



School Council Meeting

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

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Date: November 20, 2023

Time: 5:45 pm

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"/>
Alison Goodwin	Vice-Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Sawatsky	Secretary	<input checked="" 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/Jason Baier	Parish Priest or Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tamara Miyanaga	Community Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">AGENDA ITEMS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order Items 2. Reports and discussion 3. Other Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) School council contact list b) Monthly school newsletter section for Council c) Guest speaker discussion d) Approval of minutes prior to next meeting discussion 4. <i>Additions to Agenda</i> 5. Next Meeting Date 6. Adjournment
<p>1. Call to Order</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Opening prayer and treaty acknowledgment b. Welcome and introductions. c. Approval of Agenda d. Approval of last meeting's minutes 	<p>MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Opening Prayer led by: Josh VanUden <p>Treaty Acknowledgement: Laurie K 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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Welcome and Introductions c. Motion to approve agenda: motion made by Laurie U, 2nd Tamara 2nd: d. Approval of the minutes from the June 12,2023 meeting was done at the AGM on Sept 27, 2023
<p>2. A. Principal's Report - Mark DeJong</p>	<p><u>Principal's Report:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office hours: First half - Parent/teacher interviews: 4-8pm 2. Stuff a Bus for the Taber food bank - Dec. 5th @ Co-op from 4pm - 7pm 3. VTRA Training- I attended VTRA training Oct. 31 & Nov. 1st. (Violence Threat Risk Assessment) 4. Lockdown practice was completed on the 15th. Students were out of sight within 10 seconds.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Vigilance before Christmas - It is very common to see people struggling as we approach Christmas. Please keep an eye out for anyone who needs support. 6. FOSM - Please feel free to attend the Friends of St. Mary's Meeting at 7pm in the staff room. 7. Updates to Handbook <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Open Campus for 7 & 8s any information or concerns thus far? 8. Post-Secondary Showcase - Thursday Nov. 16 - We had representation from 12 post-secondary institutions this year. The grade 10-12s attended including St. Mike's Bow Island. 9. CIP and Accountability Pillar: Handout
<p>2. B. Associate Principal's Report - Josh Van Uden</p>	<p><u>Associate Principals Report</u></p> <p><u>DREC</u></p> <p><u>Faith Plan 2022-2025 – Build! Pilgrims of Hope</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Santa Anonymous Changes for this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donations needed (Teen Boy) ○ Santa's Anonymous Donations ● Helping St. Vincent De Paul society Dec 18,19? ● Advent Mass- Dec 7 at St. Mary's ● Liturgies on Friday's - all are welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mass at the Parish Friday's 9am ● Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Sock Donations for Advent ○ Can School Council Support? <p><u>IEL Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CRM teacher meetings ongoing ● EAL Benchmarks 2.0 ● WIATT Testing continuing <p><u>Athletics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volleyball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Girls off to provincials ○ Boys finished third at zones ● Basketball tryouts starting

<p>2. C. a. Chairperson Report - Laurie Kerkhoff</p> <p>2. C. b. Vice Chairperson Report - Alison Goodwin</p>	<p>On September 28, I attended the bearing witness presentation at Saint Basil's.</p> <p>Thank you to all council members who submitted their bios for the School's November newsletter. We would still like to add any bios to the December newsletter if anyone did not get it in on time.</p> <p>There is a meeting of the Board of Trustees and School Council Chairs on November 27 at Saint Basil's at 6 PM. They will be holding an ASCA workshop on the School Council - Trustee Relationship. Both Alison and myself will be attending.</p>
<p>2. D. Treasurer Report Laurie Untereiner</p>	
<p>2. E. Trustee Report - Tom Machacek</p>	<p>I sent my regrets as I am at the ASBA fall convention.</p> <p>The numbers are in and the Division has added 3.7 ? more students this year. Most schools see an increase, a notable number of these new students are ESL</p> <p>The Board is beginning the Budget process for the next Year. If changes are not made, a deficit of roughly 1.5 mil will be seen. Since the levels of reserves will not meet the deficit, cuts may be in the future. The Board continues to lobby the Province for increased funds.</p> <p>The Division currently has many jobs posted. Most of the posting are a result of Mental Health Funding that came in the form of a Grant. So if you know of someone looking for employment, visit the postings.</p> <p>The Division celebrated Catholic Education Sunday recently. Thanks to Mark for sharing a message in support of our Catholic schools.</p>

