



École St. Mary School
AGM
September 26th, 2024 – 6:05pm
ESM Library

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

1. Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome, Introduction and Attendance

Attendance:

Kiera Bouchard (Staff), Justin Harper (Staff), Camille Rose (Staff), Heather Wirzba, Gerriane Timmerman, Brody Prete, Wendy Hurley, Malorie Enns, Megan Prozniak, Linda Ellefson (Trustee Liaison)

3. Approval of AGM Agenda - Motion Brody, second Wendy, All in Favor
4. Approval of AGM Minutes 2023 – Motion Gerriane, second Megan, All in Favor
5. Annual Report
 - a) Met with dedicated group of students and staff. Our main fundraiser was the Carnival in the fall. We also raised funds through lots of hot lunches. For contributions we committed or contributed money to field trips, with larger lump sums going towards grades 5 & 6 end of year trips. We purchased a Lectern, contributed money towards the Turkey dinner and Henderson pool end of year event. School council also supported CCH & St. Francis musicals by placing ads in their programs.
6. Treasurer's Report – Wendy
7. School Council Elections
 - a) Chair — Brody Prete Nominated by Heather, acclaimed.
 - b) Vice-Chair – Tabled, members can reach out to other parents to see if we can add in some new people.
 - c) Secretary – Gerriane Timmerman – Nominated by Heather, acclaimed.
 - d) Treasurer – Wendy Hurley – Nominated by Wendy, acclaimed.



8. Schedule or Monthly Meetings for the 2024/2025 school year:
 - a) October 17, 2024
 - b) November 5, 2024
 - c) December 11, 2024 (Social)
 - d) January 15, 2025
 - e) March 5, 2025
 - f) May 13, 2025
 - g) June 12, 2025 (End of Year meeting & Social/Potluck)
9. Adjournment – 6:35pm



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1. Approval of Agenda
Motion Heather, second Gerriane, All in Favor
2. Approval of Minutes from June meeting
Motion Heather, second Gerriane, All in Favor
3. Board Report – Linda Ellefson (Trustee Liaison)
 - a) New Superintendent Starting in November. Chantel Axani. Bio emailed to parents today.
 - b) Catholic Education Week – Moved to third week in October, Starts October 19th ends on October 25th with the summit in Calgary.
 - c) Truth and Reconciliation – City of Lethbridge posted a recognition of awards.
FMNI –
 - i. Tom Little Bear, a bus driver for the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division, plays a pivotal part in helping to promote Indigenous culture and foster respectful relationships by promoting Reconciliation. He does this through storytelling for positive change. Tom's efforts are perhaps best illustrated by his efforts in the 30-minute documentary, 'A Day in the life of a Blood Bus Driver and Their Students'. The documentary follows Tom and highlights the challenges and sacrifices faced by both drivers and students in their pursuit of education. The documentary has been viewed by every staff member and many students in the division, furthering the understanding and shared responsibilities of Reconciliation.
 - ii. Gunner Fox is a grade 10 student at Catholic Central High School. He contributes to the preservation of the Blackfoot language by creating videos and promoting an understanding and appreciation of Indigenous culture within his school community and beyond. An Honour Roll student and part of the Alberta Lacrosse Provincial gold medal-winning U17 Lethbridge Cudas program, Gunner has also been selected to play on the Pacific Northwest Native Lacrosse team. His leadership, commitment to Indigenous language preservation and excellence in various domains truly exemplify what it means to be a champion for Reconciliation.



d) CCH Gala – November 2nd honoring 60 years.

Motion to accept the board report by Wendy, second Heather, All in favour.

4. School Report – Kiera

School Report - September 26th, 2024

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

1. Staffing

- 20 teachers (2x.5=1) Teachers
- 13 Support Staff
- Support staff includes Educational Assistants, Librarian, First Nations Metis and Inuit Facilitator, Family First Facilitator, Office Staff, Early Learning Support Staff.
- EAL support from Division Office
- New staff this year: Breanne Stevenson (5SE,) Chelsea O'Brien (Teacher,) Anne Van Roon (office,) Michelle Boivin Carriere, Pam Corliss (EA,) FNMI Facilitator TBA, Katlyn Rabl (Kindergarten team (KRE))
- 2 Caretakers
- D'Arcy George retired after 31 years at ESM

2. Student Enrollment

- Students total: 442
- K-6: 417
- ELP: 26
- French Immersion K-6: 241
- English Program K-6: 176

3. Class Configurations

- French Immersion: KCI, KEI, 1DI, 1KI, 2MI, 2/3PSI, 3DI, 4CI, 4/5GI, 5BI, 6MI
- English Program: KCE, 1/2 RE, 2/3GE, 3ME, 4/5NE, 5SE, 6RE

4. Spaces Digital Reporting

- The district is continuing with digital reporting this year through Spaces. It is about showing progress and learning, not just the product.

5. Goal Setting Evenings and Interviews



- Two Goal Setting evenings November 6th and 7th, 2024
- Interviews March 12th and 13th, 2025

6. **CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan)**- We are in the process of developing ESM goals for this year. Our CIP will be aligned with our division's priorities:

- Strengthening our Catholic Faith*
- Belonging in Our Diverse Community*
- Living Truth and Reconciliation*
- Learning Through Quality Teaching*

7. **Samaritan Superstars**- We will continue to celebrate acts of kindness, generosity, leadership, being a good neighbor.

8. Fundraising

- Grade 6 Camp-Parent Meeting will occur in October.
- Henderson Field Trip in June
- Turkey Dinner

9. Nutrition

- Breakfast Program
- Mindful Munchies

10. **Volunteers**- We are welcoming volunteers. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you would like to volunteer. An online form must be completed.

11. **DREC/Faith Plan**- Justin Harper to present

- Year 3 – Proclaim!
- Mass
- Welcome back BBQ
- Oct 16 – annual food drive. Runs until Nov 1.
- Catholic Education Oct 19 – 25
- Faith Plan - Year 3 – Proclaim!
- Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee year
- Megan suggested making a decal of the logo

12. **Important Dates- Carnival November 21st, 2024,**

13. Purchases

Thank you to School Council for purchases last year. Thanks for supporting students and the school.



Recent facility updates: Lights have been added to the back of the school to increase safety. Classes have been updated with new projectors. There are new lights in the gym. ESM is part of a pilot project to receive dual venting in the upstairs portion of the school.

14. Ideas and things to come:

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

5. Treasurer's Report – Wendy
 - a) Pledge 1500 for turkey dinner. \$2000 for Grade 6 camp, grade 5 individual classes. Could contribute \$100/class for field trips. Could bump it up after carnival discretionary funds for classroom budget, 1000\$ for Henderson, \$2000 for grade Wendy makes motion intend to commit. Malorie second, all in favor.
6. Business Arising:
 - a) ESM is celebrating 50 years of the French Immersion program, which is the first in Southern Alberta – School Council would like to contribute something to celebration. Kiera said there will be money coming from the district and possibly other sources so we will wait to decide how we can contribute until more planning is in the works. Kiera said we'll probably organize the event for some time in the new year. Camille suggested the idea of people can sharing their stories of during celebration.
 - b) 4-way stop safety ideas discussion. Brody suggested people fill out request on 311, call or online, the more requests the better. We need to come up with a plan on how it can be tackled. Kiera will reach out to Linda. Members need to advocate as much as they can for increased safety in this area.
7. New Business:
 - a) Hot Lunches
 - i. Subway – October 22. Gerriane will organize with the vendor, Wendy will handle the distribution on-site. Will be delivered around 11am.
 - b) Carnival
 - i. Date Set - November 21st. Savio Baptista organizing again.
8. Samaritan Stars
 - a) Megan awarded a star to everyone for attending and participating.
 - b) Camille awarded a star to Justin and Kiera for all their hard work and Wendy seconded this.
 - c) Kiera awarded stars to our outgoing executive member Heather for all her hard work and dedication, and awards stars to the new/ongoing executive members for their future and continued efforts.



- d) Kiera also awards a star to all parents who participate and attend our meetings.
 - e) Malorie awarded a star on behalf of her Father-in-law who raved about how wonderful the school is and all the teachers and students.
 - f) Megan awarded a star to all the staff for welcoming the students and parents every morning and saying goodbye to them at the end of the day.
9. Closing Prayer – Lead by Justin
Meeting adjourned 7:50pm

Next meeting October 17, 2024

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