

Thom Collegiate

School Community Council

After AGM – Standard Meeting October 7, 2025

In attendance (adjust as per attendance below)

Ian Temple – Vice Principal
Charlotte Schachtel – chair
Mary Barrow – secretary
Jenn Clark – treasurer
Crystal McLaughlin – vice chair
Mediha Masawer – member at large
Janelle Cyr – member at large

Regrets:

Amy Saworski – member at large

1.0 Meeting called to order 6:45 (Charlotte)

2.0 Prior minutes of May 27, 2025 (meeting with additional emails clarifying spring budget) –
Action - Mary will update based on AGM discussions and bring forward to next meeting

3.0 SRC, ACT and Leadership Reports – students will be invited to the additional meetings –

Administrators' Report

Staffing Updates

- Jillian will be away from September 25th – October 24th as she is having hip replacement surgery. Admin coverage will be as follows for the four weeks she is away. Nancy Buisson will be covering the duration of the leave.

School Start-Up Events

- Staff PD to Lumsden Beach
- School Sports – Cross-Country, Football, Soccer, and Volleyball
- School Clubs – ACT, Beading, Craft Club, Judo Club
- 6 classes to Treaty Four
- Sage Picking (multiple classes)
- Moose Harvest - Trip to Peepeekisis F.N.
- Students to University for Tipi Raising Competition

- Welcome Back Assemblies (Admin ppts for all Grades re: rules/procedures)
- Academic Award Ceremonies – September 24th
- Welcome Back Week + BBQ for Grade 9s
- Clothing Orders – new company this year, all orders paid online - Tm2SportsLimited
- Drum Group Played at McKenzie Art Gallery

Events to Come

- Three-Way Conferences on October 23rd (portal opens Oct. 9th and closes Oct. 23rd)
- Photo Retakes – October 30th
- Feast & Round Dance on March 26th @ Thom
- Thom School Musical – The Addam's Family – December 2025

Following Their Voice (FTV)

- Jillian, Luke, and Kelly attended a 3-day in-service in Watrous in September
- Will start with a 5-teacher model + 1 coordinator and expand from there:
 - Kelly Keir
 - Lorell McDonald
 - Josh Bekker
 - Teighan Kossatz
 - Jes Atchison
 - Luke Blondeau – coordinator
- Plan is to introduce FTV concepts/best practice at each PD meeting so all staff can start working on best practice strategies to support Indigenous students

Reconciliation Committee

- Started with staff PD @ Lumsden Beach Camp – team-building, archery, sage picking & medicines discussion
- Updating school signage
 - Went with Imagination Ink for Stage 1. They completed the first stage of the work on September 30th which included stair signage, Beat Cancer Fundraiser, Treaty 4 Timeline by Lower Commons, and Trojan Signage in the gym entrance.
 - We ended up getting the \$1500 grant from RBC at the beginning of this year, so this money will go towards paying for that.

SCC Funds:

- NEW Funding Request Form – will be shown to staff on Friday

- Updates were sent to Mary so that she can complete the SCC finance doc. There are two accounts. SCC and SCCL. The SCC is the \$2007 that each SCC gets and the SCCL is the account that parents contribute to when paying their school fees. If every parent contributed yearly, the account would have approximately \$4000 in it. Last year, the revenue from the account was \$900 which means less than a quarter of families are paying the SCC fee.
- We would appreciate the SCC looking into a Mom's Pantry fundraiser, a 50/50 draw, gift card wreath fundraiser, or other online fundraiser to assist with the following projects:

Project Name/Description	Approximate Cost of Project
Digital Cameras for Photography Class – The Division paid for the first 25 cameras. The school would like to purchase 5 more so we can maximize enrollment in the class as there is high interest.	\$5000
School Signage/Visual Refresh – The students continue to comment (via Our School Survey) on the need for a school refresh as they feel the school looks like a jail. We have completed Stage 1 but will require further funding to pay for the remaining stages.	\$10,000-\$15,000
Purchase of Seacan for Storage – We need to purchase a seacan to store PE Equipment, Outdoor Ed Equipment, and Musical Props. We currently do not have adequate storage in the building for this.	\$3000-\$5000
Conversion of Storage Space to Football Locker Room – The football coaches/team have submitted a Small Project Request to convert a current storage space off of the gym into a Football Locker Room. The lockers were donated when Imperial was closed. They are hoping to get some sponsorship/donations from Thom Alumni	\$50,000
Finishing Off Robotics Space – The space in the Electrical Room where the Robotics classes and club work, needs to be closed off to make it a separate and secured space. This may be a project for the Construction & Building Class.	TBD
Converting Space in Electrical Room to Individual Studios for Rock Band/Music Classes – The room is already set up for this; it just needs to be completed. We have approval from Division Office, we just need the funding. This may be a project for the Construction & Building Class.	TBD
Auditorium – The school auditorium requires ongoing updates and replacement of audio equipment needed for day to day use as well as musical performances and band and choir.	\$50,000 - \$100,000

Discussion Related to Administrators' Report:

March 26 – Feast and Round Dance will be happening at Thom this year

Donations will be gathered for give aways

School will be looking for support

Following Their Voices is happening at Thom this year <https://www.followingtheirvoices.ca/>

Cameras were purchased for photography class (25) – may be a request to purchase more (4 full sections are running); more cameras allow more seats to open

Signage – will be continuing and so some fundraising opportunities

4.0 Old Business – Signage proposal – stage one is done – signs on stairs; signage coming into the gym and a timeline in lower commons (Treaty 4)

- Grade 8 orientation activities – did a grade 9 welcome back and bbq this fall

6.0 New Business:

Fundraising Ideas:

Agave restaurant night (\$10 profit per ticket)

Local business gift card donations then people buy an unknown bag and get one of the cards

Vendor event – consider pairing with the musical – maybe if connected with the school one fee and other vendors more

Encourage families to give the SCC fee to the school

Social media

Add on donation with tickets; SCC at door to events to collect donations; coin collector at events

Musical will be early December

Start with the promotion of the fee to be collected through school fees – Mary will write up and email Crystal who will do a canva poster - Mary sent some info Oct 16

Communication – Facebook – Charlotte will create a group and make Crystal an admin;
maintain email – group has been created: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1GX5kcLTtB/>

7.0 2025-26 Meeting Dates:

November 18 6:00

January 13 6:00 – discuss staff appreciation

March 10 6:00

May 26 6:00

Committee work is an option for those not wanting to be on executive - we can send a communication regarding donating, volunteering- Crystal is doing a canva poster about fees as a start – bring this back to next agenda

8.0 Questions/Other - none

9.0 - Adjournment – Charlotte – 7:30

Actions in follow up to Tonight's Meeting:

- Mary will tidy minutes and then distribute to those in attendance (completed Oct 16)