



## School Council Meeting

5427 - 50th Street, Taber, Alberta T1G 1M2

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**Date: March 8, 2023**

**Time: 6 pm**

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Laurie Kerkhoff	Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vice-Chairperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catherine Kerkhoff	Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
	Teacher Rep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fr. Philip Van Ting Le	Parish Priest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tamara Miyanaga	Community Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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AGENDA ITEM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order Items</li> <li>2. Discussion from Reports</li> <li>3. Other Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Discussion on the use of the Engagement Grant funds</li> <li>b)</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Additions to Agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a)</li> <li>b)</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Next Meeting Date</li> <li>6. Adjournment</li> </ol>	MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS <p>1. Laurie called the Meeting called to order at 6:02</p>
<b>1. Call to Order</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Opening Prayer led by Mark DeJong</li> </ol> <p>Treaty Acknowledgement:  <i>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.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>c. Motion to approve agenda by Laurie U. Carried</li> <li>d. Motion to approve minutes from the Feb 6, 2023 School Council meeting by Catherine K. Carried</li> </ol>
<b>2. A. Principal's Report -</b> <a href="#">Mark DeJong</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Assurance Survey deadline has been extended to March 17.</li> <li>2. Results from Our School Survey are available (handout)</li> <li>3. Completion of graduation checks is underway.</li> <li>4. Uptick in student mental health concerns that are being addressed in the office.</li> </ol>

2. B. Associate Principal's Report -  
Josh Van Uden

**DREC**

**Faith Plan 2022-2025 – Arise! Pilgrims of Hope**

- **Spiritual Development Day - March 13, 2023**
  - Spiritual Development Day will be held in-person at Catholic Central High School on Monday, March 13, 2023. We will be starting our day with Mass celebrated by Bishop McGrattan, and our speaker this year is Jesse Manibusan.
- **Catholic Education Week - May 15-18, 2023 (unofficially)**
  - Catholic Education Faith Theme - Walking Together in Catholic Education
  - Scripture - Micah 4: 5 *As for us, we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.*

**School Report**

- Lent Mass - the school was March 1
- Parish - Station of the Cross - March 31
- School -Station of the Cross on Holy Thursday 2pm
- Continuing with Friday Liturgy and Friday Mass at the Parish

**Important Dates**

- World Day of Prayer – March 3, 2023
- Spiritual Development Day – March 13, 2023
- Good Friday – April 7, 2023
- Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023
- Catholic Education Week - May 15-19, 2023
- World Catholic Education Day – May 18, 2023
- Confirmation May 23 @ 7pm
- Pentecost Sunday – May 28, 2023

	<p><b><u>IEL</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Division Collaborative Day - Tuesday, March 14th</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Tuesday, March 14th we will have our second District Collaboration Day of the 2022-23 school year. Support Staff are encouraged to take advantage of any collaborative learning opportunities that they may wish to pursue provided there is a plan, discussion and approval by the principal or direct supervisor well in advance of the District Collaborative Day.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>International Day of Happiness  Mindful • Grateful • Kind</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Monday, March 20th, 2023</b> is the United Nations International Day of Happiness. The International Day of Happiness recognizes that happiness is a fundamental human goal and a vital tool that can be used to help measure personal success. We can create a happier and kinder world together by adopting this simple, daily practice that gives yourself a boost and builds your compassion for others:</li> </ul> <p><b>Athletics:</b></p> <p>Basketball winding up, Girls finished fourth in the zone and lost in the quarter finals. Boys also ranked fourth in the zone and play Wednesday night.</p> <p>Boys team looking to go to Nova Scotia Jan 28-Feb 3 2024.</p> <p>Badminton season is starting.</p>
<p><b>2. C. a. Chairperson Report -</b>  <a href="#">Laurie Kerkhoff</a></p> <p>2. C. b. Vice Chairperson Report -</p>	<p>On March 6, 2023, I attended the meeting of the School Council Chairs and Board of Trustees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation on Digital Portfolio Assessment (SPACES)</li> <li>Chair feedback on Discussion Items:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What would you like to know about your child's learning at the Elementary, Junior and Senior High Levels?</li> <li>How do we as a school division meet the new Board priorities in the schools?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Discussion on how to use Engagement grant money; last year's \$500 (or the council's fund balance) was carried over to 2023 but it will not be carried over again at the end of this</li> </ul>

