

## **Marion Carson School Council**

### **Annual General Meeting Agenda: May 27, 2025**

Attendance: Laura Cooper, Vanesse Loke, Kim Harding, Jenny Henri, Alina Koziak, Tracy Oh, Tosan Abah, Estee Lee, Amangi Jayakody, Rachel Gulam, Cynthia Zhang, Laura Hertz, Andrew Campbell, Huong Ly, Dustin Turner

1. Introduction and Call to Order – 6:30 pm by K. Harding
2. Land Acknowledgement – Vloke
3. **Motion:** Does your school council adopt the May 27th agenda as presented?  
**Motion:** LCooper moves to move section 7, introduction of the current School Council Executive and section 8: Election of the Executive for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year, to come immediately after #4, the motion to approve the presented minutes from the previous meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>: JHenri **MOTION CARRIED**
4. **Motion:** Does your school council approve the presented minutes from the April 15th, 2025 General Meeting? LCooper Move KHarding 2nd **MOTION CARRIED**
5. Introduction of this past year's School Council Executive – 7:00pm
  - a. Chair: Kim Harding
  - b. Vice Chair: Laura Hertz
  - c. Treasurer: Laura Cooper
  - d. Secretary: Vacant (filled in by Vanesse Loke)
6. Election of Executive for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year – 7:05pm.  
**Motion:** LCooper moves to open nominations for the executive committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> JHenri, **MOTION CARRIED**  
Proposed slate of nominees for the executive:
  - a. Chair: Kim Harding nomination by AKoziak. KH accepted
  - b. Vice Chair: Laura Cooper nomination by RGulam . LC Accepted
  - c. Secretary: Jenn Adams nomination by KHarding. JA accepted
  - d. Treasurer: Jenny Henri nomination by LCooper. JH accepted**Motion** to approve slated of nominees as amended. (6:28pm) Declaration of new exec for 2025/26 @ 6:38pm **Motion** to cease the nomination. All present agreed with "Aye" **MOTION CARRIED**

Note: Nominations can be received from the floor with discussion and additional motions as needed. Voting will be done with the "Aye" and "No". The results shall be announced at the AGM. Our constitution allows unfilled or vacated positions to be filled by School Council at regular general meetings.

**\*\*The following positions do not need to be voted in.**

- e. Fundraising Coordinator: Deb Sabey
- f. COSC/Key Communicator/Casino Coordinator: Vanesse Loke
- g. Special Events Coordinator: Amangi Iresha

- h. Volunteer Coordinator: vacant
- i. Naturalization Coordinator: Devon Karchut
- j. Book Fair: Rachel Gulam (Nov only – March spring avail if anyone wants to take on)
- k. Playground/Inclusivity Space Coordinators: Devon Karchut & Tracy Oh
- l. Special Lunches: Shweta Joshi
- m. Parent Education Coordinator: Deb Sabey (or anyone who wants to step forward)
- n. Apparel Coordinator: Alina Koziak
- o. Social Media Coordinator: Kim Harding

## 7. Principal's Report / School Report– Mr. Turner – 6:35



### School Council - Principal Report (May 27, 2025)

#### 1. 2025-2026 School Year Staffing

We are in the process of staffing for the 2025-26 school year.

- Teachers have the ability to apply for positions throughout the Calgary Board of Education. Currently we are:
  - o Saying congratulations to Mr. Wang who has been confirmed into a continuous contract starting in the 2025-26 school year.
  - o Hiring: 1.0FTE position being posted internally (one due to a teacher vacancy)
  - o Saying congratulations to Ms. Freestone on her upcoming retirement at the end of the school year. We are therefore looking to fill the .4FTE position
  - o Staffing typically remains fluid over the final month of school as we adjust due to teacher/support staff moves and decisions.

#### 2. School Organization 2025-26

- Reminder that the last day of school for the 2024-25 school year is Thursday, June 26, 2025. **It is an early dismissal with school ending at 1:15pm.**
- Email will come from your child's 2025-26 homeroom teacher between August 27 – 29, 2025 (most likely the evening of August 28, 2025) introducing themselves and sharing the first day of school meeting spot
  - First day of school is Tuesday, September 2, 2025
    - o Grade 1-6 has regular school day hours
    - o Kindergarten students have staggered entry September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Schedule posted to website under "Back to School Information".
  - Slight change to school hours:
    - o Monday – Thursday from 9:13am – 3:45pm
    - o Fridays from 9:13am – 1:20pm
    - o Soft entry each day from 9:05am – 9:13am with instruction beginning promptly at 9:13am
- Class configurations still being confirmed.

#### 3. Events

May 28: Grade 6 PAT – ELAL Part A (9:05am)

May 29: Welcome to Kindergarten – 5pm (for families new to kindergarten in 2025-26)

May 30: Grade 6CE students transition [visit](#) to FE Osborne School

June 9: Talent Show (details TBD)

June 13: Grade 6 PAT – Math Part A (9:05am)

June 16: Grade 6 PAT – ELAL Part B (9:05am)

June 17: Grade 6 PAT – Math Part B (9:05am)

June 18: Grade 6 PAT – Social Studies (9:05am)

June 20: Sports Day

June 20: Spirit Day – wear your favourite sports jersey

June 25: Report Cards go live for online viewing in [MyCBE Account](#)

June 26: Last Day of School – School dismisses at 1:15pm

- a. June 22 - last day to guarantee spot on bus registration for start of school year.

## 8. Educational Report – Ms. Ly – 6:50pm (6:54pm)

## 9. Committee Reports – 7:15pm (7:07pm) --Updates:

- a. Special Events Coordinator – Laura H. Staff potluck
  - Low ticket sales so dance was cancelled.
  - Need volunteers to fill some spots for staff potluck
- b. Special Lunches – Kim H
  - aka Fun lunch
  - 2 left – this friday and Last one to order is June 20 Edo

- c. Naturalization Coordinator – Devon
  - Construction starting on outdoor classroom in the summer by the sandbox. Grants were awarded. Still need \$6k – some school council fundraising will go towards (read by K. Harding)
- d. Play area project committee – Tracy
  - Applied for matching grant x2 (CFEP + AB Recycling) applying for Blue Cross grant. Won't hear until fall. Next step to pick playground vendor. Need to pick before school year ends and CBE can do thing with approvals.
- e. Casino – Vanesse
  - will need volunteers sign up to come out in Sept
  - Oct 26-27 PURE Casino
- f. Parent Education Coordinator – N/A
- g. Fundraising- Jenn and Deb (rain barrels and Pedalheads are ongoing) (read by K. Harding)
  - Rain barrels – order until June 6. City Of Calgary has rebate. PU at school or sign up to deliver to house
- h. Key Communicator/CAPSC coordinator – Vanesse

### COSC Mtg Notes

1. New funding formula = additional funding
2. 1.44billion (+ 55mil from last year)
3. How every \$ is going to be allocated
  - a. 74cents to schools
  - b. 6cents central supports for schools
  - c. 14cents operations & maintenance
  - d. 3cents transport
  - e. 3cents system admin
4. Have told the govt that it doesn't address inflation. Estimate \$200mil increase is actually needed.
5. Capital Planning Update
6. Enrolment has + by 20k since 2021
7. Most schools are at capacity or above
8. Projection of 3700+ students next year= overflow schools w/lottery + modular schools
9. 1 school under construction, 14 approved for planning/design/construction, +16 more requested

#### 10. New business – 7:25 pm

- a. Any new topic or questions addressed here or will be carried over to the next meeting depending on the time
  - 99% Teachers have voted to authorize strike
  - Salary + work load and classroom complexities are 2 major issues

