# PARENT ASSOCIATION SOCIETY MEETING

- 1) Approval of agenda and any new business to add
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: December 4, 2024
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Approval of the Treasurer's Report
- 5) Casino/Fundraising Chair's Report
  - a. Motion to approve the funds for 100 Singlets for Track & Field which will be reused for 4 to 5 years.
- 6) New business
- 7) Adjournment
- 1. James put the motion forward for the approval of the agenda, Yang second that motion which was unanimously approved by all attendees.
- 2. Ying put the motion forward for the approval of last meeting minutes approval, James Yang second that motion which was unanimously approved by all attendees.
- 3. Treasure report was shared by the Treasurer: Here are the details for your reference as of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2025:

Opening balance as of November 30, 2024	\$ 43,359.08
Income interest	\$ 0.74
Total Income	\$ 0.74
Expenses -October 2024 (Past due)	\$ 144 <b>.</b> 56
Closing balance as of January 31, 2025	\$ 43,215.26

- 4. Shahid put the motion forward for the approval of treasurer report, James Yang second that motion and the treasurer report was unanimously approved by all attendees.
- 5. Casino Q2-2023 Funds remaining:

Band Program \$ 20,704.37

General Funds \$ 22,510.89

Windchill put the motion forward for the approval for Casino/Fundraising Chair's Report. James Opoku seconds it (\$ 7 to 8 thousand will be utilized) it is closer to \$ 7,000 and our commitment will be around \$ 7500 this was unanimously approved by all attendees. The group approved the payments for the track and field team,

6. There were no new business items put forward by the attendees. Shahid put the motion forward for the adjournment of the meeting, the motion was second by James and the attendees unanimously agreed to adjourned the meeting.

# SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. Approval of the agenda and any new business to add
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting: December 4, 2024
- 3. Teacher's Report
- 4. Student's Report
- 5. Principal's Report
- 6. Treasurer's Report
- 7. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
- 8. President's Report
  - a. Session on Stress & Burnout by Shelly Qualtieri on December 18, 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Theatre
  - c. Virtual session on ADHD by Shelly Qualtieri on Monday Feb 10, 2025 be held at 7 pm.
- 9. Key Communicator's Report
- 10. New business
- 11. Adjournment

# **Attendees**

- Windchill Ha
- Alicia Bjarnason
- Angela Leavens
- Anh Tuan Hoang
- Donya Movaffagh
- Fatemeh Lorestani
- James P
- James Yang
- Jen Mann Jones
- Jill M
- Marie Weninger
- Nelson Michael L
- Arvin Rajan
- U.T Sundararaj
- Taryn
- Ge Man Chen
- 1. James Yang put the motion forward for the approval of the school council meeting agenda, Shahid second that motion which was unanimously approved by all attendees.
- 2. Ying put the motion forward for the approval of last meeting minutes approval, James Yang second that motion which was unanimously approved by all attendees.
- 3. Julie Top [English Learning Leader] provided the teachers report: Here are some of the key points from her report for your information.
  - We have peer tutoring at the school, so if you have a student who wants to tutor others or be tutored, there are signs all over the place with QR codes where they can sign up. If they

- are unsure, they can seek guidance from any teacher. It is not for profit, and it is entirely voluntary, but it is a valuable experience for the children who wish to tutor.
- Grade 9 applications are currently underway, and transfer requests will be closed on March 15th.
- We encourage our students, particularly IB students, to engage in Al-driven conversations.
- The students at IB can't submit any content that has been put together with the help of AI tools such as Grammarly, Google, etc. I have been advocating for students to be transparent about their work. So, it's a process of all of us, students, staff, and parents learning together about what AI constitutes, what it looks like, and how we can use it.
- 4. Student's report was shared by Donya Movaffagh: Here are the key points for your reference:

New portable classrooms have been set up near the main campus, and students have given them positive reviews. Two new courses are added to the option courses. There have been extensive renovations, including the installation of new computers, and the students are upbeat. Athletics winter sports are still going on, and teams are doing well. The badminton tournament will begin soon. The cultural environment is excellent; a Chinese New Year celebration was organized at the school. Black History Month is underway, and various ethnic groups have planned expos throughout February. Cultural day is scheduled for Feb 18. Cancer society fund raising is scheduled for Feb 14. Overall, semester 2 is going well

- 5. Principal's Report was shared by Arvin Rajan; Here are the key points for your reference:
  - The staff has been asked to share their availability for the next academic session. This is an important exercise as it will help in bridging up any gap in the required academic staff for the next session. It is expected that the staff will complete this activity in the next few weeks.
  - An assessment was done with the Fire Marshall last year for exiting purpose. Based on the report we figured out that we had in any given time too many personnel students and staff on the second floor and this is why we had to lower the number of personnel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Hence six portables were installed in the building, 2 fire exists were installed.
  - There are 2-3 extra classrooms that are being installed with the digital futures and I am hoping that the board will relax some of their rules because I would hate to say no to a student who really wants to take innovative technologies.
  - Churchill is not allowed to take international students. The parents have not been upfront about their residency as we would like, which is unfortunate. This puts extra stress on the enrollment but the school administration can't go out and verify the information provided by the parents. We expect people to be honest with their residency.
  - There are two trips coming up, the first one is the California one and the second one to New York.
- 6. SWC School Council Non-Casino Treasurer Report as of January 31, 2025 for your reference:

Opening Balance as of November 30 2024	\$ 10,242.62
Income	
Income Parent donations	\$ 50.00
Interest	\$0.03
Total Income	\$ <b>50.0</b> 3

#### **Expenses**

SWC School Dance -Refund	\$ 300.00
SWC Staff Appreciation	\$
2,208.70	
SWC Christmas Hamper	\$ 2,000.00

# Total Expenses \$ 3,908.70

# Closing Balance as of January 31, 2025

\$6,383.95

All casino positions are filled, final recruitment call will be sent out on February 28<sup>th</sup> for the backup positions. SWC has been given two days at Elbow River Casino for March 16<sup>th</sup> & March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The new list for approved spending was shared by AGLC, Windchill will share the details of what items are on the approved list.

- 7. Approval of the treasure report motion was put forward by Shahid, the motion was second by James Yang and the treasurer report was unanimously approved by the attendees.
- 8. The President was not available to provide an update on the session on Stress & Burnout by Shelly Qualtieri on December 18, 2024. A virtual session on ADHD by Shelly Qualtieri is scheduled on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Theme of the session is around:

- The session is aimed at helping parents to learn practical strategies to improve focus and manage distraction
- How to build a supportive home environment for academic success.
- Explore ways to support your child's emotional and educational growth and leave with actionable tips to help your child thrive at school
- 9. Key Communicator Report.
- The questions around cyber security were shared by Shahid a few weeks ago. U.T Sundararaj will follow up with Badru Laiwalla so the questions can be then forwarded to Mr. Arvin Rajan.
- Copy of security questions will be shared with the minutes of the meeting by Shahid.
- Shahid has enrolled for Alberta School Council Association meeting for February 24<sup>th</sup> and will share the report with the school council in the next meeting.

### 10. New Business

Should we have the parent council meeting on May instead of April. This will be discussed in our next meeting.

Adjournment of the meeting.