



School Council Meeting

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Date: Nov 18, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm

Attendance:

Name	Position	In Attendance	Regrets
Michelle Nevil	Principal	•	•
Josh Van Uden	Associate Principal	•	•
Laurie Kerkhoff	Chairperson	•	•
Alison Goodwin	Vice-Chairperson	•	•
	Secretary	•	•
Nicole Elliot	Treasurer	•	•
Tom Machacek	Trustee	•	•
Elizabeth Ostrop	Student Reps	•	•
Hawley Lequiere	Teacher Rep	•	•
Jason Baier	Parish Reps	•	•
Tamara Miyanaga	Community Rep	•	•
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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) 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 Sept 24, 2025 meeting minutes 	<p>MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS - Called to order at 5:10 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Opening Prayer led by: Josh Van Uden <p style="margin-left: 40px;">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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Welcome and Introductions c. Motion to approve agenda: Nicole Elliott 2nd: Alison Goodwin d. Motion to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2025 meeting: Motion to approve the Sept 24/25 minutes made by Laurie Kerkhoff as circulated. 2nd by: Alex Ostrop
<p>2. A. Principal's Report - Michelle Nevil</p>	<p><u>Things are back to normal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Messaging from our division has been consistent and supportive - Parent Teacher Interviews went well - 33 families came - School sports are up and running, basketball is pushed back by a week or two - Soup Days begin tomorrow - CWL is hosting this one - Alberta Education Assurance Measure Report is due at the end of this week. I will report it to you at the next meeting. It will be posted on our web page next week.

- As a division we are moving to the Schollie Survey for students, parents, teachers and in February, no more Our School Survey (Students only)
- Currently completing Alberta Classroom Insights Survey
- No PATs and Diplomas this semester, we are shortening exam break to increase lost learning time Jan 22- 28
- Mr. Vornbrock's position is posted. He is retiring at the end of the semester.
- Drama Club is up and running and they will have a Play in March 2026
- Indigo Grant raised \$4600 for school library & resource purchases for grades K-8

2. B. Associate Principal's Report-
[Josh Van Uden](#)

DREC Update

Faith Plan 2025-2028 – Open Wide the Doors!

- Know God (2025-2026) - Year One of our new faith plan is focusing on the call to Know God. There are a variety of tools to support the implementation of the plan.
 - Resources
 - [November](#)
 - Formed - <https://formed.org/>
 - [Catholic Social Teaching](#)
 - [The Creed](#)
- **Spiritual Development Day -**
 - Moved to Friday March 13, 2026
- **Catholic Education Week - May 9-16**
- **Religious Education -Administrative Procedures Updates**
 - Opt-in letters will be created and shall be distributed by sites using Permission Click prior to November 28, 2025.
- **School Retreat**
 - Booked with Face to Face Friday May 29

Parish Connections

- Friday Mass starting again
- CWL helping with Soup Day
- School Council in the future?

IEL Update

- IPP Meeting in progress

Other Dates Info:

- Basketball Tryouts Starting Nov 24 for HS Boys
- Academic Awards is Nov 26
- Advent Mass Dec 4 at 10:30am
- January PATs and Dips - cancelled as of Oct. 31, 2025
 - Semester 1 - last regular class will now end on Jan 21 (Previous Friday Jan 16)
 - Exam Break Jan 22- 28
 - Semester 2 will start Jan 29 as normal
- Spiritual Development Day - Friday March 13
- Catholic Education Week - May 9-16

2. C. a. Chairperson Report

Laurie Kerkhoff

ASCA 2025 School Council Virtual Engagement Event.

**Saturday, November 22, 2025, 1:00 -
4:30 p.m.**

FREE School Council Virtual Engagement Opportunity

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

Expanded Agenda! Featuring a new Special Guest
Speaker: **Dr. Phil McRae**, Ministry of Education: *Chief
Operating Officer*, **Chris Shandro** and Keynote
Presentation with Sashbear Foundation - ***Building Trust
and Connections with Strategies, Skills, and Hope.***

Council of School Councils / Board of Trustees
meeting on **Monday, December 1, 2025**, at the **St.**

	<p>Basil Education Centre (620 12B Street N., Lethbridge), beginning at 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>2. C. b. Vice Chairperson Report Alison Goodwin</p>	<p>There were some questions that were brought up for discussion pertaining to the strike and to recent developments in AI.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To discuss the division's position on how the government ended the strike and the School Board's position as stewards of charter-protected Catholic education. 2. To discuss Holy Spirit's response to recent developments in AI: its impact on assessment and how can we best prepare students for an AI-powered work environment
<p>2. D. Treasurer Report- Nicole Elliot</p>	<p>As of Nov 18, 2025:</p> <p>School Council account balance is \$737.75</p> <p>Engagement Grant account balance is \$410.95</p>
<p>2. E. Trustee Report- Tom Machacek</p>	

