Attendees

BOARD: Melissa Wolski (Treasurer), Jane Leopatra (President), Nicole Neuman (VP), vacant (Casino Coordinator), D. Scharie Tavcer (Secretary)

PARENT/COMMUNITY ATTENDEES: Heather Ganshorn, Kathryn Hegan, Andrew Milne, Gwen Schmidt, Alan Geiger, Sarah Olson, Natalie Robinson, and Kim McLachlan.

CMHS STAFF: Anne Kromm (Principal) and Hayleigh Austin (Learning Leader)

CBE land acknowledgement read by Axel Morriseau (student)

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Call to Order 18:03
- Verification of Quorum: 12 in total including 4 board of directors
- Verification of Notice of Meeting was done 21 days prior to today's meeting and posted in the Ram Reminder.

Motion to Accept the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda for the AGM on Dec 9, 2025			
Motioned:	Mel	Seconded	Scharie
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Motion to accept the October 8, 2024 AGM minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the AGM on 08 Oct 2024 - see attached			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Mel
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Old Business

Treasurer's Report

- See Attachment 1.
- Annual return will be signed.
- January 2025 the Treasurer and Principal will meet to discuss areas of need to allocate funds and then present the proposal to the Council's next meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as it has been presented at AGM in preparation for audit			
Motioned:	Scharie	Seconded	Sarah
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Casino Report

- The AGLC report was submitted in June 2025.
- June 20 & 21, 2026 are the dates for the next casino at Pure Casino.

Motion to accept the Casino report as it has been presented at AGM in preparation for audit			
Motioned:	Sarah	Seconded	Scharie
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Regular Meeting Business (added because of the past strike and missed meetings)

1. Approval of September 9, 2025 Council & Society Meeting Minutes.
2. See Attachment 2.

Motion to accept the September 9, 2025 Council and Society Minutes			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Scharie
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

3. Updated CBE land acknowledgement to be used at meetings going forward
    a. The Calgary Board of Education acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitsitapi, comprising the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We acknowledge the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Îyârhe Nakoda, comprising the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney Nations, the Métis Nation within Alberta, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta. This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis (Blackfoot), Guts'ists'i (Tsuut'ina), Wîchîspa (Nakoda), and otôskwanihk (Northern Michif & Cree). As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.

4. Booster Juice Fun Lunch Proposal & BrightRaiser email invitations - ACTION: Scharie to reply to those emails that we have a food services program and a full cafeteria program and therefore not interested in these options.

5. AI usage on CMHS Instagram & interested students
    a. A parent brought this forward to Principal Anne about how AI images are being used in CMHS Instagram posts. Principal Anne spoke with teacher Kelly Issac about how to pursue things in a way that works with the leadership team and athletics and to also acknowledge paying the student artists.

6. Student Success Centre & Wishlist at Central - Hayleigh Austin: haaustin@cbe.ab.ca
    a. See Attachment 3. One parent shared the story of his daughter's success and support through the SSC. The SSC can be found on the 2nd floor across from the fashion room.
    b. Going forward the SSC is requesting donations like granola bars, Council is organising focused donation events. Council gives the $500 grant to SSC for food and hygiene products.

7. Football Program - Kathryn Hegan & Gwen Schmidt
    a. Parents of grade 10 football students present a proposal. See Attachment 4.
    b. The Council is asked for a donation which will be discussed at the January meeting between Principal Anne and the Treasurer.
    c. We have so many students interested in playing football now that going forward we'll have a junior and senior team. The Rams Football parents will be applying to become a Society so that fundraising can happen. They are repairing the books from the Sports Booster Society in order to do so.

8. Holiday Staff Appreciation.
    a. It will be hosted for February 20, 2026. Details will be decided at the January Council meeting. PVA are doing their staff appreciation on January 27th.

