

School Council Minutes

<u>Location: St. Louis School</u> <u>Date: February 5, 2025</u> <u>Time: 6:30 pm</u>

Invitees	Accept √	Decline X	Invitees	Accept √	Decline X
Lynette Pancoast (Chair)	Х		Chandra Gauthier		х
Jessica Durk (Vice- Chair, Co-Secretary)	х		Sabrina Garrecht		х
Codi Pratt (Vice-Chair, Activities Committee)		х	Joleen Chalifoux	х	
Marta Crichton (Co-Secretary)	х		Natalie Long		х
Ashley Hirsch (Teacher Rep)		х	Carly MacKay		х
Ashly Davey (Teacher Rep)	х		Gen Carolan	х	
Jena Sinclair (Treasurer)	х		Brady Pancoast		х
Ron Blackmer (Principal)	х		Student Representative		х

AGENDA

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Item #	Description	Member			
1.	Call to order - 6:31				
2.	Treaty Land Acknowledgement St. Louis School Council would like to acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional land of the Blackfoot people who have welcomed here for centuries the Cree, the Métis, other First Nations and non-indigenous people. The land is now recognized as the traditional territory of Treaty 7 to the north, west and south and Treaty 4 to the east. St. Louis School Council wishes to thank the First Nations people, past and present, for welcoming us here.				
3	Opening Prayer & Faith Discussion Saint of the Month for February - St. Thomas Aquinas • He lived back in the 1200s and was from a wealthy family; his parents hired a lady to encourage him to not pursue the priesthood. He spoke slowly and was a large fellow, and was nicknamed "The Dumb Ox". His premise is that "we are born to be good" and God can help us be good. He is the patron of students, schools, all things scholastic. • Mr. Leahy chose this month's saint- each teacher will choose a saint for the proceeding months				
4.	Introduction of Attendees				
5.	Adoption of Minutes 1st Jessica 2nd Sabrina In favour\opposed Any additions to the Agenda Money from River Valley will be allocated to the milk program as we have not yet heard back from the Kinsmen	Lynette			
6.	Student Council Report • We are doing the Booster Juice sale- student council will help hand it out	Ashly			

7. President Report

- Parent Association meeting January 27:
- Dr. Zarichny: Registration opens Feb 3 the earlier families register the better; New Programs 2025-2026 McCoy First Responder Academy (Fire, Police, EMT) all students could be 911 dispatcher certified if they choose; St. Mary's Multisport & Wellness Academy (a lot of off campus activities like rock wall climbing, tennis); Creating a French Immersion parent interest group; about 450 responses to 2026/2027 calendar feedback survey (like aligning with SD76, Nov. break (in favour), starting after labor day)- decision presented at Feb 11 board meeting; Licensing for ELP Program which will reduce fees \$365 \$75 grant becomes \$290/month and \$220-\$75 grant becomes \$145/month; (this will be changing)
- ATA: Local mtg Feb 5; TBA mtg sometime on March 25; Dana reminded wearing red for ed and public education includes catholic education
- President (Dana):Catholic Education award nominations due Jan 31; Mtg connecting schools and parish Thurs Jan 30
- St. Mike's: Valentine Dance; Chocolate sales; 50/50 at Christmas Concert; Nutters tray sales; Plant sales; Sponsored face to face retreat
- MT: \$2000 raised McBrides Donut day; \$300 raised with bake sale; Trying West Coast Seeds; increased field trips from 1 to 2 per class; Methanex trolley pay half of in town transport costs?
- NDA: retreat at HFP; Ski trip/ winter fun day a success; Bottle drives and 50/50 coming up
- McCoy: final exams finishing up; open house Feb 11 evening; grade 9 orientations Mon-Wed
- St. FX: Movie night Inside Out 2; 50/50 made less at Christmas concert than just accepting donations last year; Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser coming; Dance in the spring
- St. Pat's: Christmas Concert at Cypress Center a huge success; Treats for teacher sign up (no cost, just volunteered parents donated during PTI week); Backyard games and fun coming as fundraiser for outdoor classroom
- Discussion to pool \$500 parent council money together to bring in Phil McRae as guest speaker? https://philmcrae.com/index.html THOUGHTS?

