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211 McKnight Blvd NE  
Calgary, Alberta T2E 5S7

# MINUTES

FFCA North Middle School Society Minutes

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*Date | time* June 8, 2023 6:00 pm

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Attendees

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## **Society**

Ummul Banin, Chair

Zenita Lalani, Vice-Chair

Nicole Chen, Secretary

Connie Kimber & Marina Lakhani, Volunteer Coordinator

**Staff** Doug Lamb, Principal

Jim Poirier, Assistant Principal

Ms. Freeman , Teacher Representative

## **Absent**

Sanjib Karmaker, Treasurer

## **Parents**

Paula-Online

Olga Vasina

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Approval of Agenda

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- Motion to approve the April agenda as presented

Motion – Ummul

Second –Connie

- Motion to approve the April agenda as presented approved

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## Approval of Minutes

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- Motion to approve the April minutes as presented

Motion – Ummul

Second – Connie

- Motion to approve the April minutes as presented approved



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## Chair Update

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- Upcoming casino dates are set for Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday) & Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> (Monday). Ummul noted that we will need to distribute a volunteer sign-up and we will need to be informing parents asap of the dates.
- Campus plans for student activities and asks were presented. They are as follows:
  - A big ask that is coming is to replace technology that is no longer working correctly and to bolster our technology supply with another laptop cart and between 30-40 chrome books.
  - Look at expanding support to fund some science-based lessons/guest speakers (field trips are funded a year in advance).
  - The third discussion point was on portables. All campuses had applied for portables and we were approved for some. The challenge is that there isn't a lot of portables available and we can't launch additional portables until they are all in place (due to the bubble of population that needs to move through campuses). The next ask is for school beautification as we may be able to do some pre-work for ground scaping that involves the portables. This is was a specific request that we decided needs to go to council.
- Obtained paperwork from casino advisors whom NMS has been using in the past and will get all the paperwork signed at the soonest.
- Scholarship application – voting. Decision made to share our votes via email with the council. Only members of the executive are able to vote for the scholarships. Doug will forward the remaining scholarship that was not included in the email package. **Action item: Doug has sent out the final scholarship. Please share your top choices.**

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## Treasurer Update

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- Update of signatures for members-delayed as Sanjib was away.
- We have a balance of \$29,237.87



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- See attached report
- The money we currently have has to be used before we receive our next allotment. The full request for the chrome books would cost around \$40,000 so we can move through and purchase a number of the Chromebooks with the available funds.

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## Volunteer Coordinator/Parental Partnership

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- Need 5 volunteers for paperwork and one person who will definitely be at the casino – as General Manager. Please sign-up and get others to sign-up.
- Create volunteer lead sheet through <https://volunteersignup.org/> or <https://www.signupgenius.com/nonprofit-volunteer-management> or any other platform. The volunteer coordinators indicated they can send this out. They will include reserve/back-up positions. If council needs something emailed out to parents it can be sent to Dough and cc Jim and the two admin secretaries. Please provide advance notice for the send-outs as messages can be sometimes be combined.
- Once you've signed up for your shift you cannot change your role.
- **Action item: Ummul will be seeking out some documents that were used at a previous casino to support the process. This will be emailed out.**

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## Administration Update

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- Zenita asked if we would be able to bring back ski opportunities in the next year. Administration clarified that some of the events like skiing have become cost prohibitive, but they will be looked at again to see if things have changed. This includes swimming as well.
- A parent brought forward busing challenging. Jim noted that there's been some legislative changes and potential benefit packages that might help recruit more drivers. Many of the challenges are related to not having enough drivers. There was validation that the busing situations have been exceptionally challenging for families.

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## Adjournment/Next Meeting

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Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Next meeting September 4. We will be moving this meeting to another date.