



School Council Meeting

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Date: April 19, 2021

Time: 6 pm

Attendance:

Name	Position	In Attendance	Regrets
Mark DeJong	Principal	y	
Daniel Vanden Dungen	Associate Principal	y	
Laurie Kerkhoff	Chairperson	y	
Carla Gouw	Vice-Chairperson	y	
Catherine Kerkhoff	Secretary	y	
Laurie Untereiner	Treasurer	y	
Pat Bremner	Trustee	y	
Rachel Gouw	Sr High Student Rep		
Mackenzie Siemens	Jr High Student Rep		
Hawley Lequiere	Teacher Rep		
Fr. Philip Van Ting Le	Parish Priest		
Tamara Miyanaga	Community Rep	y	
Nancy Murphy	Parent	y	
Anita Unrau	Parent	y	
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AGENDA ITEM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order Items 2. Discussion from Reports 3. Other Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Update on Fr Lyons Award b) 4. <i>Additions to Agenda</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) b) 5. Next Meeting Date 6. Adjournment 	MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Laurie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Daniel opened in prayer.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Opening prayer and treaty acknowledgement b. Welcome and introductions. c. Approval of Agenda d. Approval of last meeting's minutes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Spirit Catholic Schools acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Nations and the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta.</p> <p>C. Catherine moved to approve Agenda, Tamara approved. D. Catherine motioned to approve, Nancy approved</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A. Principal's Report - Mark DeJong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft SMT 2021 -2022 calendar - Draft Curriculum from Alberta Education-Our school board has decided to not go through with the pilot phase. Parents should take the time to read through this. Check out the website at https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.aspx - Forth-coming announcement of plans for graduation (Monday, May 3rd)

2. B. Associate Principal's Report - Daniel Vanden Dungen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virtual NET Canada retreat for Grade 6s on Friday - Catholic Education Week - May 10-14, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newsletter highlighting <u>The Five Marks of Catholic School Identity</u> with contributions from all Holy Spirit Schools; St. Mary's is being asked to contribute to the section "Imbued With a Catholic Worldview"; specifically: "Embed sacramental routines (prayer, mass, liturgies, scripture and worship) and reminders in the culture of the school" and "Share a Catholic worldview through activities and events" - Mark and Dan both drawn to attend SPICE/Blueprints conference April 29-30
2. C. a. Chairperson Report - Laurie Kerkhoff 2. C. b. Vice Chairperson Report - Carla Gouw	<p>Attending the virtual ASCA Conference this weekend April 23 & 24th (Carla on Friday and Laurie on Saturday) Laurie will be voting at the AGM on Sunday April 25 for SMS School Council.</p> <p>2.C.b. Not present</p>
2. D. Treasurer Report Laurie Untereiner	<p>Nothing to report</p>
2. E. Trustee Report - Pat Bremner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -GRACE summit Review -3rd Mark of a Catholic School (link to video here) -Draft curriculum set out by the AB Gv't
2. F. Teachers Report - Hawley Lequiere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our student teachers are finishing up their six week practicums at the end of the week - where has time gone? • Teachers and students are welcoming the warm weather (besides Sunday and Monday) • We have enjoyed seeing students in the morning with the breakfast club - they are really enjoying it

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers have been offering after school PE which is well attended most afternoons
2. G. Student Report - a. Sr High - Rachel Gouw b. Jr High - Mackenzie Siemens	Not present
2. H. Parish Priest Report - Fr. Philip Van Tinh Le	<p>Confirmation for 32 students on April 16 & 17 and April 23 & 24.</p> <p>First communion on May 16</p> <p>Please post that Fr Philip has opened another evening mass on Wednesday at 7pm, in addition to Tuesday at 7pm, and encourages all to attend a mass during the week, if possible. This mass has been added since registration is limited to 40 people at the weekend masses and can make attending mass and receiving communion difficult. This will allow the faithful to receive communion in the event they are not able to go to mass on the weekend.</p> <p>He also mentioned this does not replace our holy obligation to attend mass on Sat pm/Sunday am and parishioners should be aware they need to still attend a virtual mass if unable to come to church.</p> <p>We are encouraged to take notice of our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those we no longer see coming to church. During these challenging times, many people are suffering from mental health issues, loneliness, financial problems and despair. We are encouraged to reach out and reconnect with one another as Christ commands us to do.</p>
2. I. Community Member Report - Tamara Miyanaga	See below for the PDF

