



**Annual Report
St Mary's School Council
School Year 2021-2022**

St Mary's School Council had regular monthly meetings during the 2021/2022 school year.

The AGM was held on September 29, 2021.

Regular school council meetings were held on:

Nov 4, 2021

Jan 18, 2022 (Zoom)

Feb 8, 2022 (Zoom)

Mar 15, 2022

Apr 11, 2022

May 24, 2022

On June 15, 2022, the School Council met for the year end supper.

On Dec 13, 2021, the School Council met with instructor Dorcass Kilduff (via Zoom) for an ASCA Workshop to help us construct our School Council Operating Procedures. The School Council executive met March 7, 2022 to draft the updated St. Mary's School Council Operating Procedures, which were approved at the March 15, 2022 School Council meeting.

The 2021/2022 School Council Executive members:

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

Mark DeJong, Principal

Josh Van Uden, Associate Principal

There was no Teacher Representative for 2021/2022, any reports from the teachers were presented by Mark DeJong or Josh Van Uden.

Pat Bremner, Outgoing School Trustee Sept 2021

Tom Machacek, Incoming School Trustee

Tamara Miyanaga, Community Member

Sophia Reyes, Sr High Student Representative

Fr Philip Van Ting Le, Parish Priest or representative of St Augustine's

Several parents



In every meeting, the reports of the Principal, Associate Principal, and School Trustee were discussed.

- The Principal reported about the school operation, Continuous Improvement Plan, policies that are in place to ensure the students are safe and receive proper support, enrollment and curriculum updates, spectator policy changes, AHS COVID updates, changes to spectator policy for high school home games and Live-stream of home games on the St. Mary's YouTube channel, staff professional growth plan and staff supervision, Education Act regarding student responsibilities, LLT reports, and updates to Exam exemption policy. The school would like to have micro apiaries for raising bees and harvesting honey; updates regarding the town bylaws and progress reported. Reported about post-secondary Fair and School Survey results, graduation and exams.
- The Associate Principal reported on work done in DREC, IEL, VTRA Training, 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. The Trustee encouraged any interested parties to reach out to him for information or if anyone has any concerns.
- The Chair reported about meetings attended outside school premises, or via Zoom, such as Meetings of School Council Chairpersons and the Board of Trustees, participation in the Nelson Professional Learning Series "Our Whole Truth about Residential Schools: Then and Now", and the Alberta School Councils 2022 AGM Resolution Results.
- The Student Representative reported on sports activities, leadership activities and youth group activities from the school.
- The Community Representative reported on the various community activities in Taber and volunteer opportunities.
- The Parish Representative reported on activities and updates within the church.

Activities this year:

The School Council voted to sponsor \$50 towards the academic awards on Nov 3, 2021.

The School Council voted to purchase a food gift card and Mass Card for \$60 for Pat Bremner in appreciation for her time as our School Trustee for the last 8 years.

ASCE grant funds of \$500 were provided by the Government of Alberta to be used for ASCA learning opportunities such as workshops and customized services for parents to increase capacity for school council members within the 2021-2022 school year. The School Council utilized \$200 from the grant funds for the Operating Procedures Workshop in Dec 2021.



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 2022