



School Council Meeting

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Date: Sept 21, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Name	Position	In Attendance	Regrets
Josh Van Uden	Principal	☒	☐
Carolyn Siemens	Associate Principal	☒	☐
Laurie Kerkhoff	Chairperson	☒	☐
Jessica Robbins	Vice-Chairperson	☒	☐
Amanda Olson	Secretary	☒	☐
Nicole Elliot	Treasurer	☒	☐
Tom Machacek	Trustee	☐	☒
Teagan Church	Student Reps	☐	☒
Hawley Lequiere	Teacher Rep	☐	☒
Deacon Brian Kinahan/David Wilson	Parish Reps	☐	☒
Tamara Miyanaga	Community Rep	☒	☐
Kim Fletcher	Parent	☒	☐
Elisha Boulay	Parent	☒	☐
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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) Set meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year b) 4. <i>Additions to Agenda</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) b) 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> <p>Called to order at 7:06 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. At start of AGM b. At start of AGM c. Motion to approve agenda: Nicole Elliott 2nd:Elisha Boulay d. The Motion to approve the minutes from the June 16 ,2026 meeting as circulated: Nicole Elliott on June 16, 2026 2nd:Laurie Kerkhoff, Carried
<p>2. A. Principal's Report - Josh Van Uden</p>	<p>Welcome to the 2026/2027 School Year!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrollment is currently 166 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11.5 FTE Teachers, 4 Intern Teachers, 3 EAs, 1 FSLC, 1 Librarian, 1.5 FTE office staff, 1.6 FTE custodians, and one SRO - Staffing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome to Zach Sproule and Jenna Clarke (Semester 1 PT) and to Mackayla Hudson (EA) - Welcome to our PSIII Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rebecca Tivadar (Giachette) with Jay - Aiden Lair with Krislin - Darci Rolofs (Wright) with Hawley - Spencer Trotter with AJ

- **Cell Phone and Academic Integrity Policy Updates:**
 - Added to the student handbook
- **Capital Projects:**
 - Gym audio/visual system complete
 - TV/Monitor in the Library
 - Appliances replaced in the school
 - Video Intercom door bell coming in October
 - Evergreening:
 - New computers Sept 29 for staff and updating the chromebooks
- **Career Fair Sept 29**
 - 14-16 displays
 - Displays at lunches in October/November
- **Friends of St. Mary's - Oct 29 7:30 pm meeting**
 - Cornbooth at Cornfest
 - Yogurt Machine
 - Future fundraising and brainstorming
- **Lockdowns and Firedrills**
- **Next School Year Calendar**
 - https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/school_calendars.
- **Grant dollars/Speakers Ideas:**
 - Not 4 sale,
 - Other ideas. Books, lending library, bench?
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Important Upcoming Dates/Information

- Soup Day, September 23
- PWS@ JVG - 4pm, September 23
- Stirling @ JV/SV Celtics 6 pm, September 23
- Little Storm, September 25,26
- Orange Shirt Day, September 29
- National Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30- NO SCHOOL
- Division Pow Wow - Grade 7 attending October 8
- Division PD Day, Friday, October 9
- Thanksgiving Day, Monday October 12
- Division PD Day, Tuesday, October 13
- Double Blue, October 16,17
- Big Storm, October 23,24
- Academic Awards November 5
- 2A Boys Provincals- November 26-28

2. B. Associate Principal's Report - Carolyn Siemens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faith Plan - Open Wide the Doors, Sent to share God's love <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus this year is to Love God - Sacred Heart, Eucharist and the mass - Division sends out lots of resources each month to support the faith plan. - Opening Mass at the Parish was this past Friday - Classes will begin going this Friday for mass - Athletics and Drama club in full swing
2. C. a. Chairperson Report - Laurie Kerkhoff 2. C. b. Vice Chairperson Report - Jessica Robbins - none	2025-2026 Annual School Council Report link Laurie read the Annual School Council Report for 2025-2026 ASCA email will be sent to council members to read.
2. D. Treasurer Report- Nicole Elliott	2025-2026 Financial Report link As of 8/31/2026 balances are: \$565.70 Parent council account \$717.79 SCE
2. E. Trustee Report - Tom Machacek	
2. F. Teachers Report - Hawley Lequiere	
2. G. Student Report -	
2. H. Parish Report - Deacon Brian Kinahan/David Wilson (presented by Laurie Kerkhoff and Tamara Miyanaga)	RCIA program on Mondays at 7pm - open to anyone who wants to become Catholic or learn more about the Catholic faith. Sacrament registration is open for First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation. Parish Photo directory - photographer in Taber on Oct 20-25th, Nov 6-7 on Vauxhall. Please register as a parishioner if you have not been contacted by the committee.

<p>2. I. Community Member Report - Tamara Miyanaga</p>	<p>Taber Food Bank: September 22 TUESDAY Taber and Barnwell Food Drive</p> <p>Taber Public Library: September 25 3pm - 8pm 80th Birthday Celebrations</p> <p>Town of Taber Halloween Party: October 31 5:30pm - 8:30pm,. Volunteer opportunity: https://www.taber.ca/how-do-i/volunteer-for/town-events</p> <p>Taber Lost Paws: Socks for sale to help a dog's medical bill. Volunteer opportunities. PH: (587) 486-0410</p> <p>225 Royal Air Cadet Squadron : 2027 Cash Calendar fundraiser</p> <p>Taber Adventure Club/Kiwanis Halloween Dance: October 30 Taber Legion 6pm - 9pm \$2</p> <p>Alberta Referendum: October 19, 2026 Advance Polls October 13,14, 15,16, 17, Voting Location: https://map.elections.ab.ca/ Referendum Questions: https://www.elections.ab.ca/elections/referendum/ September 25 is the last day to apply for a mail in ballot: https://www.elections.ab.ca/request-a-special-ballot/</p> <p>Taber Legion: Celebrated 100 years in our community</p>
<p>3. Other Business</p> <p>A. Set meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year</p>	<p>Oct 21, 2026 5:45pm Nov 18, 2026 5:45pm Dec 2026 -skip Jan 20, 2027 5:45pm Feb 2026 - skip Mar 17,2027 5:45pm Apr 21, 2027 5:45pm May 19, 2027 5:45pm June TBD at May meeting for wind up</p>
<p>4. Additions to Agenda</p>	
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>October 21, 2026 at 5:45pm</p>
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>Adjourned at 7:58 pm</p>

Via email on Sept 22, 2026:

Jessica Robbins made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2026 meeting as presented. Nicole Elliott seconded. Motion carried.