

MidSun School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Recorder (1): Jennifer S.

Attendees (9): Jamie C, Jennifer S, Adam P, Amanda O, Tiana L, Erin L, Susan S, Danny Y, Kristine CG

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

Meeting called to order: 6:00pm

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions

Motion made by Danny Y to approve the MidSun School Council Meeting agenda for January 27, 2026. Seconded by Tiana L. Carried.

Motion made by Tiana L to approve the MidSun School Council meeting minutes from November 25, 2025. Seconded by Danny Y. Carried.

1. Special Presentation: Student Services, Erin Purdy (Learning Leader).
Learning Leaders (Ms. Purdy together with Ms. Norcross) are present for support from day to day for students and families. Typical interaction could be with overwhelmed students, helping with conflict resolution amongst friend groups, supporting families with attendance concerns, assisting with grade 6-7 and 9-10 transitions and learning supports to name a few. There is space in the red pod where grade 7 students are and this helps the team to get to know the kids entering at grade 7. There is flexible seating, quiet space for kids that need it and one on one support available.
2. School Update (Charlene K and Jenn G)
 - A. Jenn G and Charlene K shared an administration update to the meeting attendees which included various topics:
 - (i) Principal was on a short medical leave, is now back to 90% and modified work days.
 - (ii) Budget Spending report is on MidSun website. There had been approximately \$66,830 in uncollected fees, currently sitting around \$14,000. Big expenditure was \$15,000 for band camp. We need to look at a new plan with either school council or fundraising efforts to lower this cost and ensure affordability for families without making the camp shorter. Grade 9 Farewell- looking at planning for this year with some affordable legacy points. Noon hour fee of \$25 was meant to furnish some eating areas, supply some games, air hockey etc. This fee will hopefully move to approximately \$10-15 to maintain these spaces in the future. New wording of field trip forms to come. This would see students committing to half of the field trip money initially with a two week deadline to pay to reduce no shows and full payment.

(iii) Timelines update:

January 28: grade 9 to High school Open House at Centennial.

January 30: no school (PD day).

February 11: School Dance.

February 12/13: Teachers Convention.

February 17: IPP.

February 18: Centennial counsellors come to register the kids and help to complete registration.

February 24: Lockdown drill and report cards.

February 26/27 Interviews.

(iv) Security cameras are ready to go. There are 47 cameras installed to track data and safety. They will help to determine if there are any hot points in the school. These cameras cover the halls, main stair wells and areas directly outside the building.

3. Chair Update (Kristine C)

- A. ABE Grant Speaker Update- Angela Murphy will be coming from Kelowna April 16/17. She will spend about an hour with teaching staff and admin. The intent will be educator wellness, and ten ways to deescalate big behaviours. For parents there will be sessions on emotional regulation and the role of parents as co-regulators. There will be a 90 minute parent meeting April 16th shared with MidSun and Chaparral parents- the location will currently be the gym. This event uses the ABE Grant funding from 24/25.

4. Key Communicator Update (Tiana L)

- A. Tiana attended a CBE meeting downtown with lots of new members in attendance. The meeting lasted about 1.5 hours. During this time, they discussed the roles of the trustees, gave a school council handbook date with instructions to reference the handbook in regards to how schools communicate with families. They were told about the ASCA \$500 grand and how you can use it. There was a round table question about what creates community in our school.

5. New Business/ Open Table

Adam P asked for more specifics on the Sexual Education form that was recently sent out to parents. There is a course outline available online - Jenn G and Charlene K to follow up with more specifics.

Meeting adjourned: 7:09 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm.