

Minutes – MidSun School Council Meeting and AGM

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Recorder (1): Jessica W

Attendees (17): Kristine C-G, Jamie C, Erica M, Arlys S, Shalene C, Sim S, Susan S, Derrick M, Christine B, Amanda O, Karla S, Dallace P, Adam P, Danny Y, Tiana L, Erin L, Lisa S

Staff Attendee (1): Charlene Kushniruk (Principal)

Meeting called to order: 6:28pm

Welcome and Introductions

Motion made by Danny Y to approve the MidSun School Council Meeting & AGM agenda for September 23, 2025. Seconded by Erin L. Carried.

Motion made by Amanda O to approve the MidSun School Council meeting minutes from May 27, 2025. Seconded by Lisa S. Carried.

1. Chair Update

- A. Thank you to 2024-2025 MidSun School council members.
- B. Kristine C gave the group an introduction to the AGM and encouraged everyone to sign-up for open executive and volunteer positions.

2. AGM 2025-2026

Motion made by Kristine C that following nominees to acclaimed to the Executive Council for the 2025-2026 school year:

- A. Vice-Chair: Jamie Carter
- B. Secretary: Jennifer Schell
- C. Co-Treasurers: Erin Loyd and Adam Parker

Seconded by Danny Y. No discussion. All present (18) voted in favour. Carried.

Motion made by Jamie C that Kristine Chalmers-Gibbs be acclaimed to the Executive Council in the position of Chair for the 2025-2026 school year.

Seconded by Danny Y. No discussion. All present (18) voted in favour. Carried.

Kristine C appointed the Key Communicator role to Tiana Langham.

3. Meet the Principal, Assistant Principal and School Update

Charlene K provided an update covering school start-up activities, staffing, student supports, safety procedures, and upcoming events. She noted that the year began smoothly with excited students and staff, Grade 7 team building at the YMCA, and adjustments to nutrition break times and entry routines. Parents were thanked for adapting to parking changes, and reminders were shared about weekly Friday messages, athletics, and spectator expectations.

Charlene noted that several new staff members have joined MidSun, and enrollment sits at 637 students ahead of the September 30th deadline. The school is also implementing a revised IPP process, with parent communication sent September 22 and meetings scheduled for September 29.

Charlene K also noted that there were recent and upcoming safety drills and school events such as Terry Fox Day, Meet the Teacher, Orange Shirt Day, PD Day, and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Administration additionally reviewed new Alberta Education ministerial orders and amendments to the *Education Act* effective Sept. 1, 2025. Key changes include mandatory parental notification and opt-in consent for instruction that deals primarily with human sexuality, gender identity, or sexual orientation as well as the new requirements for the use of preferred names and pronouns for students under 16, and updated library material standards prohibiting sexually explicit content and enforcing developmental appropriateness. Schools must adjust procedures, documentation, resource approval processes, and staff training to ensure compliance. MidSun will continue aligning its practices with these updated legal requirements.

Jeanne F joined the meeting 7:03pm

4. Key Communicator Update

A. No report.

5. New Business / Open Table

A. No further business.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm

Next meeting Tuesday, November 25, 2025