



**Annual Report
St Mary's School council
School year 2020-2021**

St Mary's School Council had regular monthly online meetings via Zoom during the 2020/2021 school year, due to Provincial Government regulations concerning the Covid-19 pandemic.

The AGM was held on Oct 15, 2020.

Regular school council meetings were all held via Zoom meetings on:

Nov 16, 2020

Jan 18, 2021

Feb 22, 2021

Mar 15, 2021

Apr 19, 2021

May 31, 2021

There was no year end meeting in June this year due to Government restrictions.

The 2020/2021 Executive members:

- Laurie Kerkhoff, Chair
- Carla Gouw, Vice-Chair
- Catherine Kerkhoff, Secretary
- Laurie Untereiner, Treasurer

Mark DeJong, Principal

Daniel Vanden Dungen, Associate Principal

Hawley Lequiere, Teacher Representative

Pat Bremner, School Trustee

Tamara Miyanaga, Community Member

Rachel Gouw, Sr High Student Representative

Mackenzie Siemens, Jr High Student Representative

Fr Eligio Canete/ Fr Philip Van Ting Le, Parish Priests

Several parents

In every meeting, the reports of the principal, associate principal, school trustee, and teacher representative were discussed.

- The principal reported about the school operation and COVID changes, Continuous Improvement Plan, policies that are in place to ensure the students are safe and receive



proper support, enrollment, new Gr 7 Religion curriculum, transition from online classes to in-school learning, health and mental wellness services, AHS COVID updates, updates from School Resource Officer, after school P.E. program, graduation and exams.

- The associate principal reported on work done in DEC, IEL, Individual Support Plans, Learning Support Programs, work done to support the students to achieve their academic results, NET Virtual retreat for Gr 6 students, and various educational seminars/sessions/conferences that he attended. Also, faith and religious activities done in the school and parish were reported.
- The school trustee reported from the board and issues discussed in the broader scope of our Catholic education and we focused on the 4 Marks of a Catholic school with one Mark viewed at each meeting in February, March, April, and May. School Trustee elections will be on October 18, 2021. The Trustee encouraged any interested parties to reach out to her for information and provided resources
- The chair reported about meetings attended outside school premises (via Zoom) such as Meetings of School Council Chairpersons and the Board of Trustees and the Alberta School Councils 2021 Virtual Conference and AGM.
- The teacher representative reported on ongoing learning activities.
- The student representative reported on sports activities, leadership activities and youth group activities from the parish.
- The community representative reported on the various community activities in Taber and volunteer opportunities.
- The parish priest reported on activities and updates within the church.

Different issues, particularly concerns around the sports programs, were brought up during school council meetings by parents and discussed with the staff attending the meeting. A decision to review the School Council bylaws and policies, and vote on some updates and changes, will be done at the 2021 AGM.

Since October 2017 all communication from the school council goes through Google docs. This improved the efficiency and flexibility of communication and reduced the use of paper significantly.

Financial Statements (attached)

Laurie Kerkhoff
St. Mary's School Council Chair

Date: September 2021