



# St. Thomas More Junior High School

## School Council Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2024 @ 6:30 PM (In Person and TEAMS)

In-Person Attendees: Melissa Fraser, Kim Fehlauser, Angie Gulevich, Latoya Cumberland, Kevin Myskiw, Michael Pagacz, Domingo Baretto

Online Attendees: Kathy Borden, Lyndsay Boileau

- 1) Call to Order (Kim Fehlauser) @ 6:31 PM
- 2) Opening Prayer (Kevin Myskiw)
- 3) Treaty Six Acknowledgement (Michael Pagacz)
- 4) Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2024 (Kim Fehlauser)

**Motion to approve minutes:** Latoya Cumberland

**Seconded:** Angie Gulevich

**Motion passed** – minutes from March 18, 2024 were approved

- 5) Principal's Report (Kevin Myskiw)
  - Survey Results
    - Parent response rate is low 7.1% vs. Division 23%
    - Cautious about results because of low response rate
    - 81.6% of students responded
    - Looking into some of the lower responses.
    - Students think things are going ok
    - Response rate for students is high as they go around to get students to respond
    - 7.1% of parent responses are typical – interest in JH wanes from elementary.
    - High School struggle just as much
  - Pow Wow – May 11
    - Staff and some students participating
  - Track and Field Day is May 22
  - Grade 9 Farewell – June 6
    - Photobooth being coordinated
    - BBQ- may ask for help with Food & Drinks and decorations
    - Thursday everyone comes back around 5 with presentation
    - Then have BBQ afterwards
    - Are parents involved in the evening? Parents are welcome to mingle, Students gravitate to their friends.
    - Some people will leave after the formal piece, some will stay for the BBQ
    - Everyone is welcome, no work for parents – staff take care of most of the work
  - June Schedule will come out shortly.
  - Quebec trip
    - Went well with no problems
    - Next year will be for just grade 8 and 9, and will include a trip to Ottawa
  - Daily Schedule
    - Extra 3 days off next year, so schedule adjusted to accommodate.

|                     | Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri | Thursday      |
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| <b>Morning Bell</b> | 8:07 am             | 8:07 am       |
| <b>Announcement</b> | 8:10 – 8:13am       | 8:10 – 8:13am |

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| <b>Block 1</b>            | 8:13 – 8:58 am   | 8:13 – 8:58 am   |
| <b>Block 2</b>            | 9:00 – 9:45 am   | 9:00 – 9:45 am   |
| <b>Locker Break</b>       | 9:45 – 9:49 am   | 9:45 – 9:49 am   |
| <b>Block 3</b>            | 9:45 – 10:34 am  | 9:45 – 10:34 am  |
| <b>Block 4</b>            | 10:36 – 11:21 am | 10:36 – 11:21 am |
| <b>Locker Break</b>       | 11:21 – 11:25 am | 11:21 – 11:25 am |
| <b>Block 5</b>            | 11:25 – 12:10 pm | 11:25 – 12:10 pm |
| <b>Lunch</b>              | 12:10 – 12:30 pm |                  |
| <b>Lunch Break</b>        | 12:30 – 12:50 pm |                  |
| <b>Afternoon Bell</b>     | 12:50 pm         |                  |
| <b>Locker Time</b>        | 12:50 – 12:56 pm |                  |
| <b>Block 6</b>            | 12:56 – 1:41 pm  |                  |
| <b>Block 7</b>            | 1:43 – 2:28 pm   |                  |
| <b>Religion Homerooms</b> | 2:29 – 2:44 pm   |                  |
| <b>Dismissal Bell</b>     | 2:44 pm          |                  |

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## 6) Old Business (Kim Fehlauser)

Parent Workshop

- Gary Anika on April 29th – Topic: Understanding the Teenage Brain
  - Promoted the workshop IG/Newsletter/Email/Texts/Parent Teacher conferences
  - Current registration: ~15 in person, 5-6 online
  - Open Gym – 1 person would need to be online if gym isn't open
  - 12 kids would come to the gym if available.
    - Have 1-2 student that can supervise
    - Kevin will help coordinate activities for the kids
  - Numbers to be confirmed for pizza on Friday
- School will provide pizza, school council will provide the rest (plates, napkins, dessert, drinks). Up to \$100.
- Technology working now, will do a final dry run with Gary on Thursday to ensure everything is working.
- Link will remain the same from the dry run to ensure no issues.

## 7) New Business (Kim Fehlauser)

Staff Appreciation

- Melissa, Lyndsay and Kim met – want to do something similar to last year.
- Dickies BBQ last year, Bar Burrito the previous year
- Parents can contribute – potluck, gifts, cash for gifts, volunteer their time.
- Date – June 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Will setup Sign-up Genius towards end of May
  - Can use the template from last year
- Dickies BBQ will be brought in again, it was very successful last year.
- Very little meat leftover, there were potluck items left over, but are appreciated the next day as well.

GoA Survey

- Cell phone use in schools – everyone can give their input on cell phones in school
- Quick survey you can give your input on, can be found on Your.Alberta.ca

- Link has been included in Friday's smore newsletter
- Parent comment – love STM's policy, notice a big difference in child's cell phone usage during the day.
- Currently it is up to each school to determine their own policy – this could provide direction from AB Education

8) Open questions, comments, concerns from parent community

9) Next Meeting Date:

Monday, April 29, 2024 – Parent Workshop Understanding the Teenage Brain with Gary Anika

Monday, June 3, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

11) Adjournment @ 7:00 PM