	<p>On Monday November 27, the board is hosting a meeting with the school council chairs. Hopefully our chair can attend. If there is more interest I encourage anyone interested to attend.</p> <p>If there any concerns dont hesitate to reach out.</p>
2. F. Teachers Report -	
2. G. Student Report - a. Sr High - Sophia Reyes	<p>New Sock Donation Campaign Dec 14th</p> <p>Goal is to fill the box.</p> <p>\$500 student leadership funds need to be spent</p> <p>They received many student suggestions, many of which were far beyond the budget.</p>
2. H. Parish Priest Report - Fr. Philip Van Ting Le or Jason Baier	<p>Brian was just ordained a Permanent Deacon</p> <p>Mass times will be included in Band concert program</p> <p>KofC breakfast after mass this weekend. Nov 26, 2023</p> <p>Feb 11, 2024 Brisket Supper for the parish</p>
2. I. Community Member Report - Tamara Miyanaga	<p>Town of Taber</p> <p>Cornhusk Chronicle: https://www.taber.ca/home/showpublisheddocument/13683/638343867557930000</p> <p>Requesting input on the Trout Pond</p> <p>Details activities at the Taber Public Library</p> <p>Upcoming Taber Events</p> <p>1. Taber & District Health Foundation Fall Campaign is open for donations</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Taber Players Chance Encounters Nov 23-25,29,30, Dec 1,2, 3. Taber Public Library: Children Market November 25 4. Knights of Columbus Breakfast for St. Vincent de Paul: November 29 after 9am mass 5. CWL Bake Sale December 2/3 after mass 6. The TANGO Foundation Spar for the Star on 54th: December 2. 7. MyCityCare Taber -Shop of Wonders: Please donate for children to teens, so they can have a great Christmas, 8. Taber Food Bank Stuff a Bus: December 5 - more than ever we need your help to feed the hungry 9. Santa's Gone Loonie December 9 donate gifts for adults or volunteer 10. Kiwanis Taber AB & District Community Christmas Carol Festival December 14 See less 11. Community Christmas Meal: December 16, 6pm. St. Augustine's responsible for Turkeys and gravy <p>Safe Haven: Register Christmas Families Lost Paws: Needs dog walkers and donations Clearview Lodge and Taber Hospital: seeking volunteers for a variety of activities</p> <p>Highway 3 Taber - Burdett will begin Spring 2024. Contract awarded November 20, Ledcor Highways. 46km project TPS Victim Services: volunteers for on call shifts</p>
<p>3. Other Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. School council contact list B. Monthly school newsletter section for Council C. Guest speaker discussion D. Approval of minutes prior to next meeting discussion 	<p>Contact List will be passed around so members can share the information they want. Sue will type up and distribute the list.</p> <p>Newsletter info to include : detail of award given at recent awards night. Invitation to upcoming event/ meeting.</p> <p>People may not be interested in meetings, option to bring in a Guest Speaker?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safe device and internet use, social media safety. (Mark will try to find a contact) This could be opened up to other school councils, funds could be donated by someone in the community or Parent Council funds can be used.

	<p>New Process of approving minutes after the meeting and circulating. The minutes will then be approved as circulated.</p> <p>A seconder is not needed for motions moving forward.</p> <p>-</p>
<p>4. Additions to Agenda</p> <p>A.</p>	
Next Meeting:	Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:45pm
Adjournment:	6:59 pm