

Angus McKay Community School Association

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026

6:00pm – Angus McKay School Library

Our mission is to support community building and learning at Angus McKay. We do this by raising funds to support teachers and learning initiatives.

In attendance: Jean-Paul Rochon, Anita Penner, Chelsea Dyck, Bryce Saunders, Jody Olfrey, Ginny Lechman, Patrice Cayer

Regrets: Kelli Johnson, Rebecca Smith, Paul Burnett, Trisha McDonald, Casey Nolin, Nicole Carriere

1. Meeting Agenda - Motion to approve agenda made by Anita, seconded by Bryce, motion carried.

2. Motion to Approve March minutes - made by Anita, seconded by Chelsea, motion carried.

3. Reports

a) Principal

*see attached report

b) Vice President

i) Playground Update

- A \$2,500 donation from Access Credit Union was received towards our playground improvement project. Chelsea will write up a letter and forward that cheque to the RETSD Board Office for deposit tomorrow.
- After that deposit the “RETSD In Trust” account for our playground project will be at \$26,115, which when matched by the City of Winnipeg Community Incentive Grant program will be \$52,230.
- There are still three grants that we have not received a response back from (\$5,000 each) although those decisions will not be made for a few more months.
- A possible plan revision was discussed, Chelsea emailed three options out for discussion to CSA members for consideration: the originally planned Eclipse Net Climber (\$77,387.10), a custom agility course created by Playgrounds R’Us (\$55,945.65), and the Lynx Loop from Blue Imp (\$46,220.30).
 - After some consideration, it was decided that we will move forward with Playgrounds R’Us, either the Eclipse Net Climber or the

custom course, as they have been the company the CSA has dealt with from the beginning and they have provided excellent advice and customer service thus far, not to mention donating Jets tickets that were raffled off previously to help with our fundraising efforts.

- Also briefly discussed was a potential surplus in the CSA bank account, and what we would be able to contribute towards the playground project as a CSA. Anita offered possibly adding \$7,000 towards the project but more thought will be given to ensure we retain enough for our end of year school event and start of year staff bursaries, etc. By doing this, we would only need to raise approximately \$6k more to reach our original goal to install the Eclipse Net Climber!
- One concern with the custom circuit created by Playgrounds R'Us was a plastic GeoPlex Climber feature that may easily fade in the sun and possibly be susceptible to cracking. Chelsea will email her contact at PRU and ask if that portion can be removed/replaced with something else.
- This project (and whether or not to deviate from the original plan of the Eclipse Net Climber) will require further discussion by the CSA. An option was suggested to involve the current students via a poll once we have finalized a design for a custom agility circuit option by Playgrounds R'Us.

c) Treasurer

i) Account Update

- Bryce advised there is \$11,400 in the CSA account.

*** At this point in the agenda Bryce was excused for a prior commitment and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.*

d) Fundraising

i) Glenlea Greenhouse

- Delivery is set for Monday, May 11th at 1pm, with pickups between 3:00-4:00pm
- Based on feedback from last year, we will need at least 5-6 volunteers to help sort orders and ensure a smooth pickup. Anita, Ginny, Patrice, Jody are available to help sort orders, Chelsea is possibly available but will email the CSA members and roster of parent volunteers to see if we can get some more hands.
- Anita will also bring along some clipboards or binders to help with order sorting, as last year the wind was working against us.

e) Hot Lunch

i) Hot Lunch Reports

- The March 27th Hot Lunch from NuBurger had 98 orders and yielded a \$196 profit. Feedback from the students was generally positive and Kelli said working with this new vendor was smooth.
- ii) Upcoming Hot Lunches
 - April 23 - Boston Pizza
 - May 28 - vendor TBD
 - June 25 - vendor TBD
- f) Communications
 - i) Facebook Update
 - The Angus McKay Families Facebook page currently has 66 members.

4. Old Business

- a) Nessie Movie Night
 - i) The first Nessie Movie Night was on March 26th and was a success! Feedback received from families was positive and the effort that was put into hyping up the event during school hours was rewarded with positive attitudes and excitement from students.
 - ii) A huge thank you to Paul and Ginny for sourcing and preparing the popcorn and waters for the event! If we decide to do another Nessie Movie Night in the future, we now know that 3 bushels of popcorn should be more than enough.
 - iii) JP also suggested that when planning future movie nights it might be advantageous to have them the evening prior to inservice/PD days.
 - iv) Cash received by donations was \$170.65.

5. New Business

- a) Open CSA Positions for the 2026/27 School Year
 - i) There will likely be several vacancies for the 2026/27 school year on the CSA - potentially Communications and Fundraising, and also the possible creation of a new position of Events to help with planning school activities put on by the CSA. Alternatively, an amenable Member at Large could also agree to take on event-planning.
 - ii) Nessie End of Year Event – Thursday, June 4th from 6:00-7:00pm
 - Ginny will send out a survey to families, similar to what was done before the Winter Holiday Party to see if there are any suggestions or previous aspects of this event people would like to see. New options for the event may be more field games, starting the event earlier and having a food truck out (or encouraging families to bring a picnic), etc.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 6th, 2026

Motion to adjourn made by Anita, seconded by Chelsea, meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.