

St Catherine's School Council Meeting Agenda

March 26, 2025, 6:45 pm

1. Call to order: **6:50pm**
2. Record of attendance – Amy Brecka, Andrea Nieboer, Crystie Praskach, Dan Vanden Dungen, Corrine Rasmussen
3. Opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement - Dan Vanden Dungen
4. Review and adoption of minutes from previous meeting - Approved by Amy Brecka
5. Reports:
 - a. Principal (attached below)
 - b. Chair - **Closer to Home - Foster Care**
Smart Start - School Supply
6. Correspondence:
 - There is a new school council email address sc-schoolcouncil@holyspirit.ab.ca please use this for correspondence and files (there is a google drive attached. This should make it easier to keep files and pass files on for future council members
7. Old business:
 - a. Updates / feedback:
 - Plans for Next Year
 - Palliser bussing - so far no change. Our timetable will not shift drastically, there is no current plan to combine grades
 - Grade 4-5 Basketball -
 - 13 kids today, running Wednesday and Friday; 18 expressed interest
 - “Spring Fling” Family Dance -
 - 100+ people attended, went very well minus a couple of tech delays, huge shout out to the Leadership group
 - ASCA Spring Symposium - April 26
 - Sent out email with details, will follow up again closer to date
 - Lending Library
 - Will order within the next month. Can also order flags, dictionaries etc.

- b. Screensanity Presentation**
 - Will buy the program this year, will decide at the next meeting on a date this year or next year to show.
 - c. Pre-K Kindergarten Coffee Time**
 - End of May sometime? Dan will visit and get feedback on the possibility of full day Kindergarten
 - Amy and Andrea may be able to host
 - 8. New Business:**
 - a. OurSchool Survey Results**
 - 4-6 results: Concerns in similar areas as last year (grade six, girls, feeling safe and accepted)
 - b. Increasing parent engagement with School Council**
 - Pre-send Agenda in text- quick view image
 - Google surveys sent out prior??
 - 9. Next meeting: April 30th @6:45 pm**
 - 10. Closing prayer**
 - 11. Adjournment**

Principal's Report

- 1. Enrolment:
 - Projected Enrolment for next year is identical to current numbers (178 including kindergarten but not ELP). This is down about 10 students from the start of the year and down 22 students from our peak enrollment in 2023-2024.
 - Projected class sizes are:
 - Kinder - 18
 - Gr. 1 - 15
 - Gr. 2 - 12
 - Gr. 3 - 20
 - Gr.4 - 18
 - Gr.5 - 29
 - Gr. 6 - 21
 - Gr. 7 - 16
 - Gr. 8 -14
 - Gr. 9 - 15
- 2. Staffing:

- Mrs. Serfas is on leave until the end of this year; Crystie Praskach will be taking over for her in kindergarten in the interim.
 - Mrs. Nelson is scheduled to start her maternity leave on April 18. We are advertising for her replacement.
3. Surveys and data:
- Assurance Measures Survey - deadline extended until March 28
4. Parish / Diocese:
- Update on School. Home. Parish Committees - "After careful consideration and discussion, we have decided not to proceed with these committees and meetings at this time."
5. Home and School:
- Auction on Saturday, April 5th - Tickets are \$60 each which includes a catered meal and dueling pianos with a silent and live auction.
 - The Subway "Lunch Box" program is up and running. Delivery of sandwiches on every Monday.
6. Calendar:
- Cultural Day - March 27
 - Grade 6-7 Badminton Tournament - March 27
 - Grade 8-9 Badminton Tournament - April 1
 - COLJHAA County Badminton Tournament (Coaldale) - April 3
 - Home and School Fundraising Auction - April 5
 - Grade 1-4 Junie B Jones Preview - April 9
 - Junie B. Jones Run - April 10-12
 - Stations of the Cross - April 11
 - COLJHAA Zones Tournament - April 12
 - EPIC (Grade 9 Career Exploration) - April 16
 - Report Cards Issued - April 17
 - Easter Break - April 18 - 27
 - Twin Day - April 29