New Business

Motion to dissolve the 2024-25 Board of Directors			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Mel
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Motion to Elect Officers

- Mel Wolski nominated Jane for president
- Scharie Tavcer self-nominated for Secretary
- Mel Wolski self-nominated for Treasurer
- Nicole Neuman self-nominated for VP
- Natalie Robinson nominated Alana Geiger for Casino Coordinator
- Mel Wolski and Kim McLachlin self-nominated for the PVA liaison position.
- All in favour. Passed.

Other business from the floor

- One parent is a volunteer with Elections Alberta and asked attendees to consider signing the petition to show the province to call a referendum. The petition question is, “Should the Alberta government end its current practice of allocating public funds to accredited independent private schools?”

Next meetings

- January 13, 2026 all meetings at 6pm
- February 10, 2026, April 14, 2026, and May 19, 2026

Motion to Adjourn 20:00

Motion to adjourn the December 9, 2025 Parent Council and Society AGM			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Sarah
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Thanks everyone for coming out! Your commitment is appreciated!!

Central Memorial High School Parent Society

Annual General Meeting (AGM) December 9, 2025

Treasurer's Report submitted by Melissa Wolski

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION:

- The fiscal year is September 1 – August 31
- A "Society" must file a Society Annual Return with the Province of Alberta. The 2024/25 return will be submitted by the end of December 2025.
- The Association must submit a Casino Report (distribution of funds) to Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC) approximately every 12-18 months to maintain the ability to hold a casino licence. The last report was submitted by email on June 2, 2025 for the period April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.
- The Association has two bank accounts:
    - Casino Account
        - Casino expenses are discussed with Anne in October/November who gives us a wish list that has been curated by meetings she has had with the staff who advise what materials and resources they would like for the current school year. The list is discussed and approved by the council.
    - General Account
        - The general account is used to pay for expenses not permitted with Casino Revenues, for example, Staff Appreciation

TREASURER'S REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT SOCIETY

September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025

The activities of the Treasurer in the 2024-2025 fiscal year included:

- **General Account** - $610.64 was deposited in the General Account, the funds came from donations to the Skip the Depot program and tips from the casino . $470.02 was spent on reimbursing the Casino account for the overage on meals from the Casino and reimbursing one of the casino volunteers for their taxi charge.

- **Casino Account** – $85,334.62 was deposited in the Casino Account. The funds came from our Casino earnings, interest and the reimbursement for the casino advisor fees. This year we spent $31,047.38 on lighting for the theatre, fitness centre equipment, headsets & transmitters and a piano and keyboards. $591.33 was spent on our portion of the insurance and $2,350.95 was spent on casino advisor fees.
- **Statements of bank balances for the fiscal year:**
    - General Account
        - Opening Balance September 1, 2024 $1,617.35
        - Closing Balance August 31, 2025 $1,757.97
    - Casino Account
        - Opening Balance September 1, 2024 $32,209.69
        - Closing Balance August 31, 2025 $83,554.65

Central Memorial High School Parent Society
Financial Statement
For the Fiscal Year September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025

ASSETS			
	Cash - Bank Accounts		
	Casino account	$ 83,554.65	
	General account	$ 1,757.97	
	Total Assets:		**$ 85,312.62**
LIABILITIES			
	Accounts Payable	$ -	
	Total Liabilites:		**$ -**
INCOME			
	Casino	$ 83,119.53	
	Interest payment	$ 27.64	
	AGLC Casino Advisor Reimb	$ 2,350.95	
	Skip the Depot	$ 447.14	
	Other Fundraising	$ -	
	Total Income:		**$ 85,945.26**
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Administrative (Zoom)	$ -	
	Bank Charge	$ -	
	Casino	$ 470.02	
	Casino - Advisor Fees	$ 2,350.95	
	Info Night	$ -	
	Liability Insurance	$ 591.33	
	Staff Appreciation	$ -	
	CASINO - EQUIP	$ 31,047.38	
	CASINO - RESOURCES	$ -	
	CASINO - TRAVEL	$ -	
	CASINO - UNIFORMS	$ -	
	Total Disbursements:		**$ 34,459.68**

Parent Society - Meeting Minutes - approved

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CMHS STAFF: Anne Kromm

*Motion to approve **agenda** for Parent Council meeting for September 9, 2025*			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Mel
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

*Motion to approve **minutes** for Parent Council meeting for May 13, 2025*			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Scharie
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Treasurer Report

- General account $1,757.97
- Casino account $83,554.65. Looking to spend ~$40k. A wish list request is sent to each Learner Leaders and then Anne & Mel review it and allocate the funds.