<p>2. F. Teachers Report- Hawley Lequiere</p>	
<p>2. G. Student Report- Teagan Church and Elizabeth Ostrop</p>	<p>Students would like to have better ice packs as the old ones leak.</p> <p>Students would like to have a School Science Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possibly as a CTF option - Other options are to form a club that meets at lunch or during some class time in Science - SATC is a Regional Science Fair; Scifusion <p>Also interested in Duolingo as a CTF option for those interested in learning a new language.</p>
<p>2. H. Parish Report- Deacon Brian Kinahan/Jason Baier</p>	<p>Friday, November 21 St. Augustine's will have a Bingo Night, it will be a fun-filled evening for the whole family from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at St. Mary's School. All ages are welcome—bring your family and friends! For more information: taberfamilylife@gmail.com 403-223-2226</p> <p>Monday, December 1 RCIA Session 11 at 7:00PM</p> <p>Wednesday, December 3 St. Augustine's Parish Potluck, Ministry Update and Refresher for Eucharistic Ministers at 6:00PM</p> <p>Thursday, December 4 St. Augustine's Parish Penitential Service at 7:00PM</p> <p>Saturday, December 6 Advent Renewal Retreat with Archbishop Terrence Prendergast 9:30AM-12:30PM with a Light luncheon following the retreat</p> <p>Saturday, December 6 CWL will have a Bake Sale after the 5:00PM Mass and again after the Sunday, Dec 7 9:00AM Mass</p> <p>Sunday, December 7 will be Decorating the Church for Christmas after Mass</p>

	<p>Wednesday December 10 St. Augustine's Parish Choir will be performing at the Taber Kiwanis Community Christmas Carol Festival, at 7:00 PM at the LDS Stake Center. Join us for an evening of festive music and community celebration</p> <p>Parish Calendar</p> <p>Dec. 16: Simbang Gabi 8 pm (no 7 pm mass and no adoration)</p> <p>Dec. 17: Simbang Gabi 5 pm; Reconciliation 7 pm V.</p> <p>Dec. 18: Simbang Gabi 5 pm; (Coaldale Reconciliation)</p> <p>Dec. 19: Simbang Gabi 8 pm</p> <p>Dec. 20: Saturday, Simbang Gabi 5 pm (Filipino choir)</p> <p>Dec. 21: Regular masses and Simbang Gabi 8 pm</p> <p>Dec. 22: Simbang Gabi 8 pm</p> <p>Dec. 23: Simbang Gabi 8 pm (no 7 pm mass, no adoration)</p> <p>Dec. 24: Children Christmas Eve Mass + Simbang Gabi at 5pm. (Filipino choir will join children's choir -Vauxhall Christmas Eve Mass 7:30-Taber Christmas Eve Mass 10 pm</p> <p>Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass 10 am, Taber (No Vauxhall Mass)</p> <p>Dec. 31; New Year Eve 5 pm Mass Taber</p> <p>Jan. 1: New Year Day 9 am Mass Taber, 11 am Mass Vauxhall</p>
<p>2. I. Community Member Report- Tamara Miyanaga</p>	<p>December 2: Foodbank Stuff Bus: Volunteers needed</p> <p>Taber Public Library: Annual costs have been cut in half.</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities</p> <p>Alberta Health Services- Taber Hospital</p> <p>Clearview Lodge</p> <p>Lindenview</p> <p>Taber Special Needs</p> <p>Taber Food Bank</p> <p>Taber Lost Paws</p>

3. Other Business A. ASCA workshops	A. https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops/learning-opportunities-brochure There are options available for workshops for school councils that we could look into for the new year (Tools for Effective School Councils \$400 or Effective Engagement in Your School Community \$500). Will discuss this again in January.
4. Additions to Agenda A. Connect to new Families to St Mary's (Grade 6 and new to Taber)	St Mary's staff have asked at the October meeting for the School Council to create a Welcome Package (Welcome Letter, map of Taber attractions, Parish Connection, etc.) that we could give to the families who are new to St Mary's. We can work on this collectively through email correspondence.
Next Meeting:	January 20, 2026 at 5 pm in the school library
Adjournment:	Meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm