

WO Mitchell School Society

Meeting Minutes



Date: September 26th 3:00 pm following the WOM School Council Meeting

Location: WO Mitchell School

Call to Order

Irene called the meeting to order at 3:29 PM

Quorum and Attendance

Quorum was met

Quorum for a regular general meeting: 4 members, 3 of whom must be voting members and 2 of whom must be elected Officers of the Society

Quorum for the annual general meeting: 4 members, 3 of whom must be voting members

11 parents/guardians and 1 staff members were in attendance

Principal/Staff: Lucie Lejeune

Parents/Guardians:

In Person: Kristine, Maraella, Lindsay, Tracey, Irene, Paula, Samantha, Adelle, Brianne, Elysa, Carmen

Online:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Marcela motioned to approve the minutes from June; Carmen seconded and all were in favour. The minutes were thereby approved.

Approval of Agenda

Carmen motioned to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting; Lindsay seconded and all were in favour. The agenda was thereby approved.

Voting in Society Members:

Irene will stay on as Chair

Elysa will stay on as Secretary

Lindsay will stay on as Secretary

Tracy will motion so Irene, Elysa and Lindsay stay in their positions. All voted yes, Anyone opposed, no. These positions were thereby approved.

Still looking for someone to Co-Chair with Irene. This is a very minimal role, you may need to step in to chair the meeting in the rare occurrence Irene can't make it.

Financial Statements:

As part of the society's act we are required to have the financials shared at the AGM they are sent to Province as part of society acts annual filings, as well as the CRA and Alberta Gaming and Liquor/Cannabis Association.

Full financials attached.

\$160,000 balance of the funds in the bank. Quite healthy heldover funds from last year keeping in mind the upcoming playground. We had a Casino last year, which is why it is in the higher end. We do spread casino funds over the years.

Income:

General account - anything not related to Casino. We basically spent everything we raised last year, which is great.

Casino Account - we are bound to spend on this money certain items because of Casino rules. There is about \$46, 000, currently. Last year we bought the Gaga pit and the classroom furniture and spent about \$26,000 total last year. We will fund residencies out of this amount.

Irene motioned to approve financial statements from last year: Carmen seconded. The financial statements are thereby approved.

We have 36 months to spend the Casino funds. We are going to ask for an extension on that so we can use it for the upcoming playground.

Budget:

The purpose of the budget is so the school knows they have a reliable amount of money available to them, and to help plan for the playground.

We strive to spend the money on the children whose parents did the fundraising.

Goal to save \$450, 000 for playground tentative construction date 2028.

Proposed budget:

Spend \$8000 on musical events, meals for the teachers, parent events, school dance etc. gift cards, staffroom supplies

\$30,000 - \$15 000 residencies, \$5000 tech licences, \$10,000 curriculum aids etc.

As we go throughout the year and if playground fundraising does really well, we can shift where money goes if necessary. This is noted because this budget is not set in stone, it is just a guideline.

Lindsay motions to approve the budget, Carmen Seconded and all were in favour. The budget is thereby approved.

Fundraising plan:

We are hoping to hit \$20, 000 which would not include the playground fundraising. Apples, Spolumbos, read a thon, purdys, flowers. Healthy Hunger - do we want to do this as a fundraising item? Likely. The increase on the meals would be minimal, but the impact of it being a fundraiser could be substantial.

Bouldering wall needs maintenance and it costs \$1000 a year, and would like to have that covered. Also looking to have gym storage updated. Some Grade 4 classroom furniture is needed, and \$200 for the teachers to enhance classrooms. These items are going to be parked for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

TBD th, 2025 following the Council Meeting. Location TBD.

Adjournment

Irene adjourned the meeting at 4:01 pm.

Objectives of the Society:

To enhance the education and learning environment for our children in W.O. Mitchell School.

To engage in and promote charitable enterprises to allow the Society to reach its objectives.

To identify and prioritize the fundraising needs in consultation with the school and the School Council. The School Council's recommendation for priorities will be the first consideration in these efforts.