

MINUTES

Midnapore School Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2026
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Online Meeting

1. IN ATTENDANCE

- Greg Bennett
- Leah Clare
- Lindsay Charlton
- Monica Lee
- Carrie Meanley
- Dennis Lee
- Kitty Chan
- Sharlene Tamura
- Tara Heater
- Jenny Trinh
- Cui Ling
- Candace Clare-Chang

2. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Lindsay Charleton at 6:33pm, and a quorum was present (3 executive members, Principal, Assistant Principal and 6 parents)

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Lindsay Charleton welcomed everyone to the meeting

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETNING

- February 9, 2026, Parent Council Meeting Minutes - Motion from Carrie Meanley to approve, Sharlene Tamura seconded the motion, and approved by consensus

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 No items

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – motion from Carrie Meanley to approve, Sharlene Tamura seconded, and approved by consensus

6.1 Audited Financial Statements (Carrie Meanley)

6.2 Lunar New Year Celebration 2027: Jubilee (Monica Lee)

6.3 URStrong School – Social Emotional Learning (Monica Lee)

- https://urstrong.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/URSTRONG_for-schools.pdf

7. REPORTS

7.1 Treasury Report

- Midnapore School Fundraising Society (AGCL) account balance: \$111,892
- Casino funds have been deposited

7.2 Principal Report

- Security upgrades
 - are now installed, more security than what the school really needs,
 - would like to have a buzzer at the back door for kids going to and from the portables.
 - Mr. Bennett will be ending out information about these upgrades
- Conferences March 19 & 20 – each grade may have a different style of meeting
- Registration continues – Plan is AM Kinder and 2 Mandarin Kinder

- Report Cards & Assessments sharing – School is planning to send out more updates and sending work back to parents to see how they are doing with feedback. Div 2 might use powerschool.
- Gr. 4 YCT Testing in April
- Chinese New Year Celebration – Went well again, had lots of great feedback
- Requests from Mr. Bennett:
 - One Chrome Book Cart for Gr. 6 - \$2,900 – received 26 Chrome books the school got but don't have anywhere to charge them – will note at next meeting
 - Parent Council to pay for the outstanding fees from field trips which is \$1,137.09, this impacts the school budget and ability to cover future field trips
 - Pay for recorders and music books for the Div 2 – the cost is \$1,750 – will vote at next meeting

7.3 Student Report

- Intramurals for Div 2 is under way and shared video, Gr. 3 will start this week
- Science Project: Refundable Gr. 4/5 – Gr. 4/5 are sharing facts about refundable with each grade and collecting refundable

7.5 Staff Appreciation Update

- Staff appreciation for March provide meal before conferences – order from Fiesta

7.6 Key Communicator

- No update
- April 8 meeting deferred to April 22

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Audited Financial Statements

- Carrie wanted to discuss that our by-laws state we'll have audited financials. As per the by-laws can be reviewed by an accountant or can have 2 members of the council. Last year had Kevin review as he's an accountant. Will do the same this year.

8.2 Lunar New Year Celebration 2027 – hold at the Jubilee Auditorium

- Is there interest to have the Lunar New Year's celebration at the Jubilee Auditorium?
- Mr. Bennett will send out a survey to the mandarin community– he will investigate and report back in April
- There is a grant that the school can apply for to host the school Chinese New Year celebration at the Jubilee

8.3 URStrong School – Social Emotional Learning (Monica Lee)

- Monica's nephews school uses this software and wondering if Midnapore School would be open to the
- Mr. Bennett is aware of the program and will investigate this
- Midnapore is looking at a program called Castle – this doesn't have any formal curriculum

9. NEXT MEETING

- Date: April 13, 2026
- Time: 6:30pm
- Location: Hybrid
- Council meeting first then fundraising meeting

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

- Time: 7:12

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

Notes approved by _____ (print name) _____ (signature)