8. Principal Report

- Elementary Presence at St. Mary's (Grade 6)- there are implications for St. Louis
 - There was a Principal's meeting and there was voiced concern about the effects on elementary schools within the St. Mary's boundary
 - There are 8 students who have voiced interest in going to St. Mary's for Grade 6
- Possible student fee charge for next year
 - Bussing has increased substantially this year
 - Some schools charge parents for each outing (and usually receive about 60%)
 - There used to be an annual student fee and this may need to happen again to cover costs for field trips, speakers, etc...
 - Suggestion that a letter needs to go home sooner than later that a fee will be coming next year
 - Decision needs to be made in March by district
- Patty is making sauce and noodles for School Sponsored Mass
 - Students can help clean up after for confirmation service projects
 - Planning for roughly half the amount from last year (about 75 people)
 - (6-7 boxes of garlic bread, 4 bags of lettuce, 1 Costco sheet cake, 1 tub Parmasean cheese, 1 tub of drink crystals, using Folgers coffee from Christmas Market)
 - Last year ran us \$231

Lynette

Ron

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9.	Treasurer Report ■ Current bank balance - \$6989.75 □ Not processed yet- Wizard of Oz cheque, Christmas Lunch cheque for Todd, Movie Night candy bags reimbursement ■ Movie Night brought in \$435 (weiting to reimburse from			
	 Movie NIght brought in \$425 (waiting to reimburse from concessions) Should we purchase our own popcorn machine or continue to 			
	borrow from McCoy?			
10.	 Teachers' Report Should we have locks on the Grade 6 lockers for a chance to practice 			
	using the locks before going to Middle School? Could we borrow a few from St. Mary's for the students to practice?			
11.	Fundraising Report	Lynette		
	 Co-Op Gift Cards- October through April Should we order a Little Cesar pizza again? 			
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	 Let's do this one next year, 2025-2026 Bottle Drive, Shamrock coming after 3:30 - Friday, February 7 			
	 Silver Buckle Steak Night- a drink and steak sandwich meal, 			
	redeemable for the whole year, \$20 each with a \$6 kickback to the school			
	 Jessica created an order form to be sent home Forms to be sent out on Monday, February 10th- due February 25th 			
42	Old Business	A.II		
12.	Old Business: • January Activity- Movie night feedback	All		
	Pop popcorn earlier			
	○ Get popcorn scoop			
13.	New Business:	All		
	 February Activity Board Game Night Committee: 			
	■ Concession (Popcorn Twists, candy bags being made			
	tonight in Parent Council Meeting)			
	■ Bottle Drive Truck- Shamrock reserved			
	 Chromebooks for registration 			
	 Volunteers needed to help run tables (Grade 5s will 			
	setup tables)			
	Spaghetti Supper Committee:			
	■ Prepping (arrive by 4:30)			

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16.	Adjourn - 8:02	
15.	Closing:	All
14.	Next Meeting: THURSDAY March 6 th , 2025 Apr 2 nd , May 7 th , June 4 th	All
	campout needed Behaviour agreement set out for students before-hand DECISION NEEDED BY FEBRUARY 14- SOCK HOP	
	 Gen checking with connection about reserving the camp from a discounted rate Separate meeting for parents and all those involved in Grade 6 	
	 Girl Guides price was only good if the group is associated with Girl Guides (\$125 per night within group, \$500 per night outside of GG) 	
	 Knights of Columbus application for financial assistance is available Sabrina, Jena, Jessica running the kitchen/food 	
	 Methanex trolley, pay half transportation cost in town Lynette is checking into this Consider for the next meeting - Lenten Deeds Grade 6 Camp McCoy camp-out update - one night @ \$350 per night for everything except Main House (\$200 extra) Date: 	
	 Cleanup Valentine Sock Hop Committee: Decorate- Thurs. Feb 13 right after school Jessica will coordinate making decorations for the Sock Hop during the Game Night Lent starts Wed. March 5th; Shrove Tuesday March 4th Knights of Columbus invited St. Louis to join them at St. Patrick's for a breakfast 	
	■ Serving	

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ACTION ITEMS

Item #	Action Items	Member	When	Done
1	Purchasing School Sponsored Mass Spaghetti Supper Supplies	JESSICA/ RON	ASAP	
2	Check with St. Mary's about borrowing locks for Grade 6's to practice with	ASHLY	ASAP	
3	Send Silver Buckle order form to Ron	JESSICA	ASAP	
4	Gather supplies for Valentines Sock Hop decorations	JESSICA	ASAP	
5	Ski trip OR Camp McCoy?	RON	ASAP	
6	Look into Methanex Trolley	LYNETTE	ASAP	
7	Check with owner of Girl Guide camp about pricing rate	GEN	ASAP	
8	Check with Camp McCoy about any sort of discount wince it's our first time	GEN/ JESSICA	ASAP	