



St. Thomas More Junior High School

School Council Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2025 @ 6:30 PM (In Person and TEAMS)

In-Person Attendees: Kevin Myskiw (Principal), Justine Buttigieg (Co-Vice-Principal), Nicole Cooper (Chair), Lindsay Alvarez (Secretary), Kim Holder (Treasurer), Directors at Large - Sarah Lartey, Shannon McLachlan, Nathalie Vladicka, Sandra Hartmann, Emily Motoska (Teacher)

Online Attendees: (Vice-Chair)

1. Call to Order - 6:35 PM (Cooper)
2. Opening Prayer (Myskiw)
3. Treaty Six Acknowledgement (Pagacz)
4. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES: Sarah Lartey

SECONDED: Kim Holder

MOTION PASSED: Minutes from September 22, 2025, were approved

5. Principal's Report (Myskiw)
 - 2025/26 Calendar planning and announcements
 - Basketball court – would like 50% kept in trust with division, cheque will be sent off
 - Early May, will plan for everything to be set up and get input from parents
 - The Music program will be put up for a grant for \$20,000. Are one of 3 schools applying for the grant. Margot Johnson put STM up for the grant.
Would like to thank her for doing so
 - Chromebooks are in place, circulated back in the classrooms
 - Teacher Requests
 - Went through inventory to check which jerseys are still good and what needs to be replaced.
Some jerseys are tattered and worn out. The Girls volleyball jerseys, the Senior boys as well. The numbers are coming off
 - They were asked if they were interested in fundraising for new ones or at least to help cover partial costs
 - A Canadian company was found, called Team Co, who make products in Canada. It is a moisture wicking fabric, and the Numbers and names are included in the cost of the jerseys
 - The cost would be \$45/jersey, which equals \$808 for a set of 16 jersey. That includes the cost of shipping and tax
 - The Girls jerseys were already ordered and came in, and are being used currently
 - Senior boys need new ones immediately, takes 2 weeks to come in. Would be for next year
 - A few fundraiser ideas to help pay for them were floated:
A Bake sale: (\$100-200)
Donut sales
A bottle drive
 - Other senior teams may need new jerseys too, to properly represent STM at other schools

- ***MOTION TO COVER UP TO \$1600 for 4 new sets of athletic jerseys (Senior volleyball and Senior basketball): Nathalie Vladicka***
- ***SECONDED: Sandra Hartmann***
- ***MOTION PASSED: All in favor***
- School Art Display
 - New walls to be decorated
 - There are frames you can buy that allow art to be placed and replaced easily. There is a central place to display them where teachers can replace art projects intermittently
 - \$239.27 for a set at Costco
- ***MOTION TO COVER UP TO \$250 art frames: Kim Holder***
- ***SECONDED: Sarah Lartey***
- ***MOTION PASSED: All in favor***
- 3 year book project

Right now, the Library is decentralized into each classroom,
The English Grade 9 teacher wants to upgrade the books, bring in some new novel studies
The cost for these new titles for all the classes would be \$8400
She would also like some Literature studies which would cost up to \$9000
The total amount being asked for is \$17,500
To start with, to get it started, the ask could be \$2500
This ask will be tabled until the next meeting, to give time to find out what and how exactly the money will be used
- COSC Update:

There were some key presenters for the division, and they went over the ECSD goals
They also wanted feedback
Some of the key components were:

 - Catholic Identity and talking about how teachers are trained to teach the Catholic faith
 - Optimal learning – ensuring classrooms are helping struggling students and it works for all students
 - Student wellbeing – FSLW, getting more Speech therapists in place to help
 - Classroom complexity – proper supports in place
- Recruitment

Emails will be sent out to recruit students
Ringette will be pushed for one more year, they have a healthy group of students enrolled in grade 8
The program will be grandfathered out unless more grade 7s apply for next year
More advertising for it and all academies are being installed in the west end
There are wraps on rink doors
They want to keep growing and expanding all academies

- Social justice
It is based on Ben Stelter Foundation
Representatives will be coming in to do a whole school presentation
- Different fundraisers are being proposed and set up:
Break a rule day
Bake sales. One was last week and there will be one more coming up in the future
Helping kids fight Cancer
The Grade 9 students are doing a Hope Mission bake sale. They raised \$400 last year.
They are trying to raise money to get furniture in homes of people who need it
- The school will ask for more money from ECSD to get funding for conquering hunger.
Students can come to the office to get food if they don't have any
- Athletics are back to full strength and all coaches stayed committed. The program has a good sized staff
- Not doing Christmas hampers this year, the main organizations that ran them have stopped doing them. The school is setting up a "Stocking for Necessary Items" for each class, to bring in toothbrushes, necessity items and will distribute as needed. Students to bring in what they can
- Additional funding from school council

6. Old Business

- 6.1. Society Annual Return
 - It is being completed with the review and will be submitted by December 10th as per the by-laws and Alberta Registries.
 - Kim Holder and Lyndsey Beaulieu doing it
- 6.2. Update forms for the Executive team

7. New Business

- 7.1. Insurance
 - Need a motion to approve the policy and payment
 - Current policy renews on February 1
 - **MOTION TO spend \$1200 for the insurance policy:** Shannon McLachlan
 - **SECONDED:** Nathalie Vladicka
 - **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 7.2. Updating ASCA
Nicole to contact Peta at the school board if we have the all access pass for it
- 7.3. Screenagers
Nicole has applied for a one-time license for Screenagers
\$500 from the School Engagement Act can be used to help cover the cost of it
The idea was to partner with another school and each school would then host 1 screening. This way it would be cheaper to be able to put on 2 sessions
It would be free for parents
Could also do a fundraiser with a concession
The cost for it is \$700 for one license, \$1100 for 2 licenses
The one being looked at is: Anxiety in the Digital Age
Need some potential dates – February 19 was suggested

A committee to get it set up and booked has been formed. Nicole and Sarah to get it started
School has a booking system that could be used to sell tickets

7.4. Upcoming Events

- 7.4.1. BBQ and Track and Field – potentially May 20
- 7.4.2. Engagement survey sent out by the district in 2023
 - Nicole to send out one for STM immediately to get feedback and
 - o ***MOTION TO SPEND \$50 for a gift card to give out for someone to win if they fill out the Engagement Survey: Kim Holder***
 - o ***SECONDED: Sandra Hartmann***
 - o ***MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

8. Open questions, comments, concerns from parent community

- None

9. Annual General Meeting - Monday, February 2, 2026 (in person and online)

10. Adjournment 7:29 p.m.