



École St. Mary School
School Council Meeting
May 13th, 2025 – 6:02pm
ESM Library

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

1. Opening Prayer
 - Land Acknowledgement
2. Call to Order
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Attendance: Kiera Bouchard (Staff), Justin Harper (Staff), Camille Rose (Teacher Rep), Gerriane Timmerman, Andrea Koester, Wendy Hurley, Heather Wirzba, Megan Prozniak
 - Approval of Agenda
 - *Motion Heather, second Gerriane, All in Favor*
 - Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - *Motion Gerriane, second Wendy, All in Favor*
3. Reports
 - Division Report - Linda Ellefson (Trustee Liaison) – Not in attendance
https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board_administration/board_of_trustees/board_meetings
 - School Report – Kiera Bouchard (Principal)

School Report – School Council Meeting Wednesday, May 13th, 2025

Mission: Christ-centered learning community where students are cherished to achieve their potential.

1. School Update ~ March, April



2. **School Activities** ~ Leadership Club, Photography within Leadership. Grade 6 Fundraising, Running Club, Dress Up Days, Monthly Assemblies, E-Sports Club, Badminton, Chess Club. Upcoming: Wellness Day with Jump Rope for Heart, Kona Ice, Sports Day, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Talent Show, Year End Assembly, Field Trips
3. **Planning for next year** ~ Ongoing
4. **Spaces** ~ Brief Summary for the end of the year
5. **Grade 6 Camp Update and Fundraising** ~ Update May 28, 29 and 30th. Families will have to pay a portion of the field trip cost. Planning is underway, bus booked, fundraising complete.
6. **Year End Field Trips** ~ Henderson and Year End Field (in need of supervisors.)
7. **PAT's Schedule** ~ Begin next June 3rd, until June 18th 2025.
8. **National Indigenous People's Day** ~ June 19th, drummers and dancers. Please join us.
9. **Last Day of School**~ June 25th, Half Day~ 12:30 pm dismissal
10. **DREC** ~Faith Update
11. **Thank you School Council!**

Other ~

- Faith Report – Justin Harper (Vice Principal)

DREC Update for School Council

- i. There has been a great deal happening in the faith life of our school since our last meeting, and it's a joy to share these moments with you.
- ii. During Lent, our classes led weekly celebrations that helped us journey prayerfully through the season. On Holy Thursday, our Grade 5 class (5SE) presented a powerful Stations of the Cross play. The students had all their lines memorized and truly brought the passion of Christ to life with energy and reverence. A heartfelt thank you to all of you who joined us for these events.



- iii. We were also blessed to have a staff-led Lenten celebration this year, during which several staff members offered their musical gifts. The students experienced a Liturgy of the Word, giving them a different perspective on how we can gather in faith and prayer.
- iv. Our student retreat in March was another wonderful success. Partnering with Catholic Central High School's Religion class, our students moved through various Stations and activities that helped them learn, reflect, and grow in faith. It was especially meaningful to watch the high school leaders grow more confident and passionate as they worked with each group.
- v. Looking ahead, we're excited for our Marian Mass on May 21st at 9:00 AM at Assumption Parish, hosted by our Grade 2 students. The Grade 2 processional is always a cherished moment as we celebrate Mary, our Patron, and reflect on her role in our lives and school community.
- vi. Also, on May 21st and 22nd, our school will host the Marian Pilgrimage for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division. During those two days, classes will have the opportunity to visit Mary in our chapel and learn more about her story, her faith, and what it means for us as a Catholic school named after St. Mary.
- vii. We also look forward to celebrating World Catholic Education Day on May 29th. While Catholic Education Week in Alberta has moved to October, we will still mark this day with pride and gratitude by inviting all students, staff, and families to wear blue in support of Catholic Education. It's a wonderful way to visibly show our commitment and shared mission.
- viii. Finally, please note that our closing Mass and Grade 6 Celebration will take place on June 23rd at 9:00 AM at Assumption Parish, hosted by our Grade 6 students. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this final celebration of the year.
- ix. Finally, many of you may know, on May 8, 2025, the Church welcomed a new Holy Father—Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Prevost from Chicago, making him the first American pope in history.
- x. Known for his work in Peru and deep care for the poor, Pope Leo XIV brings a message of peace, unity, and compassion to the global Church. He chose the name "Leo" in honour of Pope Leo XIII, who was known for his teachings on social justice.
- xi. Let us keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers as he begins this important mission of guiding the Church with faith and humility.



- Treasurers Report – Wendy Hurley (Treasurer)

**Ecole St Mary School Council Financial Report
as of May 13, 2025**

Bank Reconciliation

<u>Bank balance according to BMO</u>		\$7,690.72
<u>Less uncleared cheques</u>	Juice Boxes	95.83
<u>Add uncleared deposits</u>		
<u>Bank Balance</u>	May 13, 2025	<u><u>\$7,594.89</u></u>

Income and Expense Activity

Opening Bank Balance Beginning of Year		\$9,749.53
Student Fees 2024/25		\$2,076.18
Subway Lunch	186.46	
Carnival & Silent Auction	5,025.73	
Boston Pizza	790.25	
Taco Bell	462.39	
KFC	290.91	
		<u>\$6,755.74</u>
Income and Expense Activity		
Bank fees	2.50	
Turkey Dinner	744.03	
Instruments for school	673.47	
Retirement gifts	144.47	
Honorarium	150.00	
		<u>(\$1,714.47)</u>
<u>Book balance = School Council available funds</u>		<u><u>\$16,866.98</u></u>

Commitments

Field Trip donations \$100 ea x 13 classes	\$1,300.00
Henderson Year End trip	\$1,000.00
Grade 6 camp	\$2,000.00
Gym upgrades	\$2,000.00
School sign	\$2,500.00
Ipads	\$1,200.00
Art Supplies & science kits	\$500.00
Skating Helmets	\$500.00
Tshirts for 2025/26 year	\$3,500.00
	<u>\$14,500.00</u>
Funds after commitments	\$2,366.98

Motion to accept School Report by Heather, Megan Second, All in Favor



4. Old Business

- Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting
 - i. Fundraising – none at this time.
 - ii. Retirement gifts. Year-end (Mr. George, + 2 more. Andrea will get cards to go with it so everyone can sign. Will presentation at year end assembly.
 - iii. School Council fund – Blanket Exercise was amazing. Thanks, Kiera, for setting up and Justin for running it.
- Ongoing Projects/Updates
 - Sign Is installed.
- T-Shirts for SEPT.

5. New Business

- Discussion of New Initiatives (School Wish List).
- Hot Lunch – May 15 any volunteers to help. Megan and Andrea
- Sports day Hot Lunch? Yes or No- Cost about \$500 from Council. Everyone gets one. No cost to families. Could do frozen treats instead of lunch.

Motion made by Heather for ESM School Council to contribute up to \$500 towards a snack of chips and a juice box on Sports Day, Gerriane Second, all in favor.

6. Guest Speaker/Presentation

7. Closing Remarks

- Next Meeting Date – June 12 @ 6pm Potluck Social
- Samaritan Stars
 - Gerriane and Heather award a star to Andrea for doing a great job acting as chair for the first time.
 - Wendy awards a star to the school for presenting the new Pope and keeping the kids informed.
 - Kiera awards a star to the hot lunch volunteers for helping everything run so smoothly.
 - Andrea awards a star to Gerriane for the behind the scenes of the hot lunches.
 - Camille awards a star to all the parents for volunteering because their contribution really impacts the whole school.

8. Closing Prayer

- Lead by Justin

9. Adjournment – 6:40pm