

## School Council Meeting

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## Date: December 5, 2022

Time: 6pm

## Attendance:

Name	Position	In Attendance	Regrets
Mark DeJong	Principal	$\checkmark$	
Josh Van Uden	Associate Principal		$\bigtriangledown$
Laurie Kerkhoff	Chairperson	$\checkmark$	
	Vice-Chairperson		
Catherine Kerkhoff	Secretary		$\checkmark$
Laurie Untereiner	Treasurer	$\checkmark$	
Tom Machacek	Trustee		
Sophia Reyes	Sr High Student Rep		$\checkmark$
	Jr High Student Rep		
	Teacher Rep		
Fr. Philip Van Ting Le	Parish Priest		$\checkmark$
Tamara Miyanaga	Community Rep		$\checkmark$
Suzanne Sawatsky	Parent	$\checkmark$	

AGENDA ITEM <ol> <li>Call to Order Items</li> <li>Discussion from Reports</li> <li>Other Business:         <ul> <li>a)</li> <li>b)</li> <li>Additions to Agenda</li> <li>b)</li> <li>S. Next Meeting Date</li> <li>Adjournment</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS
<ol> <li>Call to Order         <ul> <li>a. Opening prayer and treaty acknowledgement</li> <li>b. Welcome and introductions.</li> <li>c. Approval of agenda</li> <li>d. Approval of last meeting's minutes</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ul> <li>1a. Opening Prayer led by Mark DeJong         <ul> <li>Treaty Acknowledgement</li> <li>Holy Spirit Catholic Schools acknowledge that the land on which we gather is</li> <li>the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Nations and the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta.</li> </ul> </li> <li>1c. Motion to approve agenda by Tom Machacek. Carried.</li> <li>1d. Motion to approve minutes from the May 24, 2022 School Council meeting and June 15, 2022 Year end supper meeting by Laurie Untereiner. Carried</li> </ul>
2. A. Principal's Report - Mark DeJong	<ol> <li>Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) and Annual Education Results Report (AERR) - <u>Please Click Here</u></li> <li>Technology Evergreening Plan - <u>Please Click Here</u></li> </ol>
2. B. Associate Principal's Report - Josh Van Uden	Associate Principals Report DREC Report • Net Retreat was Nov 27 for Gr6/7 • Friday Masses going again • Advent in full swing • School Mass Dec 23 @ 11AM • Watch for division advent newsletter • Matt G reading for the third week

	<ul> <li>IEL Report <ul> <li>Wellness team in the school weekly working primarily with gr 6/7.</li> <li>49 students are ELL - 23% of population</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	Other: <ul> <li>School clothing order was a success <ul> <li>Will look to do more in the future</li> </ul> </li> <li>Exam Schedule <ul> <li>Will come out next week for January Exams</li> </ul> </li> <li>Push from the Division on Trades</li> <li>Basketball has started <ul> <li>First Home Games for HS this wednesday</li> <li>Little storm this weekend</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2. C. a. Chairperson Report - Laurie Kerkhoff	Activity Reports and Financial Statements for the 2021/20223 school year were submitted to the School Board at the end of September.	
2. C. b. Vice Chairperson Report -	<ul> <li>There have been two meeting dates set up between the Board of</li> <li>Trustees and School Council Chairs for the 2022/2023 school year:</li> <li>Monday, November 28, 2022</li> <li>Monday, March 6, 2023</li> </ul>	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor of the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre (620 12 B Street North, Lethbridge) from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.	
	New ASCA workshops available ASCA Workshop Brochure 2022 2023	
	ASCA Advocacy Resolutions -2023 AGM deadline to submit is Jan 27th	
	ASCA is asking school councils to include a short, facilitated discussion (15 - 20 minutes) at an upcoming school council meeting to gather parent/guardian input and generate a hopeful vision for public education in advance of the 2023 provincial election. <b>Tabled for next meeting.</b>	
	ASCA School Councils Conference April 21&22, 2023 and ASCA AGM - April 23, 2023	

