École St. Mary School Council Monthly Meeting
October 28, 2026 – 6:00 pm
ESM Library

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

1. **Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement - Kiera**

2. **Call to Order**
   - Welcome and Introductions:
     Heather Wirzba, Temi Awogbami, Jeremy Duchan, Jodi Witzki, Camille Rose, Kiera Bouchard, Felix Mbeoachec, Cheris Samuels, Malorie Enns.
   - Approval of Agenda: Malorie, Jodi
   - Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Temi, Malorie

3. **Reports**
   - Division Report – Trustee Gibb (sends regrets)
   - School Report - Mme Bouchard

     School Update ~September/October: Run Club, Orange Shirt Day (tying orange ribbons and Blackfoot prayer.) Opening mass, Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Teacher, Terry Fox Run, Goal Setting/Interviews, Alberta Ed Screeners, Grade 3 Retreat.
     School Activities ~ Leadership Club, Grade 6 volleyball, Fall Running Club has concluded, BBBS, Babysitting Group, Drum Group. Coming soon: After School Skating, Carnival, Christmas Ball.
     Staffing~ Addition of 28-hour EA (Chantal Blashill and Abigail Healy.)
     ACIP Complexity to Alberta Government, work principals have been doing.
     Lockdowns: Discussed the 2 lockdowns in one week, reported about success, and inquired about feedback (none given)
     Meet the Teacher / Goal Setting Evenings~ Thanks for joining us.
     School Committees~ Faith, Wellness, Sports and Leadership. These committees work and plan events and activities for students. (Food Drive, Wellness Challenges, Faith Day)
     ESM Wish List ~ Please see the Google Document
     Fundraising ~ Please be aware that there will be a 2% surcharge for all transactions (online or otherwise). This will have to be taken into account when looking at profit margins. This applies to School Cash.
     DREC / Faith Plan ~ We are learning about the saints. Staff is praying for students as a part of our plan this year; each staff member was given a list of students and staff to pray for at our PD day. The Sacred Heart is always an important symbol, but especially this year.
     Turkey Dinner ~ Monday, December 14th if School Council would like to sponsor.

- Faith Report – M. Baptista (sends regrets)
- Treasurer's Report – any volunteers to take this role? Still Looking for a treasurer

4. **Old Business: Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting**
   - Mosaic – M. Baptista Dates: Jan 25/27 to Feb. 5/27
     Carnival – M. Baptista
     We are still accepting silent auction items.

5. **New Business: Discussion of New Initiatives**
   - Hot Lunch – Thanks Jeremy and Moxies for a great hot lunch! Choose next hot lunch (some options include DSpot, Edo, Joey's)
     January Hot Lunch: Boston Pizza, Heather and Cheris Jan 21/27
   - Meeting with Trustees, Vision and Mission for the next 3 years
     Meeting on Monday. Discussing with a consultant to set the board priorities for the next three year. Please fill out the survey that was sent. We will revisit next meeting so that we can do the survey together as a group.

6. **Guest Speaker/Presentation**
   - None this meeting

7. **Closing Remarks**
   - Samaritan Stars
     Jeremy for hot lunch.
     Sarah for being awesome behind the scenes in office.
     Mme Talbot library and the book fair.
     All teachers with the cold dark mornings!
     Teachers for their with the work with communication and Spaces to parents.
     Teachers/staff during the lockdowns for loving and supporting our students.

   - Meeting dates:

Wednesday, November 18th
December social – to be determined
Wednesday, Jan 20th
February None
Wednesday, March 10
Wednesday, April 21
Wednesday, May 19
June Social – to be determined

8. **Closing Prayer (Kiera)**

9. **Adjournment (Heather)**