#### 11. Meeting adjournment – 7:26pm

**Motion:** LCooper move, 2<sup>nd</sup> VLoke **MOTION CARRIED**

**Committees For Reference:**

**School Council Members**

**Chair:** Kim Harding

**Vice Chair:** Laura Hertz

**Treasurer:** Laura Cooper

**Secretary:** Vacant

**Casino Coordinator:** Vanesse Loke

**Special Events Coordinators:** Laura Hertz

**Naturalization Coordinator:** Devon Karchut

**Parent Education Coordinator:** N/A

**Fundraising Coordinator:** Jenn Adams

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Vacant

**Fun Lunch:** Kim Harding

**Key Communicator / COSC Coordinator:**

Vanesse Loke

**Book fair:** Rachel Gulam

**Upcoming Meetings**

Tuesday September 16, 2025

## Marion Carson Parent Association

Annual General Meeting Agenda: May 27, 2024, 7:30 pm

- 1) Introduction and Call to Order – 7:30 pm
- 2) **Motion:** Does your Parent Association adopt the May 27, 2025 agenda as presented?  
**Motion:** LCooper moves to include a motion to elect the same individuals as were elected to the school council executive to serve in the corresponding roles for the Parent Association, after the approving the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion to approve up to \$50,000 of pending Casino funds to be held in trust by Variety, the Children's Charity for the Creative, Inclusive Playground as per the CFEP Grant budget. Please move sections 7b to AFTER 8) Proposals. KHarding 2<sup>nd</sup>, All members approved with "Aye" **MOTION CARRIED**
- 3) **Motion:** Does your Parent Association approve the presented minutes from the April 15, 2025 meeting? LCooper move TOH 2<sup>nd</sup> **MOTION CARRIED**
- 4) **Motion:** RGulam: 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, 2<sup>nd</sup>:KHarding. All Members approved with "Aye" **MOTION CARRIED**
- 5) Chair Report: Year in Review- 10 mins
  - a) FUndraising - \$4k apple, mabels labels, bottle drive, gift wrapping
  - b) Playground fundraising \$13k
  - c) May 2, 2026 next Fun Run
  - d) Halloween dance – Oct 30 5-7pm partner with Variety with 50-50/raffle possibly
  - e) Bookfair – Nov 2024 funded Reading Eggs. Nov 2025 is next one
  - f) ASCA grant – online seminar
  - g) Outdoor improvements – grant applications in progress. Rain barrel \$ support.
  - h) Playground – partner with variety
  - i) Apparel – school spirit
  - j) Fun Lunch – profit \$700
  - k) Community Building – online, sledding, marions meadow clean up, art contest, volunteer spotlight, special guests, etc.
  - l) THANK YOU EVERYONE for the support
  - m) Full parent council for the next school year is the first in a long time.
- 6) Fundraising – Jenn Adams, Deb Sabey  
Nothing to note
- 7) Bottle Drive – Andrew Campbell  
\$611 – easier in the morning than on the weekend + more than weekend collection date. Can still donate at the depot to MC. Hoping for 3 - 4 for next year.
- 8) Treasurer report – Laura Cooper
  - a) 2023/24 Financial report – submitted to AB Society to keep not for profit status and audited Presentation of financial statements
  - b) **Motion:** Does the parent association approve the presented financial statements for 2024/2025? LCooper moves, 2<sup>nd</sup> JHenri, All members approved with "Aye" **MOTION CARRIED**
  - c) 2024/25 - casino account no movement except fees
  - d) 24/25 - Actual to date – apparel hasn't all been sold. Need to sell to make any money \$2k outstanding
    - i) Online Auction = playground

- ii) See report. Awaiting for receipts to reimburse from school. Cheque to Variety to go out
- iii) \$100 to casino to cover bankfees + insurance \$800
- iv) \$7k left in General Acct

**Q:** how much has been fundraised so far for the playground?

**A:** After Feb \$13k in Variety acct. + \$3500 for fundraising events. Variety = Jan \$1500. Variety = \$16, 500 + \$90K Variety matching. CBE donation = cost of old playground tear down Need to raise \$125k to get started on top what we already have.

9) Proposals Turner – 8:01pm

- a) Thanks for year in review and volunteers
- b) Asking: \$6300 = bus for fieldtrip for each class. ~\$300/bus x 21 classes.
- c) Asking: \$7k for whole school residency – applying for Arts grant for other half = Trickster = Jan 19 –23, 2026.
- d) Asking: bookfair to cover Reading Eggs – or \$5k
- e) Asking: Mathletics = \$5k
- f) No data usage avail for both programs
- g) Ranked in order of importance by benefit to families

50k from casino earmarked for playground to earn matching grant

Reading Eggs/Mathletics – delay approval until sept? Usage is minimal at home, not used much in the classroom. Survey done with those in attendance. very limited use of both programs. Programs are used to support at home learning , not primary tools used in the classroom.

**Motion** to approve up to \$50,000 of Casino funds towards the Creative & Inclusive Playground to be held in trust by Variety, the Children’s Charity as per our CFEP Grant once Casino funds are received. LCooper moves. 2<sup>nd</sup> JHenri All members approved with “Aye” **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion:** to approve fund for homeroom bussing for field trips as proposed by Mr. Turner to first come from Casino funds then from General funds if needed. LCooper moves, 2<sup>nd</sup> KHarding, All members approved with “Aye” **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion:** to approve Residency funds as proposed by Mr. Turner contingent on Grant approval and availability of Casino funds to first come from available Casino funds then from General funds. LCooper moves 2<sup>nd</sup> TABah, All members approved with “Aye” **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion:** to approve Reading Eggs fees proposed by Mr. Turner to come first from Scholastics Book Fair Cash Rewards or from Book Fair Proceeds and then the remainder from available Casino funds and then from General funds. LCooper moves, 2<sup>nd</sup> TABah, All in favor. 1 abstain. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion** to approve Mathletics fees proposed by Mr. Turner to come first from available Casino funds and then from General funds. LCooper moves, 2<sup>nd</sup> CZhang. 4 in favor. 6 opposed. **MOTION DENIED.**

10) Presentation of Budget for upcoming school year- Laura Cooper

- LC presentation of proposed budget. estimates are on the small side. Amendments to Naturalization and retirements. = (~3500K) but currently at \$20k in bank.
- Conversation/questions RE: is earmarking \$50k from casino for playground too much = leaving only \$20k for 2 years.
  - Need the amount for matching grants.
  - Costs can be offset by placing cost on parents.
  - PCA doesn’t fund 1 or both of the programs.
  - Fieldtrips can be lessened

**Motion:** Does the Parent Association approve the proposed 2025/2026 Budget? JHenri moves, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
VLoke All Members approves with “Aye” **MOTION CARRIED**

11) Meeting adjournment – 8:10 pm

LCooper Moves adjournment 8:58pm 2<sup>nd</sup> JHenri **MOTION CARRIED**