Casino Report

- We need a new casino coordinator - former coordinator Natalie giving all materials to Mel in preparation for a new person. Elections at the October AGM.
- Casino slotting letter, quarter 2 in 2026 at the Pure Casino.

Old Business

- Nothing to report.

Central Memorial High School
Parent Society Meeting Minutes for 9 Sep 2025

New Business

- Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for October 21 at 6:00 pm (AGM) in person at the CMHS Learning Commons (HUB). CANCELLED DUE TO ATA STRIKE

The meeting adjourned at 19:00.

Parent Council - Meeting Minutes - approved

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CMHS STAFF: Anne Kromm

The meeting was called to order at 18:07

Land Acknowledgment

- We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which include the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

*Motion to approve **agenda** for Parent Council meeting for September 9, 2025*			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Nicole
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

*Motion to approve **minutes** from the May 13, 2025 meeting for the Parent Council*			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Scharie
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Principal's Report

- Sports are off to a good start
- Continuing to work on connecting and collecting our students
- Changing the world means changing education - upheaval, politics, social media, GenAI; therefore questioning skills are important, critical thinking skills, judging credibility of information.
- Therefore cell phones & social media have hijacked psychological mechanisms for belonging and distorting young people's perception of social realities during critical stages of life.
- Belonging - feeling your authentic self versus fitting in is about changing yourself to be accepted by others. True belonging fosters creativity, security, and emotional wellness.
- How could emotionally intelligent AI chatbots create a new mental health crisis? Because these bots try to capture the emotional atmosphere of the user and if the student's atmosphere is fragile or harmful, then there's potential for further harm.

President's Report

- Approximately 1600 kids plus 200 system kids funding for kids from other schools to come to Central's CTC.
- Student Success Amazon Wish List is still up and running. Check it out! Remind Tessa to put this in the Ram Reminder. Collect at meet the teacher night. Jane to email Hayleigh for a wish list.

School Liaisons Report

- PVA & CCMPA delegates are not yet known - Michelle Crimmins will let us know.
- Heather Ganshorn a COSC rep for A.E. Cross and willing to update us when possible.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Follow up on getting council materials (Nicole/Kevin Scott).

New Business

- Meet the teacher night September 16 at 5:30 - we need a table Mel & Nicole
- University info night September 23 at 6:00 - Scharie to lead, prep for strike (72hrs), Tessa contact, recorded, zoom etc.
- Question from a parent about CBE and book ban. Now the ban was reframed to be only graphic novels. Financial aspect from parents' donation. CMHS hasn't touched

our books. Letter to our Education Minister from the School Council. Heather will draft the letter and she'll send it to Jane.

- Question from a parent - how does high school work with homeroom and courses?
- How can new kids find places to belong? Do they even know where to go? Parents curious about what clubs are available and perhaps put info on the Ram Reminder. Must have a teacher lead. Community members can volunteer through the application and police check.
- Physed 10 - locker rooms not lockers.
- Morning announcements are hard to hear - PA system - messages go through during homeroom time. Anne has contacted Facilities to determine; casino funds may not be eligible because it's a capital expense.

18:53 adjourned.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21 (AGM) at 6:00pm in person at the CMHS Learning Commons (HUB). CANCELLED DUE TO ATA STRIKE

CMHS Student Success Centre - Parent Council Presentation at December 9, 2025 AGM

What is the SSC?

