

St Catherine's School Council Annual General Meeting and September Meeting Agenda, September 18, 2024 7:00 pm

A. Annual General Meeting:

1. Call to order
2. Record of attendance – Mr Gatner, Mr Vanden Dugen, Crystie Praskach, Amy Brecka, Andrea Nieboer, Amy Vander Hyden, Marla Cote, Beatriz Sancha, Mrs Nelson, Tera VanZeggelaar, Angela Faber
3. [Opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement](#) - Dan Vanden Dungen
4. Chair: [Presentation of Annual Report](#)
5. Nominations and Election
 - Amy Vander Hyden nominated Crystie Praskach as Chairperson, No other nominations, Crystie accepted
 - Crystie Praskach nominated Andrea Nieboer as Vice-Chairperson, no other nominations, Andrea accepted
 - Marla Cote nominated Angela Faber as Secretary, no other nominations, Angela accepted.
 - Division Reps
 - >Pre-K - Kindergarten no candidate as of yet, perhaps at one of the coffee time gatherings someone could be approached.
 - >Division 1 (Grade 1/2/3) Lexi Paskel
 - >Division 2 (Grade 4/5/6) Amy Brecka
 - >Division 3 (Grade 7/8/9) Marla Cote

B. September 2024 School Council Meeting:

1. Review and adoption of [minutes from previous meeting \(May 30\)](#) **Approved**
2. Old Business:
 - a. No bussing days / [School year calendar](#)
Initial Calendar presented in May 2024 had some changes due to bussing days. Refer to the St Catherines School Website for the most up to date calendar for both the year and the month to month Calendar.
One date of significance was there is no buses on Friday March 21, 2025
 - b. [Feedback](#) from stakeholders meeting June 4th and staff survey
3. Reports:
 - a. Principal (attached below)
SpacesEDU teachers and parents are still learning.
-the final report for students from their previous grade (2023/24) are no longer on Spaces, it would be appreciated if this could be accessed again.

- Perhaps waiting on having a “Spaces Information Night” for parents until everything seems to be working properly would be best.
- Alternatively having parents come in for assistance one on one would be the best way to help with this as it can be time consuming. Last year's Spaces Night was not well attended.
- There are a lot of differences in what and how much teachers are posting. It would be great to have some consistency for parents.

b. Chair? **Nothing to report**

4. Correspondence:

- a. Dan - email from superintendent re: trustee and Council meetings

5. New business:

a. Personally Owned Devices Policy

- Information: [letter sent out in August](#)
- There have been no issues with the new policy so far.
- Potentially Providing other options eg. Lego Club, Intramurals, Board Games would be ideal

b. What's New This Year (discussion from items on principal's report)

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c. Goals for this year's Council:

- Spaghetti Supper (potentially “by donation”)
- Family Movie Night
- Family Game Night
- Family Dance
(Jr High will be doing a dance through Student Leadership)
- Sports “camps” maybe add Track and Field this year
- Keep Ideas coming!

6. Next meeting: **October 16,2024**

7. Closing prayer

8. Adjournment

Principal's Report

- Enrolment Update:
 - Currently 188 students in K-9 (213 including pre-k)
 - Last year we were at 198 in September. In April, we were projecting 194. This year had more students transferring in and out than staff remember in past years.
 - Increased number of elementary students, mostly from Dorothy Dalglish School
 - Decreased number of junior high (lost a big grade 9 class from last year, several other students now attending St. Francis School in Lethbridge)
 - Friendship/relationship seems to have been a big factor for both ins and outs
- Staffing Update
 - We have a new admin support: **Sarah De Coste**
 - New half-time Grade 6 teacher: **Heather Harling**
 - Our counselor Jordan Hoffos' time has been increased at St. Catherine's. He will now be here Mondays, Thursdays, and alternate Fridays
 - Mrs. Van Dreisden (Miss Kobbert) has gone to teach in Fort MacLeod. Mrs. Fuller has moved to grade one.
 - ELP assistant Jeannie Noble is now working at St. Joseph's, and a new assistant is being hired.
 - We have three University of Lethbridge interns: Cassidy Behm (with Rasmussen), James Moore (Dawydiuk), and Carissa De Leeuw (Price) and will be getting a practicum education assistant in kindergarten in October
- Maintenance/Facility:
 - The outside bells and intercom are now working!
 - The new gym Audio and Visual equipment is installed and operational
- Home and School
 - Lots of new faces at their first meeting and a new executive
 - Another fundraising year; silent auction this spring
 - Hot Lunches starting up with the first one on Monday, Sept. 23
- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
 - New Science curriculum for grades 4-6
 - Two teachers piloting the new Social Studies (gr. 1 and gr. 6)
 - SPACES Parent Information Meeting being scheduled for October
 - We are hearing that some parents may not have seen the Spaces Year-End Reports. Those reports are no longer visible in Spaces. We are looking at alternative ways to make them available to parents again.