

## **Marion Carson School – School Council Meeting**

**Tuesday May 19, 2026 6:30pm**

Attendance:

Kim H., Jenny H., Laura C., Huong L., Dustin T., Vanesse L., Rachel G., Alina K., Amangi J., Estee L.

### **1. Introduction and Call to Order at 6:32pm (Kim H.)**

- a. Land Acknowledgement by Kim H.
- b. **Motion:** Does your School Council approve the presented minutes from the Apr 21, 2026 meeting?
  - i. Moves: Laura C.
  - ii. Second: Vanesse L.
- c. **Motion:** Does your School Council adopt the May 19, 2026 agenda as presented?
  - i. Moves: Jenny H.
  - ii. Second: Amangi J.

### **2. Executive Update (Kim H.)**

- a. Farewell to Devon K. and Rachel G.
- b. Chair Report - year in review
- c. Additions to Agenda - N/A

### **3. Election of Executives (Kim H.)**

- a. **Motion:** Does your School Council approve to dissolve the executive on September 1, 2026?
  - i. Moves: Rachel G.
  - ii. Second: Jenny H.
- b. **Motion:** Kim H. moves to open elections for the executive committee.
  - i. Second: Jenny H.
  - ii. Kim H. nominates Jenn A. for Secretary and Jenn A. accepts.
  - iii. Laura C. nominates Jenny H. for Treasurer and Jenny H. accepts.
  - iv. All voted in favour of both nominations. Both nominations passed.
- c. **Motion:** Laura C. moves to cease nominations until Sept meeting if spots are not filled.
  - i. Second: Vanesse L.
  - ii. All voted in favour. Motion passed.

### **4. Principal's Report (Dustin T.)**

a. 2026-2027 School Year Staffing

- i. We are in the process of staffing for the 2026-27 school year.
  1. Teachers have the ability to apply for positions throughout the Calgary Board of Education.
  2. Currently we are:
    - a. Waiting to see if probationary teachers are confirmed into continuous (permanent) positions (3 teachers at the school)
    - b. Currently not hiring any new teachers
    - c. As part of Classroom Complexity Funding
      - i. Have hired Ms. Uzma as a 30 hour/week full year temporary Education Assistant for 2026-27
      - ii. Hiring an additional 30 hour/week full year temporary Education Assistant for the 2026-27 school year
    - d. Temporary position for Ms. Hui Li to be filled during Spring staffing as she continues her maternity leave into next school year
    - e. We would like to thank our two temporary teachers with ending contracts at the end of the year:
      - i. Ms. Dina Lee in grade 2 Mandarin Bilingual Program/FYTT Teacher
      - ii. Ms. Eileen Gu in grade 3/4 Community English Program
    - f. Currently, no retirements announced/expected
    - g. Staffing typically remains fluid over the final month of school as we adjust due to teacher/support staff moves and decisions.

b. School Organization 2026-27

- i. Reminder that the last day of school for the 2025-26 school year is Friday, June 26, 2026. \*It is an early dismissal day with school ending at 1:20pm.
- ii. Email will come from your child's 2026-27 homeroom teacher between August 26-28, 2026 (most likely the evening of August 27, 2026) introducing themselves and sharing the first day of school meeting spot.
- iii. First day of school is Monday, August 31, 2026
  1. Grade 1-6 has regular school day hours (9:04am - 3:35pm)

- 2. Kindergarten students have staggered entry August 31 and September 1. Schedule will be posted to website under “Back to School Information”.
- iv. Soft entry each day for Grade 1-6 students from 8:55am - 9:04am with instruction beginning promptly at 9:04am
- v. Class configurations (\*still being confirmed and subject to change):
  - 1. Community English Program
    - a. Kindergarten (1 class)
    - b. Grade 1/2 combined (3 classes)
    - c. Grade 3 (2 classes)
    - d. Grade 4 (1 class)
    - e. Grade 5 (2 classes)
    - f. Grade 6 (1 class)
  - 2. Mandarin Bilingual Program: 2 classes at each grade level from Kindergarten to Grade 4.
- c. Summary of upcoming events.

