

St Catherine's School Council Annual General Meeting and October Meeting Agenda, Oct 21, 2026 7:00 pm

1. Call to order **By Crystie @ 711pm**
2. Record of attendance: **Josh, Lenae, Crystie, Alyssa, Lexi, Gabi, Deanna, Chelsea, Esther, Michelle, Carlee, Dan**
3. [Opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement](#) - Dan
4. Review and adoption of minutes from previous meeting ([September](#))

-Adopted by Gabi
5. Old Business:
 - a. Nominations and Election (Chair and Vice -Chair)
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair
 - b. Kindergarten Coffee update
 - Great turn out, positive feedback
 - Three or Four times a year?
 - c. ASCE Grant - Art class or parents materials?
 - Paint night
 - Flare and Flowers wreaths- Michelle to look into
 - Spanish Class
 - Apps or digital workbooks for parents
6. Reports:
 - a. Principal (attached below)
 - b. Associate Principal Faith Report (attached below)
 - c. Finances - Crystie
 - Account balances and uses - Crystie
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7. Correspondence:
 - a. **Chair council meeting on Monday October 26th**
8. New business:
 - a. [School Goals and Priorities for 2026-2027](#)

- Continuous improvement plan available on school website
- 3 main goals; enhance peer to peer respect, targeted numeracy professional development and career pathways and volunteer framework for Junior High

b. Inquiry into sports and tournament canteen

- Currently parents of kids playing donate food and time for tournaments
- How to ensure responsibilities are being distributed evenly
- Can fees be increased slightly to cover more cost?
- Could the foods class prep food for the canteen?
- Leadership Group?
- Phone calls from the school to remind parents to sign up for canteen shifts

c. Feedback on new school photographer company

- Easier to order
- Cheaper, overall good feedback

d. Other initiatives and goals for the year

- Nothing brought forward

9. Meeting dates and times this year?:

- Wednesday November 25th
- Wednesday January 20th

10. Closing prayer:

11. Adjournment: By Crystie @853pm

ASCE Examples of parent engagement activities and projects that funds can be used for include:

- workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members
- information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school
- parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.
- programs to support multi-cultural and Indigenous families including, English language learners and First Nations, Métis and Inuit learners;
- parent resources and tools in multiple languages
- events to engage parents on important local issues
- conference fees
- parent engagement in promoting the value of arts

- trainer/facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above.

Examples of non-allowable expenses include:

- entertainment costs, meals, snacks, other food
- no capital asset purchases
- activities that have already taken place
- organization memberships
- fundraising events
- prizes or incentives to parents and/or students
- payment to school board staff including honoraria, gifts
- entertainment activities such as barbeques, volunteer teas, movie nights, dances, concerts or performances, etc.

Principal's Report

1. Staffing:

- Two new PSI students start in November: Keyira Bevelander (2/3Constant) and Abigail Talbot (Grade 6 Nelson)
- Chris Snow is back from leave but is part time while he recovers. Rita Ordaz will cover the remaining hours

2. Maintenance and Facilities:

- Our **new video cameras** (inside and out) are installed and so is our new door bell / monitor, remote entry system!

3. Literacy and Numeracy Screeners

- were administered to grades 1-5 between September 14-October 2, 2026. Teachers will share the results with parents at parent / teacher interviews as much as possible (grade 4 and 5 reports do not seem to have been ready in time). Teachers will reach out by phone to those who were not able to attend in person.

4. Student Leadership:

We have a more diverse (all junior high grades and both boys and girls) group this year working with Ms. Alvarez and it looks like they are going to be really active! Already this year they have done great things like helping with Terry Fox and Orange Shirt Day, "Take-One" bulletin board, set up intramural sports, and organized a pep rally for this Friday!

5. Speaking of the Terry Fox Run,

this year we smashed our goal (and previous fundraising records) and brought in **over \$3000** as a school. They grade 6 class collected the most and so they got to have some fun decorating (and desecrating) Mr. Vanden Dungen's facial hair.



Associate Principal Faith Report

Events:

- **Staff Formation**
 - With the new year, we are using *3-Minute Devotions to Bless Your Heart* by the Barbour Staff
 - We had two PD days in which we did some formation regarding St. Francis de Sales and Entering Into Worship. We highlighted portions of Delixit Nos and the role that the Sacred Heart of Jesus plays in our work with students.
- **Student Formation and Saint of the Month - with Fr. Iqbal leading Friday Gospel:**
 - **October**
 - Monthly Theme: Entering into Mass
 - St. Francis de Sales is October's Saint
 - We celebrated Max Mulder, Carmen Mendoza, and Sebastian Martinez de Leon as Saints of the Month on October 2. Their pictures have been added to our Wall of Saints.
- **Monthly Mass**
 - With Fr. Iqbal out of town, we did not have a Mass (no priest available) in October. However, Jessica Nelson and Grade 7 class led a Thanksgiving Liturgy instead on October 14th.
- **Catholic Education Sunday and Catholic Education Week**
 - St. Catherine School was featured on Tuesday, October 20 with interviews with Estefania Gaona Flores and Sarah de Coste regarding the Virtue of Charity.
 - Staff made an effort to attend mass on Sunday, October 18 at the local parish with staff leading music along with kids.
 - Board Chair Linda Ellefson addressed the congregation and offered a message from the division.
- **Bishop's Assurance Pilot**
 - We have received an initial report back from Aaron Skretting, our Associate Superintendent of Learning, with commendations and recommendations. We will review this report in next month's school council meeting after it has been presented to the school board. This initial report was truly re-affirming in the good work that we are doing in order to strengthen student faith.

Looking Ahead: November and Advent

- Next Month we will be highlighting Saint Jerome as our Saint of the Month.
- Formation for staff and students will include learning about the first part of the mass, the Liturgy of the Word.
- St. Catherine Feast Day will be on November 25th!
- Advent, and associated Advent celebrations, will begin on Monday, November 30.