

MidSun School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Recorder: Jamie C

Attendees (13): Kristine C-G, Jeanne F, Jamie C, Lisa S, Karla S, Shelly C, Jenine S, Tiana L, Danny Y, Erica M, Deanne F, Monalisa S, Kayla D

Staff Attendees (8): Charlene Kushniruk (Principal), Jenn Grant (Assistant Principal), Maggie Z (Drama), Nicky A (Health/PE), Deb L(Foods), Mark A (ComTech), Darrin W (Visual Arts), Jen P(Health/PE)

Meeting called to order: 6:35pm by Kristine CG

Welcome and Introductions of attendees

Motion made by Tiana L to approve MidSun School Council Meeting agenda for October 22, 2024. Seconded by Danny Y. Carried.

Motion made by Deanne F to approve the MidSun School Council meeting minutes from September 24, 2024. Seconded by Jenine S. Carried.

1. School Update

A. Complimentary Course Presentations

(i) Leadership- Jen P(Health/PE) & Nicky A (Health/PE)

- Trying to host an event each month where possible: Sep-Terry Fox Run, Oct-Halloween Dance/Activities & Pumpkin Carving, Dec-Winter Carnival & Support a Family, Feb-Valentine's Day Activities, Spring Spirit Days, June- Carnival
- "House Points"- Home rooms are paired up (7-1, 8-1, 9-1) and collaborate in activities to collect points throughout the year. House with most points in June wins a Pizza Party

(ii) Drama- Maggie Z

- Wrapping up T1 with current Gr7 group and will be starting new group for T2 shortly
- Clown Makeup projects
- Gr 8 & 9 Improv focus with goal of attending an improv inter school competition in 2025
- Public speaking skills are always incorporated, even when not the focus
- Drama Club is up 5x in attendance this year!

- Upcoming Events:
 - (a) Blue Pod Show October 24/24
 - (b) Remembrance Day Assembly
 - (c) School Musical for April 2025

(iii) **Comtech & Construction- *Mark A***

- Skill development in multiple areas: 3D printing, Animation, Robotics, Laser Cutting, Coding, Minecraft Challenge (Gr 7)
- Strong focus on problem solving skills

(iv) **Foods- *Deb L***

- Marketing, Business, and Technology are all integrated into the program
- Grade 7 have access to joining Culinary Club only (not Foods Course)
- Budgetary needs have grown dramatically with increased course load and inflationary cost of supplies
- Grade 8 & 9 work on multiple individual challenges and group challenges throughout the program (ie “Cake Wars Challenge”, “Pizza Delivery Challenge”, and many more)

(v) **Visual Arts- *Darrin W***

- Presentation of current and past projects that students have created (silk screen t-shirts, stage production props, visual journals, sock monkeys, Artist's Bloom community art sales)
- Focus on fostering creativity and allowing it to flourish
- Student art exhibitions can be seen on display throughout the school

B. Terry Fox Update

- (i) Raised \$2000 total this year

C. CBE Middle Year's Project- School Development Plans

- (i) Oct 18- Staff reviewed data collected from student surveys, AER, and PAT
- (ii) Oct 25- additional planning of School Development Goals for 2-24-2027 (2% drop in students view of feeling safe at school, ep Gr 7-9)

3 Goals Identified for Well Being by CBE:

1. Foster a sense of belonging
2. How to support healthy relationships
3. Create welcoming, caring, safe and respectful schools

3 Goals Identified for Literacy by CBE:

1. Identify and support new and struggling readers
2. Literacy interventions
3. Disciplinary literacy

D. Teaching and Learning

- (i) IPPs are in development and will be shared with parents Oct 28/24

E. Budget and Fees

- (i) \$30 Activity Fee on PowerSchool helps cover items like bandaids, ice packs, blue day activities/supplies, recess outdoor equipment, dances, etc.
- (ii) Complementary Courses are in the process of working out budgets for supplies and will be requesting fees/funds soon; it was suggested by council to look into funding/donation options (supplies, PC point donations, etc)

- (iii) School Council Grant \$500 will be available again this year to council

F. Upcoming Dates—**Download/Subscribe to Midsun School Calendar now available:**
<https://midsun.cbe.ab.ca/calendar> see link

Oct 24- Gr 8 & 9 Leadership “Horizon’s Leadership Conference” field trip

Oct 28- Gr 9 Economics field trip to MacEwan Conference Centre & IPPs home

Oct 30- Picture retake day and Healthy Hunger (Chachi’s)

Oct 31- Halloween Dance and Activities (Pizza to be sold at event)

Nov 6- Take Our Kids to Work Day (Gr 9) & Parent Health/Wellness Session at McKenzie Highlands School

Nov 16- Metis Week

Nov 28/29- Parent Teacher Interview days

2. **Chair Update- Kristine CG**

- A. No questions or comments from council in regards to last months links to CBE School Council Guidelines
- B. Move Bylaw review to November’s meeting

3. **Key Communicator Update- Jenine S**

- A. Next meeting is October 23, 2024

4. **New Business / Open Table- Kristine CG**

- A. Outdoor supervision begins at 1:30pm and students are having trouble knowing when it is okay to head out. A request for a bell or announcement to signal transition was made by parents. Announcements will not be heard by students so a request for Bell Service with CBE will be placed—may take several weeks.
- B. Request for Grade 9 “Farewell Ceremony” was made by parents. Discussion for this has been started by the admin staff and updates to follow

Meeting adjourned: 8:04pm by Kristine CG

Next meeting Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30pm