## 5. **Teacher’s Educational Report** (Huong L.)

## 6. **Committee Reports**

- a. Casino - N/A
- b. Special Events - N/A
- c. Parent Education (Kim H.)
  - i. 3 parent education sessions held with minimal attendance
  - ii. Other councils are replacing parent ed with parent lending libraries
  - iii. Laura C. noted grant must be spent before June
  - iv. Dustin T. inquired whether grant can be used for Criterion license
  - v. Jenny H. will look into books and discuss with Dustin T. the challenges parents are facing
  - vi. Executive can discuss and vote on it later as it is under \$500
- d. COSC Update (Vanesse L.)
  - i. COSC meeting minutes and presentations available here: <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/pages/meetings.aspx>
  - ii. Jenny H. discussed board advocacy, main goal is funding, class size and complexity teams (27,000 students with special needs, 1/5 of students are special needs and 31% of Calgary students have English as an additional language)
  - iii. Funding is 27% of CBE funding

iv. ASCS grant of \$500 to be continued for next year

**7. New Business – N/A**

**8. Meeting Adjournment at 7:20pm (Kim H.)**

- a. Moves: Rachel G.
- b. Second: Vanesse L.

## **Marion Carson School - Parent Association Meeting**

**Tuesday May 19, 2026 7:21pm**

Attendance:

Kim H., Jenny H., Laura C., Huong L., Dustin T., Vanesse L., Rachel G., Alina K., Amangi J., Estee L., Jenn A.

### **1. Introduction and Call to Order at 7:21pm (Kim H.)**

- a. **Motion:** Does your Parent Association approve the presented minutes from the Apr 21, 2026 meeting?
  - i. Moves: Laura C.
  - ii. Second: Vanesse L.
- b. **Motion:** Does your Parent Association adopt the May 19, 2026 agenda as presented?
  - i. Moves: Jenny H.
  - ii. Second: Kim H.
- c. Additions to Agenda
  - i. Laura C. requests addition of a motion in section 5 Treasurer Report to approve the presented financial statements for 2025/2026 (statements submitted to AB society in March/April)

### **2. Executive Update**

- a. Confirmation of non-executive roles for upcoming school year
  - i. Fundraising - Jenn A. and Kim H.
  - ii. Special Events - possibly Amangi J.
  - iii. Fun Lunch - vacant
  - iv. Casino - Vanesse L.
  - v. Book Fair - Estee L. and John L.
  - vi. Volunteer Coordinator - vacant
  - vii. Naturalization - Deb S.
  - viii. Play Area - Tracy O.
  - ix. Apparel - possibly Alina K.
  - x. Parent Ed - vacant
  - xi. Social Media - Kim H.

### **3. Election of Executives (Kim H.)**

- a. **Motion:** Does your Parent Association approve to dissolve the executive on September 1, 2026?
  - i. Moves: Laura C.

- ii. Second: Vanesse L.
- b. **Motion:** Laura C. moves that the Parent Association elect the same individuals as were elected to the School Council Executive to serve in the corresponding roles for the Parent Association.
  - i. Second: Vanesse L.
  - ii. All voted in favour. Motion passed.

#### 4. **Committee Reports**

- a. Fundraising (Jenn A.)
  - i. Fundraisers this year included Davison Apples, Purdy's, Pedalheads, Fitset Ninja, Mabel's Labels, Growing Smiles, Hitmen game, Matador night, Chipotle night, bottle drives, 50/50 draws, Fun Run, Snow Glow dance, and movie night. For fundraising totals refer to the Treasurer Report.
  - ii. Planned fundraisers for next year include Davison Apples, Purdy's, Pedalheads, Fitset Ninja, and Mabel's Labels. Any other fundraisers will require a volunteer to coordinate them.
- b. Fun Lunch (Kim H.)
  - i. June 12 Subway is last lunch until new coordinator is found
- c. Casino (Vanesse L.)
  - i. This year was better for volunteers.
  - ii. Total raised was one of the highest Casino fundraisers anyone is aware of.
- d. Special Events (Amangi J.)
  - i. Special events this year included a movie night and the Snow Glow dance. Thanks to Kim H. for helping with planning.
- e. Accessible Creative Playground (Tracy O. called in during Parent Council Meeting)
  - i. Construction company to help with base prep removal and preparation
  - ii. Geothermal company will do donation for free compaction
  - iii. Adding musical play panels and chimes using playmakers grant
  - iv. Adding coloured mounds
  - v. Signed off on site design last week, 50% of cost, Variety confirmed that the equipment is ordered
  - vi. Quote includes the sign (need info by end of June) for donors
  - vii. Build date July 13
  - viii. Opening ceremony Fri, Sept. 18
  - ix. Rotary club donated \$5000