- The SSC is a flexible learning environment that provides support to struggling students. The goal for all students accessing the SSC is to promote success in school. The measure of success is not the rate of progress, rather that students are increasing their capacity.
- The SSC is designed to be responsive to student needs. As such, what we do, how we do it, and how it unfolds is ever-changing (and also varies from student to student).
- SSC CAN:
    - Connect with students and increase their sense of belonging, well-being, and safety at school
    - Support students with improving their executive functioning skills
    - Teach students strategies for learning and studying
    - Support students who are in the vocational course streams (e.g. Sci 14 & 24, -2 humanities, -3 math, K&E) and need some academic support
    - Work on social/emotional learning with students
    - Work through credit recovery for Science 14, Science 24, ELA 10-2, ELA 20-2, SS 10-2, SS 20-2, Math 10-3 and Math 20-3
    - Teach coping and regulation strategies for stress/anxiety
    - Teach test-taking skills and strategies
    - Offer a few one-credit modules for students in need of an extra credit or two
- SSC CANNOT:
    - Provide tutoring – especially for academic courses
    - Administer/supervise tests
- The SSC is comprised of several rooms
    - Working Together: collaborative workspace (we also call it “the main room”)
    - Learning Together: quiet/individual workspace
    - Zen Den (located between Working Together and Learning Together
    - Walking Together: currently a space that offers support and connections with the goal of increased success for Inuit, First Nations, and Métis students.
    - Restructuring of the rooms may happen soon as we continue to expand what we can offer.
- We distribute the Brown Baggin it for Kids lunches every day, but we also always have snacks available for students. We hope that hunger is never a barrier to learning at CMHS.
- We host a “Breakfast Club” every Wednesday morning where we prioritize student connection and belonging… and enjoy sitting down to eat together. Students can be seen laughing, chatting, playing hangman or Uno, and… nary a cellphone in sight!
- We have a supply closet that we have available to support students in need. It is stocked with hygiene products, clothing, shoes, etc. We also purchase things that students need (ie period underwear for a student unable to use other forms of feminine hygiene products). This has been funded by the parent council, so THANK YOU!!
- We also collect feminine hygiene product donations, fill baskets with them, and distribute them to the bathrooms so students can access them when they need them.

CMHS Student Success Centre - Parent Council Presentation at December 9, 2025 AGM

SSC Quick Data

- # of students scheduled in this semester: 36
- # of students on the drop-in list this semester: 60 (about half come regularly)
- Many students also access during their spare
    - Yes, students are choosing to come study here rather than hang out in the cafeteria or go to the library!

SSC Success Story – Madeline

- Significant childhood trauma
- Did not attend school in junior high due to high anxiety
- Referred to SSC in mid-October of her grade 10 year
- At time of referral:
    - had very low attendance (would either not come to school, or come for part of a class, get overwhelmed, and go home)
    - was failing all courses
    - hyper sensitive nervous system and became overwhelmed very easily
- What we did:
    - prioritized connection, safety and belonging
    - caught up on highest priority assignments until she was passing her courses
    - worked on executive functioning – ie how to organize binders and stay on top of assignments
    - worked on test taking skills (entry point was learner's permit test)
    - worked on social-emotional learning and strategies
- Now:
    - she is in grade 12 and doing great in all of her courses – her teachers say she is a model student and is often praised as being the most engaged and attentive in the class.
    - she started her own business in the summer and it sparked a passion for business and marketing, so she adjusted her plans and decided to aim for post-secondary.
    - she has now been accepted to business program at SAIT!
    - she is also choosing to add ELA 30-1 to her course load next semester (even though she doesn't need it to graduate) in order to potentially open more doors for post-secondary.

SSC Wish List:

- Bus tickets (all set for 2025, but will need 2026)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Granola bars
- Tea

September 2025 marked the ‘Return of the Rams’ – Central resumed its own Football program after being combined with Dr. E.P. Scarlett for the previous 9 years! The newly minted team had 23 Grade 12s, 17 Grade 11s, and 35 Grade 10s, including male and female players, along with 4 teacher coaches, 10 volunteer community coaches, 5 student athletic trainers, and the team's Water Boss, grade 11 student, Josh Bell. The RAMS went an impressive 4-0 in regular season play. In a stunning comeback, the RAMS defeated their former teammates, Dr. E.P. Scarlett 43-27 to win the first-ever LAM Bowl. Initially placed in Division 2B, the Team finished at the top of Division 2 with the most Points For in the League across all Divisions! After the Strike, the team was tiered up for play-offs and was the only Division 2 team to post points against a Division 1 team in that first round. Players dug very deep to foster strong communication, push themselves physically and delivered on several high-pressure on-field moments. For many of these players, Football is the most important thing about High School and much like the SSC, their safe space, and is what keeps them in the building and in school. The culture of respect between players and coaches, the bonds that are formed between players and the sense of mastery that comes with hard physical teamwork and being part of a system is unmatched.

RAMS Football is building back from the ground up. Football by nature is a very expensive sport to fund because the cost to just step on the field and maintain each player's physical safety is very high. One full set of equipment per player is over $1000 each, then are practice jerseys and pants, and home and away jersey sets. The rebuild also brings significant financial need to purchase on-site training equipment that hasn't been replaced in 10-20 years, that is now non-functional. In this area specifically, we fall behind other CBE/CSSD Football programs who are in possession of the most current training equipment and technology. Unless we are able to add this equipment, it will be difficult for the team to catch up to other programs and continue building on the success of this first year (especially with the majority of the Senior team leaving/graduating this year). Next Fall, the program will expand to include separate full junior and senior teams. There is a large cohort of Under 15 players in Southwest Calgary who play Club Football in the spring/summer (either for Wildcats or Bulldogs depending on their address). From what we know, many of these students are choosing between the football programs at Bishop Carroll and Central. It is our goal to recruit as many of these players to Central, to continue to build on the success of our newly re-established program. Having two teams allows players of all skill ranges and experience to play and develop and makes the program accessible to a wide range of players from those who would not be able to play Football otherwise from a financial standpoint to those who are looking to play at the post-secondary level.

In terms of parent coordination, we learned on the fly this Fall that most of the roles were filled by Scarlett parents previously so we haven't had a clear frame of reference for how to administer the program and what its needs really were both from a day-to-day operational standpoint as well as from a capital projects perspective. We only had a few other Central

parents come forward to help, and this Fall we engaged in as much fundraising as we could (including very successful $2100 bottle drives in September and $450 Halloween chips sales in October!) but the Strike really disrupted our momentum. We are doing the work behind the scenes to rectify the Athletics Booster Society (that has been in arrears for several years) and from there become our own parent Society so we can engage in Bingos, 50/50 draws at games and other raffles. We have started an Education Matters Campaign so that parents who are able to donate and/or do corporate matching can do so right away and have access to a charitable number for tax purposes. We plan to have the players sell food at lunch on Fridays at school and have an open bottle drive going all year. We are working to engage our new group of Football families who are new to the school, Football culture and fundraising. That being said, the gear, technology, and equipment replacement costs our new program still requires are quite large and beyond anything we could fundraise all on our own or ask parents to cover.

We gratefully request Parent Council and Ms. Kromm's support to cover some of these costs for the program, to keep us competitive and in the running with other Division 2 CBE/CSSD football programs:

- LEV8 5-person training sled: $23,000 (this essential piece of training equipment helps players learn and practice proper body positioning to block and advance safely and accurately, which are foundational football skills and crucial for injury prevention)
- Junior Team Home Jersey Set: $12,000
- On-field Quarterback to Coach communication headsets: $2,000 (this critical piece of technology allows communication between the quarterback on the field and the coach on the sideline so that plays are communicated clearly and accurately and allow for proper execution, as well as in a timely manner so that the team does not incur unnecessary penalties)

Thank you again,

Kathryn Hegan and Gwen Schmidt