	<p>school year. Rhonda Kawa will send School Councils info about what the funds can be used for and so councils can share their ideas and projects. <a href="#">Alberta School Councils Engagement Grant</a> (Would our St. Mary's group be interested in bringing in a speaker?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strongly encouraged to register for the GrACE Summit 2023 on May 12, 2023</li> </ul> <p>ASCA has not updated the information on the Conference speakers or topics that will be held April 21 and 22</p>
<b>2. D. Treasurer Report</b> <a href="#">Laurie Untereiner</a>	Nothing to report
<b>2. E. Trustee Report -</b> <a href="#">Tom Machacek</a>	<p>Discussion on Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reconciliation</li> </ul> <p>New School in Lethbridge on the West Side</p> <p>Budget is up 5.5%</p>
<b>2. F. Teachers Report -</b>	n/a
<b>2. G. Student Report -</b> a. Sr High - <a href="#">Sophia Reyes</a>	n/a
<b>2. H. Parish Priest Report -</b> <a href="#">Fr. Philip Van Ting Le</a>	<p>Parish Mission</p> <p>Holy Week coming up</p>

## 2. I. Community Member Report -

Tamara Miyanaga

**Taber FoodBank:** <https://taberfoodbank.weebly.com>

MEMBERSHIPS: \$5 AGM: March 28, 7pm

Coldest Night raised \$36K

Most Needed:

Glass Jars with lids, canned meat, canned stew & chill, soy sauce, cheese whiz, condiments, toothpaste, soap, pudding cups, ravioli, laundry soap, crackers, granola bars, feminine hygiene items, diapers size 4

**TCAPS** fundraiser for STARS and community EVENT: March 18:

Tickets available at Rumors Salon and Saunders Insurance.

Volunteers needed

**Safe Haven:** Most needed items: headphones, phone chargers, nail clippers, tweezers, adult colouring books, water bottles, crayons, clothing hangers, duffle bags, shampoo & conditioners, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene

Executive Director Job Posting, as well as numerous other outreach position

**Taber Library:** Amazing free events and programming ranging from babies to seniors. <https://taberlibrary.ca/>

**Town of Taber:** Corn Husk Chronicle - detailed community events including pool, auditorium and ice schedules.

<https://www.taber.ca/home/showpublisheddocument/12164/638106669592119144>

**Taber Lost Paws:** Volunteers needed. 16+ can walk dogs and assist at the Shelter [taberlostpaws@gmail.com](mailto:taberlostpaws@gmail.com)

**Taber Victim Services:** Interesting volunteer opportunities to serve victims of crime and tragedy. 18+

May 18: Information Evening. 7pm, Taber Public Library

**Taber Arts Society:** Membership \$115 year/24 hour access. January 28 watercolor class \$50

St. Vincent de Paul: Volunteers needed to help with furniture moves, inventory and donated item organization.

Hospital Foundation: Casino Volunteers needed May 15 and May 16

	<p>Handi-Bus: Seeking board members. 1 meeting/month</p> <p>Summer Student Employment Town of Taber MD of Taber Safe Haven SMRID</p> <p>Taber Charity Auction : April 1 @ 6:00pm Copperfield supplying supper</p>
<p><b>3. Other Business</b></p> <p>A. Discussion on the use of the Engagement Grant funds</p> <p>B.</p> <p>C.</p>	<p>Example idea links from other school councils <a href="#">Janet Johnstone School</a></p> <p>Lethbridge School Council created a mini ESL library and have guest speakers to foster inclusivity among ESL families within their school.</p>
<p><b>4. Additions to Agenda</b></p> <p>A.</p> <p>B.</p> <p>C.</p>	
Next Meeting:	Monday April 3, 2023 at 6pm
Adjournment:	Meeting Adjournment at 6:53pm