

**École St. Mary School**  
**School Council Monthly Meeting**  
**September 28, 2021 – 6:24 pm (Immediately following AGM)**  
**Google Meet**

**Mission Statement:** To support and enhance student learning in our school community.

1. Approval of Agenda: Accepted
2. Business Arising:
  - a. School Council monies: \$1,227.05
  - b. Hot lunches: We are permitted to start hot lunches again
3. New Business:

Contact Vendor for School clothing to discuss payment process and schedule for twice in the fall
4. Principal's Report

**School Report – School Council Meeting**  
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**1. Staffing:**

- 19 Teaching Staff (equates to 18.5 FTE – a reduction of 0.5 from last year – Ashley Hogue), K-6 (this includes the principal and associate principal)
- 24 Support Staff: 7 EAs 1-6; 5 EAs in the EL program (including kindergarten); 1 EL program leader; 3 office staff – 1 administrative assistant and 2 administrative supports; 0.5 library clerk; First Nations, Metis & Inuit (FNMI) worker – is at OLA full days, Thursdays; FSLC (counselor) – Daphne Kramer (is also shared with St. Joe's, Coaldale); Family First Facilitator – Kristine Savage; 3 caretakers (one of whom is 4 hours/day).
- We will be welcoming a number of students from the University of Lethbridge who are completing various practices on their journey to becoming teachers (Ed.

2500, PS I, PS II, PS III). Currently, Aurora Gray is completing her PS III and has been paired with Dayna Vucurevich.

**2. Students:**

- Enrollment: grades 1-6 = 301 (184 FI, 117 English); Kindergarten = 39 (25 FI, 14 English); Early Learning = 31 (16 FI, 15 English). Grand total of all students, including Early Learning Program = 371. Our grades 1-6 is down 12 from last year, while our Early Learning (including kindergarten) is up by 13...

**3. ESM Samaritan Star.** We have expanded the program encouraging students to recognize each other (draws being made at assemblies) and staff can recognize 'Superstars' – names announced each Friday, and names entered for monthly draws – 2 x \$25.00. This is from the monies donated by Ward Bros. Construction. We no longer will be recognizing 'Perfect Attendance'...

**4. Fundraising:** The school will not be participating in a school-wide fundraiser this year... During the last year's School Council meetings there was opportunities to discuss new ideas for fundraisers. We may wish to look at this at future meetings, contingent upon the guise of school.

**5. Purchases from last year:** Special thanks to School Council for all they have done!

**6. DREC / Faith Plan:** Mme Bouchard to present

**7. CIP – Continuous Improvement Plan –** Our school is in the process of developing its plan. The plan must reflect the Division's priorities:

- 1. Staff and students will grow in their faith and experience the richness of Catholic education.*
- 2. High quality instruction rooted in sound research and effective assessment practices to support growth for all learners*
- 3. FNMI education for all. (This is a competency in all the Quality Standards and AB Education's priorities/outcomes)*
- 4. Foster a culture of wellness that is foundational to support learning. (This is very relevant given our current COVID reality)*

8. **Breakfast Program:** As of last week, we were able to secure three staff to work at each of the Zone entries; all students will be welcome to participate as they enter their zone door.
9. **Mindful Munchies:** We have been able to continue our partnership that allows pre-made sandwiches as well as a variety of additional snacks to be delivered to the school twice a week.
10. **Other:** Reporting Student Achievement. Last year, we had goal setting evenings in late October and then provided a report card in January and again in June. This was in part due to previous philosophies (engagement of the parent and student in developing the goals – Leader in Me) and responding to the pandemic. We did have a number of parents express that getting the first written report card in January did seem a little late... As such, we will be providing an additional Eluminate report card.

This year, we will still be having a Meet the Teacher / Goal Setting evening, set for October 26 and 28. We will also be having a report card go home five weeks after this, on December 3. However, I have shared with staff that these will have very little commentary. We will then issue the second Eluminate Report Cards on April 1, with the opportunities for parents/guardians to meet with their child's teacher on April 6 and 7. Student will then receive their final report card on June 28, their last day of school. I would also like to share with our community that this is scheduled to be the last year for Eluminate report cards...

6. Closing Prayer – Kiera lead council in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.