



## ***“Fantastic”*** is the word used most often to describe the new gym floor.

**D**ue to a few delays, the gym wasn't quite ready when school started in

September 2014. It took a bit of creativity and extra work from administration and staff to have phys ed and other gymnasium activities in different locations — including the great outdoors. But the gym was finally ready on September 18th.

“The gym has a cleaner look with higher visibility lines,” said Kent Krikke, MCS's phys ed teacher. “From a safety standpoint, the traction and cushioning of the new gym floor provides a huge benefit to the health of our kids. Our new adjustable basketball hoops have also been a huge plus for our elementary students who can enjoy playing on

an eight or nine foot hoop. In fact, we lowered the hoops for our junior highs and had our first ever MCS Dunk Contest this year! Our teams love playing on glass backboards with breakaway rims. All of these upgrades are fitting for our teams, who continue to compete at competitive levels year after year.”

Principal Darren Oskoboiny added, “Our newly renovated gymnasium is a vastly improved teaching and learning space benefitting students in physical education classes and our successful school athletic teams. Many school and community events during the year will find visitors in our gym attending chapels, assemblies, MCS Foundation functions and a host of other events. We greatly appreciate the ongoing contributions and support of the MCS Foundation, ensuring our school

community has facilities which will allow it to thrive and flourish.”

The school building is owned by MCS Foundation Ltd., (the Foundation) that works in partnership with Edmonton Public Schools to deliver the Community Christian Education Program (CCEP) at Meadowlark Christian School.

“The cost of the gym floor was significant — just under \$100k,” says Ron Laird, chair of the Foundation. “But the Foundation board members decided that a good gym is an important part of a child's educational experience. The floor is an excellent investment in the future of our students.”

A Grade 3 student stated, “I like the colour,” before running off to chase a ball.



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## Parent Nominations

Ever wonder  
what the MCS  
Foundation does?

Want to be part of a group that guides and directs the mission and vision of the school? Have a look at the nomination form attached. Encourage a parent you know (or yourself!) to be part of the Foundation. Nominations don't close until September, but get started now and help keep our community strong.

Here are just 10 things the Foundation has initiated, funded, managed or participated in since last summer:

- 1** Installation, related upgrades and renovations of the new gym floor
- 2** MCS Family BBQ and Parent Election night
- 3** Foundation budget, which effects fees for the next school year
- 4** Fee Assistance Program
- 5** CRA dispute regarding tax receipts
- 6** Mission trip and Bibles for Grade 9s
- 7** Edmonton Public School Board and mission trip commissioning services
- 8** Strategic direction for long-term growth
- 9** Mission and vision of school
- 10** Principal selection for the 2015-2016 school year

The Foundation needs parent directors, elected by the parent body, to ensure that parents have input into important decisions that effect Meadowlark Christian School. The Foundation meets about 10 times per year in the evening, including a "retreat" meeting (think office board room, not Hawaii) that occurs over a Friday evening and Saturday.

Executive Director, Trudy Callaghan, oversees the day-to-day business of the Foundation. She attends Foundation meetings but does not vote on any board decisions. She is in regular contact with Mr. Oskoboyny to ensure good communication between the Foundation and the school's administration.

Have a question? Here's Trudy's cell: 780.953.6448

..... Have a wonderful summer! .....



Ron Laird, Chair



Brett Whittington



Elaine Reimer



Phil Nelson



Reg Nordstrom



Miles Kotylak



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# ! PARENTS

## Do you want to help guide the future of Meadowlark Christian School?

Nominations REQUIRED for Parent Directors 2015-2016

“By joining the Foundation you’ll be joining a group of parents and others who are excited about Christian education and what God is doing right here in our school and in the lives of our students.”

Elaine Reimer,  
*Parent Director*

### THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Any parent or legal guardian of an MCS student is eligible to serve on the MCS Foundation Advisory Council as a Parent Director. Candidates must be nominated by three other eligible parents/guardians (excluding family members). Nominations will be accepted in the school office until **3:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 10, 2015.** All nominees will be contacted to confirm that they want to stand for nomination.

Nominees will complete forms in an interview package and be asked to prayerfully consider their commitment to being on the council.

Names of nominees will be posted on the parent board at MCS on **Sept. 11, 2015.** If the nominees outnumber the positions available, a general election open to all parents/guardians will be held at a parent meeting, on the evening of the barbecue, September 16.

For information please contact: Nominating Committee Chair, Brett Whittington 780.466.2084 or [bwhittington@edgewoodmatting.com](mailto:bwhittington@edgewoodmatting.com).

### NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

3:30pm on Thursday, September 10, 2015



### ELECTION

September 16, 2015  
at the MCS BBQ



## NOMINATION PROCESS BEGINS NOW!



_____		is nominated to serve as parent director on
Name of Nominee		MCS Foundation Advisory Council.
Nominated by: 1. _____	_____	
Name	Signature	
Nominated by: 2. _____	_____	
Name	Signature	
Nominated by: 3. _____	_____	
Name	Signature	

Please hand form into school office no later than **3:30pm on Thursday, September 10, 2015**