

Meadow Ridge School Council Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2026

In attendance: Nicole Mulholland, Kristi Lundquist, Isobel Berg, Lucy Crichley, Katie Peterson, Jen Pierce-Ager, Shannon

Administration: Stefan Dykema (Principal), Heather Crook (VP), Danielle Buschman (VP)

Board of Trustees: Sharon Nichols

Meeting called to order at 6:32PM by Kristi Lundquist

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Those in attendance introduced themselves
2. Agenda
 - *Nicole Mulholland motioned to accept the agenda, Katie accepted*
3. Minutes from previous meeting
 - *Nicole Mulholland motioned and accepted the minutes from the May 21, 2026 meeting*
4. Elections of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
 - *Isobel Berg nominated Kristi Lundquist for Chair, Kristi accepted*
 - *Kristi Lundquist nominated Isobel Berg for Vice Chair, Isobel accepted*
 - *Nicole Mulholland nominated Jen Pierce-Ager for Secretary, Jen accepted*
5. Trustee Update
 - Sharon Nichols provided an update and started by thanking staff at FSD for wonderful academic year start up
 - Sharon spoke to the opening day for all FSD staff on August 27th and the efforts that were made to unite staff as a community across the district. Sharon highlighted the importance of community, safety and welcoming and having a place of belonging.
 - Advocacy is ongoing, especially around budgets and classroom complexity with the government. Advocacy for sustainability for complex classroom funding so that kids get the support they need. The Board Chair attends meetings with the MLA.
 - Engagement for Technology in the early grades is coming soon, with more information in the Flourishing Documents that are shared from the board
 - Cameron Crossing School has a place for students and community that can be booked and used for gatherings. That school is expanding to meet complex needs of Jr/Sr high school students and developing a residential care facility for short term stays for students.

- Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting, the Director of Indigenous Education is Charity T who is invited to 4 meetings a year. Representatives from schools attended a recent day at the board office, Kirsten Saliken attended for MRS.
- FSD Summer School saw 721 students participate this past summer in multiple programs
- October 15th- open to community to discuss collaboration and priorities across the division. Jessica Ridel from Quebec will guide the process. If interested in attending, reach out to Stefan, Sharon or Kristi.
- Sharon highlighted the role of the board as governance, not operations
- The future high school is progressing and is still scheduled to be open for the 2029 school year. There is a December meeting to select the model for the future school. Still deciding on 1 school 2 campuses or 2 campuses.
- Math 10C prep will be offered as an option in Spring semester by Lucy at MRS

6. Principal's Update

- Stefan provided an introduction to himself as a father and husband, educator and administrator (past 9 years, 8 as a principal). He mentioned that he enjoys the K-9 environment as it gives opportunity to see students grow
- This school year has major themes: student voice, community partnership, communication, safety and preparedness, well-being and belonging, staffing and growth
- Jr high opportunities for leadership: CTF, clubs, student led assemblies, school wide leadership roles
- Aim for consistent, connected, communication- will be shared via community connect newsletters, Instagram and teacher emails. Instagram will be a blend with some information and student celebrations. Parents are encouraged to complete the POPA forms to provide opportunity for the school to showcase the great things students are doing.
- Focus on Well being: Belonging, Better, Best. With focus on high expectations scaffolded to be supportive and pro-active
- Stefan highlighted the referral process for behaviour, attendance issues and learning supports. Supports will be streamlined as they have weekly meetings as an admin team. Parents are encouraged to connect with teachers as concerns come up.
- Community theme this year (community between students, staff, families and partners). Partnerships with Pickleball Centre, Ambrose University for Pre-Service Teachers.
- Prepared, trained and more secure schools with the RCMP. There is a school safety plan in place with the RCMP, Stefan participated in active

threat training with RCMP this summer, new outside door procedures, frosting added to interior windows and increased blinds. It is now system wide for door bell and camera.

- Fire Drill. 1:45 evacuation time- great work MRS
- Strong Hiring Season- 5 new staff members, all experienced teachers and a good fit for the school
- Stefan highlighted the role of School Council as collaboration and idea sharing

7. Council Business

- Last year we had Dare to Care so that students could support each other. The ASCE grant was used. There is a curriculum that you can purchase (roughly \$500). Kristi will look into this further. As there is also new curriculum that teachers are exploring, Stefan would have to consult with teachers as well to see if this is feasible. Lucy expressed interest in implementing this in Learning Commons time as well.
- There is a \$500 grant again this year for parent engagement. Other schools have used Paul Davis in the past and partnered to bring him in. Shannon expressed an interest in learning about AI and the role it plays. Sally Smith, Director of Technology with FSD would have current knowledge and is in schools throughout FSD and is accessible to teaches.
- CASC (Council of School Council) meets November 2nd at 7pm for roughly 1.5 hours. If anyone is interested in attending, let Kristi know
- Date of November School Council meeting has been moved to November 26th

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37PM

Next Meeting: October 15, 2026 at 6:30PM