

École St. Mary School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 29, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm – 7:13 pm

Location: ESM Library

Mission Statement

To support and enhance student learning in our school community.

1. Opening

- Opening Prayer
- Land Acknowledgement

2. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at **6:03 pm**

3. Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees: Mrs. Rose, Heather, Madame Bouchard, Mr. Harper, Andrea, Miranda, Jody, Megan, Rosin Gibb, Brody, Lindsay

4. Approval of Agenda

- Approved as presented

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved as presented

6. Appointment of New Secretary

- Megan will assume the role of Secretary beginning **March 2026**

7. Reports

Division Report – Rosin Gibb

- **Scolly Survey** sent January 19 to parents, staff, and students
 - Deadline: **February 6**
 - Encouragement to provide specific feedback
- Importance of **re-registration** emphasized to assist with planning for the upcoming school year

School Report

- New basketball nets installed in December
- Turkey dinner was very successful with excellent volunteer turnout
- Christmas concert in December was well received
- New blue school T-shirts introduced
- New world flags installed
- **Staffing Updates:**
 - Congratulations to Tara on the birth of her son
 - Ann Van Roon returned to the office
 - Madame Talbot appointed as new library clerk
- **School Activities:**
 - Volleyball season completed
 - Basketball season underway
 - Girls' groups ongoing
 - Photography activities with leadership students
- New legacy donor for **Samaritan Stars**
- **Alberta Assurance Survey** to be released in February
- February 13: Red and Pink Day with recess dance
- Early Learning Assessments: January 19 – February 6
- New boundaries expected to bring 10–40 new students for 2026/27
- Re-registration: February 6
- New registration: February 9
- Areas for growth: PATs
- Report cards released on Spaces January 29

Faith Report

- Mass and Lent celebration: **February 25**
- Lenten celebrations: **March 12**, in person at 1:15 pm

Treasurer's Report – Heather (in place of Wendy)

- Loss reported on Subway hot lunch
 - Feedback indicates students are tiring of Subway options
 - Carnival was a financial success
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8. Old Business

- **Mural Project Proposal:** Meetings currently underway
 - **Carnival:** Successful, raising approximately **\$5,000**
 - **Basketball Hoops:** Project completed
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9. New Business

- Discussion on new initiatives
 - Reminder: New ideas must be communicated to the Chair prior to meetings to be added to the agenda
 - No new items brought forward
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10. Planning for Upcoming Events

- Grade 6 School Camp Meeting: **February 2**
- Bake Sale: **February 5**
- Grade 6 Hot Lunch: Hot dogs

Hot Lunch

- January 29

- Next hot lunch (Heather): **TBD** (Boston Pizza or Busters being considered)

Guest Speaker / Presentation

- Placeholder for future meetings
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11. Closing Remarks

Samaritan Stars

- Mr. Lazaro (new custodian)
 - Tanya (babysitting course)
 - Sarah (organizing hot lunch in the office)
 - Madame Talbot (positive energy in the library)
 - The Pretés for Samaritan Stars donation
 - Promotion of **Cuppers Coffee**
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12. Next Meeting

- **March 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm**
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13. Closing Prayer

14. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **7:13 pm**