

MINUTES

Midnapore School Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: September 14, 2026
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Hybrid Meeting

1. IN ATTENDANCE

- Greg Bennett
- Meagan Song
- Monica Lee
- Sharlene Tamura
- Tara Heater
- Carrie Meanley
- Xu Wang
- Erron Grasby
- Kevin Cornish
- Jenine Stel
- Anastasiya Badan
- Kaitlyn Jan
- Jenny Trinh
- Artem
- Chalotte Zhujing Wang
- Lily N
- Cindy & Andy
- Mayur
- Tetiana
- Dennis Lee
- Oleh
- Jeremiah Olsen

2. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Kevin Cornish at 6:31 pm, and a quorum was present (3 executive members, Principal, Assistant Principal and 17 parents)

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Kevin Cornish welcomed everyone to the meeting

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- June 8, 2026, Parent Council Meeting Minutes - **Motion from Sharlene Tamura to approve, Jenine Stel seconded the motion, and approved by consensus**

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 N/A

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – **Motion from Sharlene Tamura to approve, Jenine Stel seconded the motion, and approved by consensus**

6.1 Recap Council

- Rebuilding the council the past 2yrs, made great strides and appreciation everyone's contributions
- Want to stick to the agenda and time
- Trying to get additional \$50K every year, last year we raised about half of it

6.2 Nomination for position of Vice Chair

- Xu Wang nominating Erron Grasby
- Kevin Cornish nominated Jenine Stel
- By ballot Jenine Stel was nominated in as Vice Chair

7 REPORTS

7.1 Treasury Report

- Midnapore School Council account balance - \$30,430

7.2 Principal Report

- Welcome to the first meeting
- September Events
 - Terry Fox Run
 - Welcome back assembly Sep 15 with Chantal
 - Choir starts Sep 15 (Grade 3-6)
 - Sept. 24 school open house
 - PL day Sep 25
 - Holiday Sep 30 – no school
 - Energy club starts on Oct 1
- Staffing (teaching staff @ 46)
 - Mrs. Song – Assistant Principal
 - Mrs. Fan – mandarin kindergarten & learning leader
 - Ms. Bidden - Gr ¾ Mandarin
 - Mrs. Gugolj – Gr. 1 Mandarin
 - Mr. Young - Gr 5
 - Ms. Dawson - EES
- Student Reports (Grade team Sharing) calendar
 - Oct 26 – ALP/EES/Gr 1
 - Nov 23 - Gr 6
 - Jan 18 – Gr 2
 - Feb 22 – Gr 5
 - Mar 15 – Kindergarten/Music
 - Apr 19 – Gr 4
 - May 17 – Gr 3
 - June – Admin and end of year video
- 404 students – projection was 430, losing mandarin students
- Bell time – warning bell is 7:55am
- There are 3 buses now coming to the school
- Communication from school will be a weekly from Mr. Bennett and teacher's
- 2026/2027 Budget
 - Paint inside of portables - \$1,800 (Council Account)
 - Sensory items, specialized programs, office and classroom items - \$3,000
 - IXL - \$3,800 (AGLC)
 - Annual math subscription for Div 2
 - Buses - \$350/class X 24 classes = \$8,400 (AGLC)
 - 1 bus per grade for a field trip
 - Residency \$5,000 – sound kreations (\$2500 for 5 days) & pottery (1 week \$2500)
 - Chantal - \$2,400
 - 4 days of indigenous residency, last year was 12 days
 - Portable mats - \$1,600 (Council Account)
 - Mats for the 4 rooms to help with wet outdoor footwear

- Safety issue – should this come out of maintenance budget, Mr. Bennett to confirm
 - Total - \$26,000
 - **Motion from Sharlene Tamura to approve, Carrie Meanley seconded the motion, and approved by consensus**
 - School has 60 new desks and chairs - spent \$15,354
 - Money came from the read-a-thon, will continue to replace furniture as fundraising permits
 - Chinese New Year will be at Panabaker School Feb 4, 2027 @ 6pm
 - Jenine Stel starting Healthy Hunger – will be ~ 2/month
 - CCT funding starts this week
 - School is doing 4 cycles through the year
 - Last year saw 184 students a week and plan to do the same this year
 - First round of IPP's early October
 - Government assessments K-5 now, started today
 - Field trips, long range plans are being discussed for each grade can ask teachers on the open house
 - Assessment sharing 2 per quarter – based on the PLC cycle – Rubric will be attached
- 7.3 Student Report (Grade team sharing)
- N/A
- 7.4 Staff Appreciation
- Welcome back went well
 - Plans for Oct
 - Xu Wang is considering stepping in when Monica Lee leaves school
- 7.5 Key Communicator
- Meetings set for Oct 22, Jan 20, Apr 22 and Jun 10

8 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Funding for each school – bring in a presenter

- 4yrs ago Paul Davis came in, didn't charge us
- Mr. Bennett – investigated this and recommends – “I Got Mind” founded by Bob Wilkie paired with Kelly Hrudehy and Shawn O’Grady (<https://igotmind.ca>)
 - Good for any grade
 - Mr. Bennett to find out about cost and availability
- Xu Wang wants to propose bringing in some speakers about Chinese Canadian history in Alberta, there are 2 teachers in CBE that do talks
- Put in agenda for next meeting to review costs

7. 8.2 Request ice cream sandwiches for the open house - **Motion from Carrie Meanley to approve, Sharlene Tamura seconded the motion, and approved by consensus**

9 NEXT MEETING

- Date: October 26, 2026
- Time: 6:30pm
- Location: Hybrid
- Council meeting first then fundraising meeting

6 ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn from Jenine Stel, Sharlene Tamura seconded the adjournment, and was approved by consensus

- Time: 7:33pm

Notes prepared by Sharlene Tamura _____
(print name) (signature)

Notes approved by _____
(print name) (signature)