

St Catherine's School Council Meeting Agenda

November 12, 2025 7:00 pm

1. Call to order- **By Crystie at 7:04pm**

2. Record of attendance:

Deanna Brilman, Michelle Rodgers, Karem Bracamontes, Leslie Martin, Amanda Anderson, Gabi Kolk, Alyssa Murray, Amy Brecka, Devan Kolk, Esther Ritz, Amy Vander Heyden, Aubrey Kolk, Nadia Ruualcaba, Lexi Paskal, Crystie Praskach, Abby Bartsch, Tanya Slomp, Andrea Nieboer, Dan Vanden Dungen, Carlee Nummi

3. Opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement - Dan

4. Review and adoption of minutes from previous meeting (September2025)

- Adopted by Esther

5. Old Business:

a. Parent Screen Night:

- Date change to Nov 19th 6:30 after PTIs
- Refreshment budget:
- Set-up - Lexi, Andrea, Crystie
- Clean- up - Aubrey and Karem

b. Feedback on new Student Handbook

- Student handbook will be shown to Junior High students
- Available for new families joining the school
- Will be posted on the school website

c. Kindergarten / Pre-K Coffee Dates

- Alyssa and Gabi to come up with a date and let Crystie know

d. Grade 4&5 Volleyball

- Dates: TBD
- Volunteers: Amy Vander Heyden
- Crystie has made contact with DDS to potentially run a program together, still waiting for their response
- Junior high or high school students willing to help?

6. Reports:

a. Principal (attached below)

b. Associate Principal Report (attached below)

c. Chair

- Crystie- no communications, nothing new to report as not much has happened between meetings due to the stike

7. Correspondence:

8. New business:

a. Bylaw Committee (update from 2011)

- Bylaws need to be voted in by September 2026
- Volunteers: Crystie, Tanya, Amy, Karem

b. ASCE Grant - PD sessions or spend this year?

- \$315 to be used for PD sessions for school council or to go towards something purchased for the school that follows their guidelines. Examples bought in past years; parent library, screen sanity, english/ spanish dictionaries

New Ideas

- Coaching seminars
- Family numeracy night
- Spanish or English classes for parents
- Cooking together night, parent/ child
- Crystie to look into if any of these would fit the criteria

- c. **Contact information** of School Council members will be added to school website so that parents can contact committee members if they would like anything brought to a meeting

9. Next meeting: December 3rd @ 7pm

10. Closing prayer - Crystie

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Principal's Report

1. Resumption of Learning after Job Action

- a. Administrators had a series of meetings to work out operational issues and ensure smooth transition back
- b. Also a series of communications went out to parents / community: one from the school division, one from the principal, and last week from the staff
- c. To deal with time missed from instruction we are Prioritizing Learning Outcomes
- d. Also prioritizing Student Supports

2. Staffing Update

- a. Brian Dawydiuk is on medical leave; Crystie Praskach has agreed to cover his leave until Christmas
- b. Our admin assistant, Janice Myndio has been hired to work in the finance department at Holy Spirit division office; Interviews being scheduled tomorrow

3. Calendar Update

- a. Parents should have received an email on Friday regarding adjustments to the calendar. A few highlights:
 - i. Nov. 7 PD day is converted to instruction time, but Nov. 10 Wellness Day is maintained
 - ii. There will be two formal report cards in elementary school this year: one in January and one in June. There will be informal reporting through parent /teacher interviews in November and March

Associate Principal Faith Report

The 14-day Teacher Strike in October saw us cancelling and/or postponing several events that are important to our school: monthly mass on October 9th, a Thanksgiving Liturgy on Oct. 10, and the Divisional Spiritual Development Day on October 14 (rescheduled for March 13). As a result of the changes to the calendar, our staff retreat day on November 7 was turned into an operational day. We haven't committed to rescheduling it at this time.

Events:

- Weekly staff prayer continues
 - Using Mediations on the Psalms by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton
 - Support staff continued to meet for prayer during the Teacher Strike
- Parable and Saint of the Month: October 5 and November 7
 - October
 - Parable of the Lamp
 - St. Luke was October's Saint
 - Recognized Cash Murray, McKenna Paskal and Sage Campmans for their leadership. These "Saints" now have pictures on our saint wall!

- November:
 - Parable of the Good Samaritan
 - St. John of God is November's Saint
 - Recognized Amari Mccloud, Sebastian Gonzales Gonzales, and Sophia Brecka for their empathy. Pictures incoming!
- Monthly Mass ○ Nicole Fuller led the Grade 4 class in hosting mass for the school. Students read the First reading, the Psalm, and the prayers of the faithful.
- Remembrance Day Liturgy
 - November 6th - this was originally the final day of classes before Remembrance Day and we decided to keep the schedule.
 - Planned by Brian Dawydiuk and the Grade 8 class and featured members of the Coalhurst Legion.

Planning has begun to hold Advent Celebrations on the Friday's before each Sunday in Advent. Grade 4 (Fuller), Grade 3 (Constant), Grade 8 (Vanden Dungen), and Grade 5 (Gokarn) will lead.

Two staff members, Isabel Delgadilo and Vanesa Pena, will be preparing students for a dramatic interpretation of the story of Juan Diego for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.