

**Cecil Swanson School Council**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Date: Oct. 22, 2024**

**Minutes**

Present:

1. **Call to Order** – Called to order at 6:09 pm
  2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Samaira El-Ghandour, Jeff Johnson, Jane Johnson, Raghad, Kidist Hishal, Zoie Kehoe, Chelsea Simpson. Alicia Jones, Kayla Mayer, Kevin Whitton (Principal), Joan Murtagh (Assistant Principal),
  3. **Approval of the Agenda** – The agenda was approved as presented, or, as amended by: Samaira El-Ghandour, Seconded by Alicia Jones,
  4. **Approval of the Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on Sept. 18, 2024 were approved as presented by: Samaira El-Ghandour, Seconded by Alicia Jones,
  5. **Business Arising From Minutes**
    - 5.1 No business arising
  6. Teachers Report: Zoie Kehoe – Kindergarten and Chelsea Simpson - EES
  7. Principal Report: **Attached Reports**
  8. **Treasurer's Report – School Council Account: \$ 2625.25**
  9. Annual Financial Statement: Samaira El-Ghandour, Seconded by Jane Johnson
  10. **New Business/Discussion Items**
    - 10.1 AGM – ELECTION  
Chair – Jane Johnson  
Vice Chair- Jeff Johnson  
Treasurer- Samaira El-Ghandour  
Secretary – Alicia Jones  
Key Communicator -
- Motion to Approve Election Results – by Samaira El-Ghandour, Seconded by Jane Johnson
11. **Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Tuesday Nov. 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm in person at Cecil Swanson School.
  12. **Adjourned** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm

Notes prepared by J. Murtagh.

**Cecil Swanson School  
Society and Annual General  
Meeting**

**Date: Oct. 22 2024**

Minutes

Present:

1. **Call to Order** – Called to order by at 6:45 pm
  2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Samaira El-Ghandour, Jeff Johnson, Jane Johnson, Raghad, Kidist Hishal, Zoie Kehoe, Chelsea Simpson. Alicia Jones, Kayla Mayer, Kevin Whitton (Principal), Joan Murtagh (Assistant Principal),
  3. **Approval of the Agenda** – The agenda was approved as presented by: Alicia Jones  
Seconded by Jane Johnson
  4. **Approval of the Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on Sept.18, 2024 were approved as presented by Alicia Jones  
Seconded by Jane Johnson
  5. **Business Arising From Minutes**
    - 5.1 No business arising
  6. **Reports**
    - 6.1 *Treasurer's Report* – Casino account at \$ 96,986.78  
*Cheque for \$21,000.00 to Cecil Swanson to come out.*
  7. **New Business/Discussion Items**
    - 7.1 Casino rescheduled to next year
    - 7.2 AGM – ELECTION  
Chair – Jane Johnson  
Vice Chair- Jeff Johnson  
Treasurer- Samaira El-Ghandour  
Secretary – Alicia Jones  
Key Communicator -
- Motion to Approve Election Results – by Samaira El-Ghandour, Seconded by Jane Johnson
8. **Funding Requests: none**
  9. **Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Tuesday Nov. 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm In person at Cecil Swanson School following the 6:00pm School Council Meeting at Cecil Swanson.
  10. **Adjourned** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm

Notes prepared by J. Murtagh.



## Updates

- **Staffing Updates**

- No new updates

- **Enrollment Fall Planning Updates**

- Our fall RAM (budget) numbers were up from spring staffing. We have added additional support staff hours from August until now expecting this. We also received additional one-time funding from the province. This will allow us to provide an increased level to support staffing and/or teacher FTE.
  - Resource position: Mr. Whitton and Mrs. Murtagh have been providing resource support. Moving teacher FTE from the resource position into teacher positions in the classrooms has allowed for smaller class sizes, and greater student support from classroom teachers through small group or 1:1 classroom interventions.
  - Our Music Specialist (Gr 3-6), Mrs. Gollert is on leave until January. Classroom teachers will be providing Music instruction to their classes until her return. This allows funding from Music Specialist to be shifted to classroom support.
  - One-time funding: We have received \$24,000 for EAL, Literacy, Numeracy, Social, Emotional, Special Education
- Average class sizes as of Oct 22/24:
  - Kindergarten: 23
  - Grade 1: 18
  - Grade 2: 23
  - Grade 3: 19.3
  - Grade 4: 24
  - Grade 5: 21.5
  - Grade 6: 30 (not including extra support from Mr. Whitton)

- **School Development Plan Updates**

- Our SDP draft is due for completion November 1, and will be shared at the November council meeting. This is a 3-Year plan. Our key data points of focus are: literacy and

math achievement, and student well-being (student perceptions related to following rules, respectful interactions, and engagement in learning).

- Our SDP is not the only area of focus for improving teaching and learning. We are required to have one goal related to the Learning Excellence strand of the 3-Year Education Plan, and have the option to add an additional target related to any of the 3 strands, including Well-being, and Truth & Reconciliation, Diversity and Inclusion

- **Other Updates**

- Our Cross Country Club track meet was a success, thanks to Ms. Bloom, Ms. Kehoe, Ms. Vuong for hosting the club, and other teachers who supervised at the event!
- Student voice club is meeting this Thursday October 24 at lunch to select the November Sacred Teaching and Spirit Days. Our next planned Spirit Day is Hallowe'en Dress Up Day on Oct 31
- We will recognize Remembrance Day and Indigenous Veterans' Day on Thursday, November 7 with an assembly at 10:00am. Guests are welcome.

- **Upcoming Dates of Significance for CBE:**

- October 31 – Diwali, Hallowe'en Dress Up Day
- Thursday, November 7 – Last day of classes prior to Fall Break
- November 8 –13 Fall Break – No school
- November is Hindu Heritage Month
- November 5-11 Veterans Week
- Thursday, November 7 - Inuit Day - Indigenous Veterans' Day and Remembrance Day Assembly 10:00am
- November 11-15 – Cecil Swanson recognizes Metis Week and Louis Riel Day
- Thursday, November 14 – Classes resume
- Friday, November 15 – “Rock Your Mocs” Day – Wear your moccasins, if you have them!

- **Upcoming Events**

- Spirit Day Oct 31 Hallowe'en Dress Up Day
- Thursday November 7, 10:00am Remembrance Day/Indigenous Veterans' Day Assembly
- Friday, November 8 - System Indigenous Professional Learning Day – No School for students
- November 11-15 – Cecil Swanson recognizes Metis Week and Louis Riel Day