3. Other Business A. Update on Fr Lyons Memorial Award B. C.	a. Working on set and reset the details for the award this week.
4. Additions to Agenda A. B. C.	
Next Meeting:	Monday May 31, 2021 at 6pm
Adjournment:	Meeting adjourned at 7:04. Next meeting May 31 at 6:00pm

Taber Food Bank

Most Needed Items: clean and empty jam/jelly jars (250ml-500ml sizes are best!), paper towel, dry soup mix, relish, water enhancer, mayonnaise

- Thank-you St. Mary's for their Laundry for Lent campaign
- Online Donations: <https://taberfoodbank.weebly.com/donate.html>

Safe Haven

- 24/7 Crisis Line (403) 223-0483
- Most Needed Items - PAJAMAS (S, M, L), UNDERWEAR (S,M),CONDITIONER (Any Size), LOTION (Any Size), BRAS (A & B Cup
- Online Donation: <https://atbcares.benevity.org/community/cause/124-866428683RR0001>
- Volunteers Required for Highway Clean up April 30 & May 7, 1:30pm

St. Augustine's

- Online mass sign up: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/187030602859822092/false#/invitation>
- Bulletin: [https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-34694996/documents/c0310b39b4c34beb96f63ea511132f80/Jan.%2017%2C%202021%20Bulletin%20\(2\).pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-34694996/documents/c0310b39b4c34beb96f63ea511132f80/Jan.%2017%2C%202021%20Bulletin%20(2).pdf)
- Online giving is encouraged.

St. Vincent de Paul

- Greatest Need: donation & volunteers.
- Thank-you for the St. Mary's financial donation
- Online Donation or Drop off at Mass: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-society-of-saint-vincent-de-paul-st-augustines-conference/>

Taber Hospital Foundation

- Currently raising funds to update the Lindenview ReJoyce/ReTouch Rehabilitation
- April 30 Dairy Queen Blizzard Day

Taber Coalition Against Drugs - TCAD

- Drug awareness

Taber Community Action and Prevention Society – TCAPS

- Oversees the Victim Services Unit. Raises Fund for the Crisis Fund
- Promotes community issues and tries to find a solution.
- Multiagency group formed to solve social issues in Taber, Taking on a new format in March. Holy Spirit may want to consider participation.

My City Cares

- April 23, 11am – 2pm Clothing and Hygiene items available for those in need

Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 20 Taber

- Currently closed due to covid. Memberships are available: \$50

Lost Paws Animal Shelter

- Raising funds for kennel sponsorship and operation
- Currently accepting volunteers for dog walking

Community

- Clearview Lodge has a covid safe visiting room. If you would like to visit a loved one call Clearview, #3
- Clearview fundraiser for a court yard garden center
- Taber Library is continuing with curbside pick up, as well as excellent online opportunities.
- Taber Chamber work will begin soon on the new building. Check out their website for community updates and job postings. <https://mailchi.mp/1f4e2edcf40c/chamber-newsletter-for-week-ending-jan-15-2020-4222477?fbclid=IwAR3LhTclHluG3z5Xb2DYqJ7wkYyHm097QzATMI86GPpMBxvvQvoh2aGO4ai>
- Municipal and School Board Nominations are Open: Election: October 18. 4-year term
- Town of Taber has a grant writer accessible for non-profit groups.
- Town of Taber Accepts volunteers who may wish to serve on committees.