2. D. Treasurer Report Laurie Untereiner	Sept 26, 2022 balance \$1120.74 Less \$200 (Academic Award) Dec 5, 2022 balance \$920.74 Government Grant 2022-2023 funds available for ASCA workshops \$500 Council discussed using some of the funds to sponsor the Fr Lyon's Award this year. The Father Lyons award is one of the highest honors a student can receive at St. Mary's. It is given to a graduating student who shows spiritual leadership at school, in the parish and provides services to the community as Father Lyons did. The Fr. Lyon's award is not awarded every year, but only when there is a deserving graduate.
2. E. Trustee Report - Tom Machacek	Board hosted School Council Chairs November 28, -focused on 4 priorities, Board attended Fall Convention, many good speakers and chance to visit with many Education Influencers such as the Ed minister and Bishop McGratten One speaker speaker stated that "Catholic Education is in the Business of Making Saints" As of Dec 05, about 6 Schools within the Division are in Outbreak Evergreening program (computers) was discussed,
2. F. Teachers Report -	No report
2. G. Student Report - a. Sr High - Sophia Reyes b. Jr High -	<ul> <li>leadership is currently working on a mental health awareness display that we are going to put onto the band room stage doors.</li> <li>We are on week three of our faith study meetings. Any student is welcome to join us every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:15 if they are interested.</li> <li>Pop can tabs are now being collected in the library for a foundation called "tabs for tots" that cash in on pop can tabs and funds are used to provide wheelchairs for kids in need.</li> </ul>
<b>2. H. Parish Priest Report -</b> Fr. Philip Van Ting Le	Parish Fall supper was a success. Parish decorating for Christmas will be after mass on Dec 11th.

	Ministry sign-up schedule for Christmas and New Years Masses via email or at the entrance of church for volunteers. There will be a wine and cheese social following the 5pm Mass on Dec 31st
2. I. Community Member Report - Tamara Miyanaga	<ul> <li>Taber Food Bank</li> <li>Tuesday, December 6 Taber Food Bank Stuff a Bus at IGA and Coop</li> <li>Food and cash donations desperately needed</li> <li>Coldest Night registration is open: Event is February 18. It would be great to see a St. Mary's team</li> <li>Students are bagging potatoes, Dece 14, 12:10pm, with the support of First Student</li> <li>Most needed items: diapers size 4, hygiene items, toilet paper</li> <li>Saturday, December 17 Ministerial Association Community Supper, 6pm, Taber E Free Church. St. Augustine's parishioners are donating and cooking turkeys, as well as serving.</li> <li>Saturday, December 17 Taber Fire Department Lights Ablaze visit with Santa</li> <li>Taber Public Library</li> <li>Dec 6: Low German Mennonite Christmas Story TIme</li> <li>Dec 8/15: Seniors Program Memory Cafe with FCSS</li> <li>Dec 9: cookie Exchange</li> <li>Dec 10: Christmas Open mic</li> <li>Dec 13 - 23: gift Wrapping with min \$3 donation</li> <li>AMAZING Outdoor rentals from the library including: sleds, skates, snowe shoes, etc</li> <li>Free Public Skating: Friday 7pm - 8pm, Saturday 1pm - 3pm</li> <li>Safe Haven Adopt a Family</li> <li>Register a family: (403) 620-5282</li> <li>Adopt a family: (403) 620-5282</li> <li>December 16: Bake Sale at Home Decor Plus</li> <li>Most needed items: winter coats and winter footwear</li> <li>Shop of Wonders</li> <li>Items needed for 10 - 18, stocking or Santa gift,</li> <li>Volunteer as a greeter, gift wrapper and shopper: https://buff.ly/3gGKp9I</li> </ul>

	Please accept my regrets. Thank-you for everything SMS staff and students do for our community. It was truly a pleasure to work alongside them at the Fall supper.
3. Other Business A. ASCA workshops B. ASCA AGM Advocacy Resolutions	<ul> <li>A. Discussed having an ASCA workshop to use grant funds</li> <li>Note - ASCA is no longer funded by Govt and if grant is not used in the school year it goes back to the Govt. This helps to support the ASCA. Laurie will look into booking dates and a decision will be made at the next meeting.</li> <li>B. Discussed sponsoring an Advocacy Resolution. Laurie will get information and it will be tabled for next meeting</li> </ul>
4. Additions to Agenda	
Next Meeting:	Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6pm
Adjournment:	7:22 pm