- x. Rotary club of Calgary donated \$1000
- xi. Kinettes donated \$15,000
- xii. Awarded Kal Tire replay grant
- xiii. Variety has \$217,500 held for playground, means we have additional \$186,000
- xiv. Playground quote is \$396,175.81, but if base prep is removed then it would be \$384,144.22
- f. Book Fair (Rachel G.)
  - i. One book fair this year
  - ii. Need to book ahead for next year and try to align with conferences
- g. Naturalization/Marion's Meadow (Kim H. for Deb S. and Devon K.)
  - i. One meadow cleanup in the fall
  - ii. Fundraised in the fall to pay for boulder circle
  - iii. Future plans to make Marion's Meadow more accessible
  - iv. Account with Parks foundation still open and donations can still come in
  - v. Dustin T. noted we still have one more tree coming and that he signed up for the City of Calgary tree program
  - vi. Jenny H. offered to water the new trees over the summer
- h. Apparel (Alina K.)
  - i. Changed vendor and logo this year
  - ii. Sales are not finalized yet because store just closed
  - iii. Will offer old stock at events next year
  - iv. Planning three sales next year (Sep, winter, April in conjunction with Fun Run)
  - v. Owe \$1079
  - vi. Vanesse L. asked if old stock will be sold at Kindergarten orientation and Alina K. confirmed that it would be
  - vii. Dustin T. offered that old stock could be used as prizes for students

## 5. **Treasurer Report** (Jenny H.)

- a. Jenny H. reviewed financial statements for last year compared to the year before, noting that the 2024/25 statements were filed and no feedback was received. A volunteer reviewed and verified the 2024/25 statements.
- b. **Motion:** Does the Parent Association approve the presented financial statements for 2024/2025?
  - i. Moves: Laura C.
  - ii. Second: Vanesse L.

- iii. All voted in favour. Motion passed.
- c. Jenny H. presented the April 2026 Treasurer Report (updated in May) highlighting revenues and expenses.
  - i. General account ending balance of ~\$8k
  - ii. Casino account ending balance of ~\$30k
- d. Laura C. presented a proposed budget for 2026/2027.
- e. Jenn A. commented that the executive had discussed and agreed to postpone approving a budget for 2026/2027 until September after all playground costs had been finalized.
- f. Kim H. suggested that the budget should be reviewed in September, as the executive had discussed changing budgeted amounts, and so the new Chair can have input to the budget.
- g. **Motion:** Does the Parent Association approve the proposed budget for 2026/2027?
  - i. Moves: Laura C.
  - ii. Second: Vanesse L.
  - iii. 1 opposed and 7 voted in favour. Motion passed.

## 6. Requests, New Business, Proposals, Additions from 1c

- a. Proposals
  - i. Homeroom Bussing for 2026-27, and 1 bus each for Music (Choir) and PEW Teacher (Leadership)
    - 1. Requesting same offer from council as the 2025-26 school year whereby each homeroom class gets 1 bus paid for by council for an off-site activity of their choice.
      - a.  $22 \times \sim \$350 = \$7700$
      - b. Asking council for **\$7700**
  - ii. Reading eggs (K-6 with some extras)
    - 1. Science of Reading connected online literacy/reading program
    - 2. Could this use Book Fair funds again next year?
    - 3. Estimated cost about **\$6000**
  - iii. Whole School Residency (To be Determined)
    - 1. We would like to have a whole school residency to support whole school learning next year, but are yet to determine the exact residency (art-based, culture-based, dance-based). We would like council to help subsidize the cost for families. More details to be shared in the new school year once a residency is finalized by our residency committee.

2. Asking council for **\$5000**

- b. Jenn A. proposed funding one or more buses, if required, for Music so that an entire grade could attend an off-site activity related to music, instead of limiting the offsite activity to include only the choir, noting that parent association funding should benefit all kids at the school.
- c. Dustin T. responded that funding bussing for extracurricular activities like choir and leadership incentivizes teachers to sponsor these and similar activities.
- d. **Motion:** Jenny H. moves to approve funding Principal's Proposals from Casino fund.
  - i. Second: Kim H.
  - ii. All voted in favour. Motion passed.

7. **Meeting Adjournment at 8:41pm** (Kim H.)

- a. Moves: Kim H.
- b. Second: Laura C.