questions about the initiative. The group discussed that the data will be stored on servers at CBE in a closed environment. There was also discussion about the privacy request and protocol if CPS needs to see a video.

Erin joined the meeting at 7:27pm

3. Chair Update (Kristine C)

- A. Kristine has reviewed the Council Bylaws from 2016 with the attendees. A formal meeting will be held to make changes, but she wanted to give the group a short review of a few suggested amendments. Jess to upload, review bylaws and get suggestions. Suggested amendments include:
 - (i) Bylaws should be reviewed every year at Annual General Meeting.
 - (ii) Reduction of current executive committee. It should be reduced to four (4) and consist of the Chair, co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
 - (iii) The term of office will no longer be capped at 2 years, but the officer must have a child who is currently attending the school.

- (iv) Signing officers should include 3 of the 4 of the executive committee positions, but must not be from the same household or related.
 - (v) Financial year is currently September to June, recommend updating to September 1 – August 31 of each year.
 - (vi) Updating quorum to chair (or vice-chair), 2 additional executives, plus 3 members.
 - B. A special meeting will be held for the sole purpose of amending bylaws. Appropriate notice will be provided to ensure there is quorum. Suggestion of holding the special immediately prior to the commencement of the AGM in September.
4. Key Communicator Update (Jenine S)
- A. No update.
5. New Business / Open Table (Kristine C)
- A. No further business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned: 7:47pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:30pm