

St Catherine's School Council Meeting Agenda

October 16, 2024 7:00 pm

Call to order

Record of attendance – **Mr Vandendungen, Angela Faber, Andrea Niebor, Lexi Paskel, Crystie Praskach, Marla Cote, Mrs Harling**

[Opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement](#) - Dan Vanden Dungen

Review and adoption of minutes from previous meeting (Go to school website (<https://scpb.holyspirit.ab.ca/>) → Parents & Students → School Council → Minutes 2024-25)

Old Business:

Update on Personally Owned Devices Policy - Dan Vanden Dungen

Administrative Procedure 113 - USE OF PERSONALLY OWNED ELECTRONIC DEVICES

How it is going [so far](#)

From staff perspective not much has changed from previous years.

IF we were to go 100% POED free we would be pretty much the only ones. There seem to be support if we were to go completely device free however if that was to be pursued there would definitely be a survey put out.

There would have to be a variety of alternative options (not just athletics) if devices were removed completely such as lego, card games ect.

Elementary After School Sports: Starting Up Volleyball - Crystie Praskach

The attendance to the after school basketball camp was very well attended therefore we want to offer a similar experience for volleyball. Will have to figure out gym and coach availability in the near future once basketball season is organized.

The school can send out a form to see how many are interested. Limited to grade 4 & 5 for volleyball.

After school running club, track & field are all things we can hopefully offer in a similar fashion.

Side Note: Written Instructions for raising/moving the new screen in the gym to protect it during sport events would be appreciated. Also the scorekeeping flip chart is broken so a new one is needed.

Reports:

Principal (attached below)

Chair Annual Chairpersons Meeting for School Councils is coming up, Crystie will share that in the future with appropriate people. (Last year Tyler & Crystie had attended)

Correspondence:

New business:

Provincial Achievement Test Results

Grade 9...Above provincial acceptable standard in all areas.

Grade 9...Below provincial excellence standard. Desire to get more students into the excellence range.

Grade 6...Above provincial acceptable and excellence standard in science & very close in social.

Ordering St. Catherine Clothing / Swag

Marla has sourced a local supplier (in Diamond City) for t-shirts and hoodies. The price is very reasonable and the order can be picked up and distributed at the school. Marla will get a form made & the school will distribute it soon.

Microwaves (or lack of) for student use

Providing microwaves for student use definitely has some logistical challenges including:

-Commercial Grade microwaves are required from an insurance perspective, it was even pointed out at the last inspection.

-supervision...if in the food lab that staff would be limited to just supervising microwave use.

-how many microwaves would be needed in order to heat everyone's food and still have time to eat it.

-who will clean them?

-maybe the canteen could be more available?

-for now a note will be sent out in the newsletter to let parents/guardians know about the lack of availability of microwaves for student use.

Next meeting: November 13,2014

Closing prayer

Adjournment

Principal's Report

Staffing:

Our new Superintendent, Chantel Axani, will be in the division beginning Monday, November 4th and will officially assume the title of Superintendent on Thursday, November 7th. She will be coming out to St. Catherine's on the 7th!

Annette Bad Eagle has started coming into our school to support our FNMI students and to help support staff in implementing FNMI foundational knowledge. She will be in on Thursday mornings

Welcome to Mila Kucherenko who is doing her practicum for the Educational Assistant program at Lethbridge College in kindergarten.

Welcome to Montserrat Cervera Pena, our new ELP assistant!

Two PSI students will be starting in November with 34C and 34O.

Events:

Ian Porteous "The Cultural Wheel" presentation this Thursday

Fully funded by Home and School

Catholic Education Sunday/Week

Staff encouraged to attend mass in Picture Butte on Sunday, Oct. 20

The Angelus will be prayed (over the intercom?) noon each day.

Halloween Activities: similar schedule to last year

Días de los Muertos is on a Saturday this year; we will not be doing a school-wide celebration, but individual classes will be doing things.

Home and School

Hot Lunch - October 24th

Soup and Sandwich

Christmas Potluck - December 11th

Exploring purchasing meat (Turkey and/or Ham) and buns for that event.

Would be supplemented with deserts and sides as donations from families. Disposable containers preferred.