

# MidSun School Education Enhancement Society (MSEES) Meeting Minutes

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**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

*Recorder (1): Jess W*

*Attendees (10): Kristine C, Erin L, Erica M, Deanne W-F, Tiana L, Danny Y, Miranda H, Mona S, Jen D, Shelly C*

*Staff Attendees (2): Charlene Kushniruk (Principal), Jenn Grant (Assistant Principal)*

Meeting called to order: 7:30pm

Motion made by Tiana J to approve the January 28, 2025 MSEES meeting agenda. Seconded by Jen D. Carried.

Motion made by Tiana J to approve the MSEES meeting minutes from November 26, 2024 subject to one small amendment to the fun lunch coordinator note. Seconded by Jen D. Carried.

**1. Treasurer Update (Erin L)**

- A. Erin L noted that there is \$24,144.85 the cash account (\$23,222.66 unreserved) and \$71,967.52 in casino fund (\$49,852.52 unreserved).
- B. Erin L also provided an update for the Staff Appreciation Fund which is approximately \$1,068. Danny Y and Kristine C will be sending receipts for reimbursement.
- C. Healthy Hunger funds are doing well.

**2. Chair Update**

- A. Kristine C discussed the Alberta Board of Education grant for \$500. Kristine C asked administration if Taylor Macpherson could speak to the parent council – if she is volunteering her time, there is a possibility of donating the grant to a charity of her choice. Jenn G. agreed to reach out. Attendees also noted that maybe a presentation about the transition from Grade 9 to 10 may be worthwhile.
- B. Kristine C also discussed the 50/50 fundraiser and timing. The parent group discussed and decided to only do one fundraiser in the Spring. The vote was between the AGLC 50/50 and Growing Smiles (spring flowers). The majority voted in favour of the 50/50.
- C. Tiana J has volunteered to contact Kona Ice for attendance on Sports Day in June with a portion of the proceeds going back to the school. She will work with Jenn G. for details.

- D. Discussion about having a *Freezie Friday* fundraiser. Freezies donated and students bring cash to buy a freezie on Fridays afterschool toward the end of the school year. Chaparral did this and was very successful.

3. **Coordinator/Committee Updates**

- A. Staff Appreciation (Danny Y): Staff enjoyed bags of baked goods last month and will be receiving candy bags soon.
- B. Fun Lunch (Jen D): More volunteers have been attending. Erin L discussed how to get lunches to kids faster and noted that some restaurants are bringing cold food. Jen D noted that Healthy Hunger discusses directly with the vendor when issues arise.
- C. Jen D also noted that issues with 2024 Healthy Hunger orders were refunded to student accounts and that she has cancelled future dates with McDonalds and Chachi's.

*Miranda and Danny Y left the meeting.*

- D. Casino Update (Deanne W-F): Reminder that May 15 and 16, 2025 are our casino dates. Kristine C will create SignupGenius link and send to Deanne and admin team for distribution (e.g., IG, MidSun Messenger).

4. **Funding Requests**

- A. Charlene K and Jenn G requested money for: art supplies needed for semester two (\$2500 from casino funds), health and wellness supplies to enhance classrooms (\$125 per learning leader or \$4250), and an Omnikin ball, high jump standards and two high jump mats for athletics. Jen G will go back to Jen P to discuss the need for the high jump equipment and whether it can be rented instead.

*Shelly C left the meeting.*

Motion made by Kristine C for up to \$2500 from the casino account for art supplies. Tiana J seconded. Carried.

Motion made by Kristine C for up to \$4250 from the casino account to be split between 34 teachers for enhancements to learning spaces which is to be spent by the end of June 2025. Erica M seconded. Carried.

Motion made by Kristine C for up to \$1000 from the casino account for an Omnikin ball to be used by all grades. Deanne W-F seconded. Carried.

5. **New Business / Open Table**

No new business.

Meeting adjourned: 8:31pm

*Next meeting Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30pm*