

School Council Meeting

Thursday, May 29, 2025 / 6:01pm - 7:14pm / Divine Mercy School

In attendance:

Amy Cooper (Principal), Lindsey Fowler (VP), Greg Hansen (Incoming VP), Shelagh De Rossi (Chair), Tommias Ksiazek (Co-Vice Chair, Helping Hands), Andre Santos (Co-Vice Chair, Casino), Innocent Madawo (Secretary), Chelsea Dustin (Fundraising).

6:01pm - Meeting Call to Order – Chair, Shelagh De Rossi

6:01pm - Prayer and Treaty Land Acknowledgement - Mrs Lindsey Fowler/Mrs. Amy Cooper

6:02pm - Approval of Previous Minutes - approved unanimously.

6:03pm - Adoption of Agenda - adopted unanimously.

6:04pm - Round Table Introductions - Principal Cooper introduced the incoming co-assistant principal, Greg Hansen

Society Meeting

6:05pm - Treasurer's Report - Tania Nieto

- Community Account \$2,556.23
- Healthy hunger 160.09 + 215.25 = \$375.34
 - 1. Paid for spring baskets \$237.30
 - 2. Teacher Thank You gifts \$450.00
 - 3. Paid \$140.00 from Garden fund which now remains at \$114.09
 - 4. Upcoming \$123.90 for Grade 6 necklaces.

Casino Funds

- Closing Balance \$44,539.36 with interest of \$1.42 for April
- Upcoming Fitset Ninja \$3,675.00
 - Chromebooks \$34,520.85
 - After this, **\$6,343.51** will be left in the account.

6.11pm - Fundraising Report - Chelsea Dustin

- Amended earlier report in last meeting that only 22 spring baskets had been purchased. The actual number is 47.
- Only one Healthy Hunger lunch remaining in the current school year.
- Fundraising total stands at \$1980.40, including \$320 from Helping Hands.

There being no other business, the Society Meeting ended at 6:13pm.

School Council Meeting was called to order at 6:13pm - Chair, Shelagh De Rossi

6:13pm - Chair's Report – Shelagh De Rossi

- 1. Preparing Chair's Report to be sent to ASCA by the end of the year.
 - Will include a recap of all the activities and support our school council provided.
 - Thank you to all those who have attended the meetings, volunteered their timewhether for helping with healthy hunger lunches, organizing events, executing events, fundraisers, Winter Carnivals, Open house, and many others! Our school community is better as a result of all your engagement and feedback.
- 2. Upcoming Events
 - Wednesday, June 11th @ 6-7pm Cyber Security Parent Information Night presented by Martial Technology
 - Monday, June 16th @ 6-7pm Arts in The Workshop

6:20pm - Helping Hands Update - Tommias Ksiazek

- Lenten Baby Bottle Drive raised \$320.00 which went to Gianna Centre
- 2nd Clothing Drive 300 items were donated to St Vincent DePaul and our Lady in Sherwood Park.
- Upcoming Tools for School volunteers will be required.

6:25pm - Principal's Report (copy attached) – Mrs. Amy Cooper

Highlights

- Grade 6 farewell celebration (including potluck) on June 24th.
- Staff farewell slideshow on June 25th
- Report cards release on PowerSchool on June 25th @ 4pm
- Co-Assistant Principal, Greg Hansen will start in the new year
- Meet the School Staff scheduled for August 28, 2025
- School to hire more staff to replace at least 3 teachers going on leave
- Increased enrollment necessitates hiring of another music teacher and additional behavioural support staff
- Alberta Assurance Results show mostly positive performance
- Kindergarten fees will remain at \$30 and Grade 1-6 \$50.

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- Next meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 5:30pm.
- Elections of chair, vice-chair, treasurer and secretary will be held at AGM