

MidSun School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Recorder (1): Jamie C

Attendees (8): Kristine CG, Deanne WF, Tiana L, Danny Y, Shelly C, Kristin S, Lisa S

Staff Attendees (3): Charlene Kushniruk (Principal), Jenn Grant (Assistant Principal), Sarah Inkster (Grade 8 Team)

Meeting called to order on Teams at 6:34pm by Kristine CG

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement by Charlene Kushniruk

Introductions not done (no new attendees)

Motion made by Tiana L to approve the MidSun School Council Meeting agenda for February 25, 2025. Seconded by Danny Y. Carried.

Motion made by Danny Y to approve the MidSun School Council meeting minutes from January 28, 2025. Seconded by Deanne WF. Carried.

1. Special Presentation: Grade 8 Learning Team Update (Sarah Inkster)
 - A. Noticed improvement in student behaviour since reset discussions including self advocacy
 - B. Learning Material:
 - (i) Renaissance unit completed, starting Aztec unit
 - (ii) Math starting ratios and percentages
 - (iii) Science starting mechanics unit
 - (iv) New options with semester change. Yummy new recipes in Foods and Leadership will be helping with Spirit Week and Spring Carnival
 - C. Field Trip:
 - (i) Play viewing opportunity coming up soon
 - (ii) Calaway Park trip in June
 - D. Parent Questions:
 - (i) Is there a big difference between grades for behaviour?

1. Each grade has different perspectives with different challenges. Grade 8 is a “tough year” developmentally for many students.
- (ii) How are the enrollment numbers for Band camp / Band classroom size for grade 8?
 1. Band camp is in Banff and is expected to have a decent turnout with ~55 students (2 classes) enrolled in Gr 8 Band

Sarah Inkster left the meeting

2. School Update (Charlene Kushniruk / Jenn Grant)

Charlene K and Jenn G shared an administration update to the meeting attendees which included various topics:

A. CUPE Strike update

(i) Staff learning curve learning new opening and closing procedures and adjusting to restricted hours for building access . Updates regarding the strike can be found on CBE website.

(ii) How can students help? Throw away garbage in the proper bins, clean up areas after use, respect shared spaces such as washrooms and lunch areas, and help each other by reminding others to do the same.

B. Student Expectations Reset Update: Almost immediate improvement has been noted by admin since starting this initiative. Daily announcements to help reinforce positive change. The next steps include how to recognize positive behaviours.

C. Highschool Registration (Centennial) sent 2 councillors to the school to converse with Gr 9 students about course selection for next year (there are currently 222 Gr 9 students at Midsun)

D. Open House for Gr 6 students from feeder schools will visit Midsun on April 8/9/10. The format is TBA

E. Important Dates:

- a. Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day
- b. Ramadan Mar 3-28 school will be accommodating student needs with a prayer space and food-free lunch areas
- c. Mar 3 IPPs
- d. Mar 4 MADD Presentation
- e. Mar 10-13 Gr 7 Band Camp
- f. Mar 13 Band Concert
- g. Mar 17/18 Envo Bouldering Field Trip
- h. Mar 20/21 Parent Teacher Interviews

- F. Blue Pod and Library Tour: not done due to being moved online; several photos of newly furnished areas shared
- 3. Chair Update (Kristine C)
 - A. Kristine C
 - (i) March Council meeting will include a presentation from the Gr 9 Learning Team (PATs) and Centennial Highschool Principal Joe Sturgeon. It will also involve discussion of current Bylaws (no digital copy) and a video security update with a parent engagement discussion. Reminder that the meeting is a *week earlier* than normal because of Spring Break (conflicts with Fish Creek Council).
 - (ii) Midsun Open House for Gr 6 students Family Tour April 10th 6-7:30pm. Will require volunteers (conflicts with Chaparral Council meeting) for a Council table (Candy contest, info sheet, Casino table (sign-up sheet), and 50/50 sales (QR code). Danny and Shelly offered; Jen will find Leadership students to assist where needed.
- 4. Key Communicator Update (Jenine S)
 - A. Jenine S. not in attendance
- 5. New Business / Open Table (Kristine CG)
 - A. No further business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned: 7:14pm

Next meeting Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 6:30pm