



School Council Meeting

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Date: Jan 16, 2023

Time: 6pm

Attendance:

Name	Position	In Attendance	Regrets
Mark DeJong	Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Josh Van Uden	Associate Principal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laurie Kerkhoff	Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vice-Chairperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catherine Kerkhoff	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laurie Untereiner	Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Machacek	Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sophia Reyes	Sr High Student Rep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Jr High Student Rep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Teacher Rep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fr. Philip Van Ting Le	Parish Priest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tamara Miyanaga	Community Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pamela DeJong		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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) FEEDBACK ON BOARD PRIORITIES b) ASCA - Stand for Education Hopeful Conversations c) ASCA workshop dates 4. <i>Additions to Agenda</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 5. Next Meeting Date 6. Adjournment 	MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS
1. Call to Order <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Opening prayer b. Treaty acknowledgement c. Welcome and introductions. d. Approval of Agenda e. Approval of last meeting's minutes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Opening prayer led by Mark b. Treaty Acknowledgement 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. c. Welcome d. Motion to approve agenda by Pam DeJong e. Motion to approve minutes from Dec 5, 2022 meeting by Pam DeJong
2. A. Principal's Report - Mark DeJong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exam Week and semester 1 End - First Aid Training for staff

<p>2. B. Associate Principal's Report - Josh Van Uden</p>	
<p>2. C. a. Chairperson Report - Laurie Kerkhoff</p> <p>2. C. b. Vice Chairperson Report -</p>	<p>This is a summary of an email I received from the School Board of Trustees on Dec 19th and will be addresses in Other Business:</p> <p><i>At the Nov meeting of Chairs & Vice Chairs and School Council Chairs/Board of Trustees, council Chairs provided feedback on the School Board's four key priorities and helped to envision next steps.</i></p> <p><i>The Board of Trustees have asked School Council Chairs to enter into a conversation with our school council at the January meeting and have them read the tabulated data from that session with chairs and vice chairs, and add to the lists - what do we see as making a positive impact on education in our school around each of the priorities and what aspects of the priorities still needs attention. Then, have them discuss what they see as being priorities in the school division as we move into the future.</i></p> <p><i>We will record what we have to say and then send these thoughts to Rhonda Kawa by the end of January.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair's insights along with those of your school council will be aligned with feedback we get from central office leaders, principals, and teachers to help the Board of Trustees develop the priorities for the next three years.</i></p> <p>ASCA News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proposed Advocacy Resolutions <p>The deadline to submit a Proposed Advocacy Resolution for consideration at the 2023 AGM has been extended to January 27, 2023.</p> <p>Is our school council interested in submitting a resolution for consideration?</p> <p>ASCA Advocacy Overview</p>

	<p>Call for Resolutions for the 2023 AGM</p> <p>Proposed Advocacy Resolutions Submission Form 2023 AGM</p> <p>Council discussed our concern with school security especially in respect to the design of new schools. We felt it was best to have our Trustee address these issues with the Government vs submitting a Resolution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCA School Councils Conference April 21 and 22, 2023 at Delta Marriot Edmonton South with AGM on April 23, 2023 • ASCA - Stand for Education Hopeful Conversations feedback deadline Feb 3, 2023 (will be addresses in Other Business)
<p>2. D. Treasurer Report Laurie Untereiner</p>	
<p>2. E. Trustee Report - Tom Machacek</p>	<p>-Board is working on new budget, within the division there are about 300 teachers and 220 support staff</p> <p>_ A early retirement is offered to staff over the age of 55, this year about 6 have expressed interest in joining</p> <p>-Division working towards new method for Teachers to find subs</p> <p>-We had 2 Bd members participate in the Team Lethbridge event and travels to Edmonton</p> <p>- Division to receive a major grant from the Province for help with the Mental Health</p> <p>-Trustees to attend a Faith retreat in Jan</p> <p>- Province to fund negotiated Salary increase for Teachers in Division, @ 400k</p>
<p>2. F. Teachers Report -</p>	
<p>2. G. Student Report -</p> <p>a. Sr High - Sophia Reyes</p> <p>b. Jr High -</p>	

<p>2. H. Parish Priest Report - Fr. Philip Van Ting Le</p>	<p>March 14-15 Parish Mission - Peter Thompson speaking on book Unbound by Neal Lozano, Mass at 6:30 pm followed by talk both nights. Fr Andy will be helping Fr Philip with Holy week Masses March 1 penitential service - Fr meeting with other priests to confirm date Lectors and Altar Servers needed for Sat. nights A Church Social committee is being formed. Stations of the Cross groups asked to lead one week; Laurie will email Krislin to confirm St Mary's week to lead</p>
<p>2. I. Community Member Report - Tamara Miyanaga</p>	<p>Taber Titans: January 21 Fundraising Event</p> <p>Taber Food Bank: Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser, February 25: Walkers and Volunteers needed Glass Jars with lids needed</p> <p>TCAPS fundraiser for STARS and community EVENT: MArch 18: Tickets available. Volunteers needed</p> <p>Safe Haven: Most needed items: Pj's leggings, feminine hygiene, gently used clothes and winter coats</p> <p>Taber Library: Amazing free events and programming ranging from babies to seniors. https://taberlibrary.ca/</p> <p>Town of Taber: Corn Husk Chronicle - detailed community events including pool, auditorium and ice schedules. https://www.taber.ca/home/showpublisheddocument/12122/638079896161070000</p> <p>Taber Lost Paws: Volunteers needed. 16+ can walk dogs and assist at the Shelter taberlostpaws@gmail.com</p> <p>Taber Victim Services: Interesting volunteer opportunities to serve victims of crime and tragedy. 18+</p> <p>Taber Arts Society: Membership \$115 year/24 hour access. January 28 watercolor class \$50</p>

<p>3. Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. FEEDBACK ON BOARD PRIORITIES B. ASCA - Stand for Education Hopeful Conversations C. ASCA workshop dates 	<p>A: November 28, 2022 Notes from School Council Chairs Meeting Word Doc version</p> <p>Laurie recorded the feedback from the school council and will email Rhonda by the end of the month.</p> <p>B: ASCA is asking school councils to include a short, facilitated discussion (15 - 20 minutes) at an upcoming school council meeting to gather parent/guardian responses to this question:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"What are the solutions you would like to see the Alberta government implement to improve education for your children and/or school?"</p> <p>If your school council is not able to host a conversation about your hopeful vision for education, please encourage parents and your school community to visit ASCA - Stand for Education Hopeful Conversations and provide their input directly by the February 3rd deadline.</p> <p>Hopeful Conversations Guide link</p> <p>ASCA - Stand for Education Hopeful Conversations Feedback link</p> <p>C: ASCA Workshop dates are on the website</p> <p>Book a Workshop Link</p> <p>Please book workshops early. Registration cut-off is 12 noon one week prior to the scheduled workshop.</p>
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	<p>Space is limited to 6 participants (virtual links) per school council (due to license capacities). There is no limit on in-person group gatherings using one link.</p> <p>Will book the Jun 12, 2023 workshop The Work of School Council: It's NOT about the Meeting and have our June meeting that night in lieu of the June 5th meeting.</p>
4. Additions to Agenda	
Next Meeting:	Monday February 6, 2023 at 6pm
Adjournment:	Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm