



## St. Mary's School Council AGM

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**Date: Sept 27, 2023**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

Name	Position	In Attendance	Regrets
Mark DeJong	Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Josh Van Uden	Associate Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laurie Kerkhoff	Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vice-Chairperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laurie Untereiner	Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Machacek	Trustee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sophia Reyes	Sr High Student Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Teacher Rep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fr. Philip Van Ting Le or Parish Representative	Parish Rep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tamara Miyanaga	Community Rep	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alison Goodwin	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alex Ostrop	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Sawatzky	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Sawatzky	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA ITEM	MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order Items</li> <li>2. Reports and discussions (includes 2022/2023 Annual Report and Financial statements) Motion to adopt reports</li> <li>3. 2023/2024 School Council Executive Elections</li> <li>4. Proposed Amendments to the Operating Procedures</li> <li>5. Set School Council meeting dates for 2023/2024 school year</li> <li>6. Request for donation to Academic Awards on Nov 2023 (Motion Required)</li> <li>5. Next Meeting Date</li> <li>6. Adjournment</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>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 minutes from the Sept 26, 2022 AGM</li> <li>e. Approval of the minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Opening <a href="#">prayer</a> led by <b>Josh Van Uden</b></li> <li>1b. <b>Treaty Acknowledgement:</b> 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.</li> <li>1c. <b>MOTION</b> to approve agenda by Laurie Untereiner. Sue Sawatzky seconded. Approved.</li> <li>1d. <a href="#">Sept 26, 2022 AGM Minutes</a> <b>MOTION</b> to approve the Sept 26, 2022 AGM Minutes by Sue Sawatzky. Laurie Untereiner seconded. Approved.</li> <li>1e. <a href="#">June 12, 2023 Minutes</a> <b>MOTION:</b> Laurie Untereiner made a motion to amend the motion to use funds from the school council account to pay</li> </ol>

	<p>for the food used for the Open House BBQ in June. The original motion was to use AESC grant funds but they can not be used for food purchases.</p> <p>Sue Sawatzky seconded the motion amendment. Approved.</p> <p><b>MOTION to approve the Minutes as amended from the June 12, 2023 School Council Meeting by Laurie Untereiner. Sue Sawatzky second. Approved.</b></p>
<p><b>2. A. Principal's Report -</b>  <a href="#">Mark DeJong</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School Start up has been smooth.</li> <li>2. We are in the process of upgrading our Computer Tech lab</li> <li>3. Looking for parent feedback on opening up campus at lunch for all students. Currently grade 9-12 can leave campus; looking at opening to Gr 6-12 .</li> <li>4. 12 new machines purchased for \$12000 for the Computer lab from funds obtained from a lawsuit settlement and contest. Looking to get a vinyl printer and 3D printer.</li> </ol>
<p><b>2. B. Associate Principal's Report -</b>  <a href="#">Josh Van Uden</a></p>	<p><b><u>DREC</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Faith Plan 2022-2025 – Build! Pilgrims of Hope</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SMS Year 2 Build! Presentation</a></li> <li>• School Mass Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Friday Masses/Liturgies continue as last year</li> <li>○ Opening Mass was Sept 14</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Other</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week of Living Truth and Reconciliation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Orange Shirt Day Sept 29</li> <li>○ Sacred Spaces - visual presentation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Academic Awards is Wednesday November 8th</li> </ul>

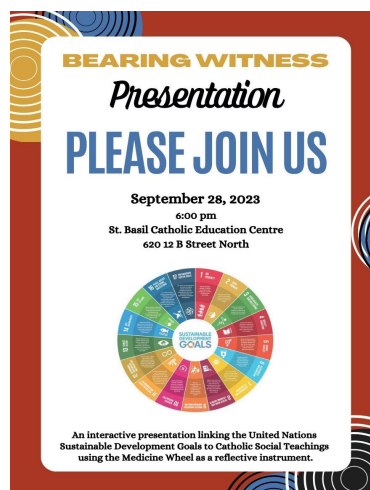
2. C. a. Chairperson Report -  
Laurie Kerkhoff

[Annual Report 2022-2023](#)

**Board correspondence:**

Carmen Mombourquette has been nominated as Board Chair and Tom Machacek as the Vice Chair for the 2023/24 school year. Tom is also our school Trustee.

We would like to cordially invite all of our Holy Spirit Catholic School Division School Council Chairs and Vice Chairs to the *Bearing Witness* presentation on Thursday, September 28, 2023 (6:00-8:30 p.m.) at the St. Basil Catholic Education Centre in the Art Ferrari PD Centre on the third floor.



This evening will have interactive presentations on the Catholic Social Teachings and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and a reflection based on the Medicine Wheel. The presenters for this evening are:

- Sr. Joanne O'Regan, csm
- Dr. Darlene O'Leary, PhD
- Dr. Mark Nixon, B.Ed, D.Min

Financial Statements and Activity Reports must be submitted to the Board by Sept 2023

Email sent out to parents today

Alberta's Minister of Education, The Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, has requested that the following letter be forwarded to our school

communities: [Letter to Parents - Engagement on Draft Social Studies Curriculum](#)

The letter details Alberta Education's phased approach for the re-drafting of the K-6 Social Studies Curriculum.

You can provide your valuable input which will inform the re-drafting process, through the online survey available at [Alberta.ca](#). The survey will remain open until **October 16, 2023**.

Sincerely,

Ken Sampson, Superintendent of Schools

#### ASCA correspondence:

**ASCA Workshops are offered online, scheduled weekly throughout the year (September 2023 to June 2024) for school councils' registration.**

The Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) grant provides \$500 to each school council in Alberta to support their legislated responsibilities in the education system and enhancing parent involvement. ASCE grant funds can be used for ASCA learning opportunities such as workshops and customized services for parents to increase capacity for school council members.

#### **Save the Date - School Council Engagement**

The ASCA Board of Directors invites you to participate in a *Virtual Engagement* opportunity. **Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

***Engage with the ASCA Board of Directors on topics of importance to school councils and their communities.***



*To continue delivering quality education and resources for school councils and the greater education community, we are having our second annual [Online Silent Auction](#) and are looking for donations now!*

## 2. D. Treasurer Report

[Laurie Untereiner](#)

### [2022-2023 Financial Report](#)

Sept 1, 2022 opening balance \$785.74.

Deposits \$822.50

Withdrawals \$887.68 (\$200 academic awards, \$546.86 Co-op and \$140.82 IGA for Open house BBQ)

Tax paid \$3.20 and Tax rebate \$2.18

Closing School council account balance on Aug 31, 2023 was \$720.56.

## 2. E. Trustee Report -

[Tom Machacek](#)

Tom sends his regrets as he has a School Board meeting tonight.

## 2. F. Teachers Report -

No teachers report

## 2. G. Student Report -

a. Sr High - [Sophia Reyes](#)

Grad class is looking for a charity to work on for this year.

Double Blue pep rally Oct 13th weekend

Council Congratulates Sophia for being chosen as one of 40 students to be on the Alberta Minister's Youth Council for 2023-2024. . Students on the council provide their perspectives on a number of education topics.

<p><b>2. H. Parish Report -</b>  <a href="#">Fr. Philip Van Ting Le or Representative</a></p>	<p><b>St. Augustine's Stewardship</b>  All ministries are in need of volunteers. Our parish has a need for young and old to volunteer. Come and discover where your gifts can be used. Contact us at the Main Office 403-223-2226 or email <a href="mailto:secretary@catholicparish.ca">secretary@catholicparish.ca</a>.</p> <p><b>YOUTH MASS</b> (formerly called Children's Mass) is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of every month at 9:00am Mass from October-June. Next Youth Mass is Oct 1, 2023.  The Phillipino Society is hosting coffee Sunday following the Youth Mass. Please join us for fellowship in the lower hall.</p> <p>We invite students of ALL ages to volunteer serving in any of the ministries; lector, taking the collection, bringing up the gifts and greeters. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the parish office at 403-223-2226</p> <p><b>Pro Life Chain on October 1, 2023 from 2-3 pm.</b></p> <p><b>Blessing of the Marian Grotto</b> will be held on Sat Oct 7th, 2023 after the 5pm Mass with social to follow compliments of the St. Augustine's Liturgy Committee. Everyone is invited to bring flowers to place in the grotto.</p> <p><b>CANADA NEEDS OUR LADY ROSARY RALLY</b> Please join the 2023 Public Square Rosary Crusade being held across Canada on Saturday, Oct.14 at 12:00pm noon. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save Canada through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Our rally will gather in St. Augustine's Church parking lot just before noon. For more info please contact Sandra Kano at 403-394-4658</p> <p><b>Living Rosary</b> on Sunday, Oct 15th at 10am.</p>
<p><b>2. I. Community Member Report -</b>  <a href="#">Tamara Miyanaga</a></p>	<p>Tamara sends her regrets that she is unable to attend the AGM and she is willing to stay on as our community rep, with the understanding that she may not be at all meetings and will do her best to provide a report.</p> <p>She also noted that if someone else is interested in the role, she won't mind stepping aside with no issue at all.</p>

Motion to Adopt Reports	Alison Goodwin made a motion to adopt the reports as presented. Sue Sawatzky seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.
3. St. Mary's School Council Executive Elections	<p>2022-2023 School Council Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair - Laurie Kerkhoff</li> <li>• Vice-Chair - Alison Goodwin</li> <li>• Secretary - Sue Sawatzky</li> <li>• Treasurer - Laurie Untereiner</li> </ul>
4. Proposed Amendments to the Operating Procedures	<p><a href="#">St. Mary's School Council Operating Procedures</a></p> <p>No amendments made to the St. Mary's School Council Operating Procedures.</p>
5. Set School Council meeting dates for 2023/2024 school year	<p><a href="#">2023 - 2024 School Calendar</a></p> <p>Meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:45 pm</p> <p>October 16, 2023  November 20, 2023  No meeting in December 2023  January 22, 2024  No meeting in February 2024  March 18, 2024  April 15, 2024  May 13, 2024  June year end dinner to be determined at May meeting</p>
6. Academic Awards Sponsorship request	<p>Letter from St. Mary's School requesting School Council to sponsor their Academic Awards on Wed. Nov 8, 2023.</p> <p><b>MOTION : Dave Sawatzky made a motion to donate \$300 towards the Academic Awards. Alison Goodwin seconded. All in favour. None opposed. Motion Carried.</b></p>
Next Meeting:	Monday Oct 16 @ 5:45



**Adjournment:**

**Dave Sawatzky motioned to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm**