

Angus McKay Community School Association

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 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, Cassandra Tycholiz, Bryce Saunders, Kelli Johnson, Ginny Lechman, Paul Burnett, Patrice Cayer, Jody Olfrey, Meghan Lormer

Regrets:

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

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

3. Introductions

4. Reports

a. Principal

- i. All staff that were on leave have returned and have five university students this year
- ii. New snack room
- iii. Staff have badges and doors are locked
- iv. Run club for grades 3-5 starts next week. October 2 is the meet (October 8 is rain date)
- v. September 28: School assembly and school wide field trip
- vi. October 5: Picture day
- vii. Deep dives with Nessie - JP, Laurin Clarke and Ens will plan and oversee. The goal is to utilize Nessie groups more often. Staff noticed that younger students naturally gravitated to their Nessie groups while watching Olympics/World Cup.

b. Vice President

- i. Playground and grants updates
 - Funds in trust account with school division: \$68,900.
 - Received \$10,000 from Winnipeg Foundation over the summer. Waiting for money to be transferred.
 - Quote from Playgrounds-are-us is \$76,300.70. We will have \$2000 extra. Can we use funds for a Gaga ball pit?
 - Use Nessie colours for new net climber (lagoon and grass with black netting). Colour choice does not change the price.
 - Only takes a few days to install once the company has the equipment. Matt from Playgrounds-are-us will do a walkthrough to decide the final area for the climbing net to be installed.

- Ideally the new structure will be installed this fall.
- ii. Classroom directory
 - Chelsea will organise again this year.
- c. Treasurer**
 - i. Review budget
 - ii. Classroom grants
 - \$2200 currently allotted to fund classrooms (\$200 per teacher)
 - Would like the teachers to let us know how they use the funds.
 - iii. Account balances
 - Opening bank balance is \$12,100. \$7000 deficit (is this for the playground fund?)
- d. Fundraising**
 - i. Timeline
 - Anita and Patrice will brainstorm ideas outside of today's meeting.
 - Jody suggests a coffee fundraiser. (or maybe a hot chocolate fundraiser.) Do we sell coffee beans or gift cards? Anita will reach out to Colossimo about a potential fundraiser.
 - JP has the digital fundraiser form and he will submit a list of our ideas to the school division.
- e. Hot Lunch**
 - i. October Hot Lunch: Oct 9 and 30.
 - Friday Oct 9 Boston Pizza
 - Friday Oct 30 - which vendor should we try?
 - Boston Pizza, McDonalds, Subway and Nuburger are the restaurants that are easiest to work with and/or most popular with the students. October 30 will probably be McDonalds or Boston Pizza. Meghan suggests Woodbine Burgers as a possible new vendor; Kelli will look into it.
 - Need to get new families signed up on MunchaLunch.
 - ii. Volunteers
 - Hot lunch volunteers don't need to have any background checks, but a divisional employee has to be present (e.g. a teacher or EA). Lunch supervisors are not division employees and therefore cannot supervise hot lunch volunteers.
 - We need to figure out what hot lunch handout looks like this year. Could we set up tables in the hall ways and have the kids come to us rather than have volunteers go into classrooms? Would this minimise the amount of school staff needed to supervise hot lunch volunteers?
 - How many volunteers do we need?
- f. Communications**
 - i. Sandy has updated the association members on the CSA webpage
 - ii. New Email system
 - The gmail inbox has been cleaned up. It had over 200 emails in the inbox. Ginny dealt with any outstanding emails. Everything from the inbox was moved into a new folder - so they are still there, but no longer in the inbox.

- Email list: 70% of families are signed up on the mailchimp list.
 - a. Every email has the parent name, student name, and grade associated with it.
 - b. Old email list does not have parent names or students associated with the email address in every case. Lots of old staff and emails were on the old list and there were lots of bounce back emails. A comparison of the old list to the new list had 29 matches. The new list has 65 brand new emails (this might include a different email, a new parent, not too sure).
 - c. Alexa Kozac will remind new kindergarten families to sign up for the CSA mailing list.
 - d. Can we add the old email list into the mail chimp list and then the parents can opt out of the mail chimp list? The problem is that there are no parent names associated with the old email list. This makes future management of the list more difficult (e.g. can't easily remove outgoing families from the list).
 - e. Can we assign a "classroom parent" to each class? This person would be in charge of getting all parents from their class signed up.
 - f. JP will send out a school email to remind families to sign up for the new CSA email list.
 - g. The new link was sent out in multiple emails from the old list. It was included on the Ahead at Angus newsletter. How do we get the last few families signed up?
 - i. Kelli will take on grade 5. Anita grade 4 girls, Bryce grade 4 boys, Chelsea will take on grade 3. Meghan will do kindergarten. Anita will ask some families about grade 1.
 - h. Some families have said they found the emails in their junkmail accounts.
- iii. Facebook update
 - There are 67 total members on the CSA Facebook page.
- g. Events**
 - i. New events?
 - Do we want to do a Halloween event?
 - a. Is this too much to take on at the start of the year?
 - b. Do we add a small trinket or treat to give students for Halloween at the October 30 hot lunch?
 - ii. Holiday Party
 - Holiday party on November 26 because November 27 is a PD day.
 - Winter concert is December 14, so we could potentially have access to the gym for the holiday party.
 - iii. Community Sale

- The school community donates gently used items and students can do their holiday shopping at the school. All items are priced \$1 to keep it simple and affordable. A gift wrap table can also be set up.
- Could we tie this into the Holiday Party. We could set this up in the gym. Or do we do it on a weekend? Then we could potentially invite people from the neighbourhood. The school does not have a weekend custodian so this would be trickier to set up. Could we add a bake sale as well? What do we do with the leftover donations?
- Would need volunteers to: set up the gym for the sale, to work the cash table, to work the gift wrap station, to clean up after the sale and remove any leftover items for donation.
- Will be discussed further in **October**.

iv. Movie Night

- Movie night event on Feb 4 because Feb 5 is a PD day.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Meeting adjourned 7 pm.