Good Shepherd Catholic School | School Council Meeting

Date	September 23, 2026
Time	6:30 pm
Location	Good Shepherd School – Gymnasium

1. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Wilhelm, at 6:47pm. Quorum was established.

Attendees

1. Cindy Wilhelm
2. Shannon McLachlan
3. Jennifer Dimas (Principal)
4. Beth Pecson (Assistant Principal)
5. Lynn Gagnon (Teacher)
6. Sara Mueller (Treasurer)
7. Judianne Walls (Casino Chair)
8. Jamie Hautmann
9. Melissa Stoklosa (newly elected Vice-Chair)
10. Nathalie Jarrar (newly elected Chair)
11. Andrea Simon
12. Michael Simon
13. Melissa Rotella Nardi
14. Rose Phillip
15. Lauren Leveille

2. Agenda Review and Approval

Motion: Sara motioned to approve the agenda for the September 23, 2026 meeting as presented, seconded by Judianne. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jamie motioned to approve the May 28, 2026, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Andrea. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Reports

4.1. Executive Report — Cindy W.

- ASCA Grant - proposed something around internet safety for parents - bring some speakers in. The grant can be used for something around parent engagement. If any one has ideas, please share with the board.
- People Advisory Association (PAA) update - the association is currently on hold due to missing paperwork to the government. Everything has been submitted, with a rush, should be up and running again in the next couple of weeks.

Action Item(s):
(23-Sep-26) Feedback from parents on what they would like to see for a possible parent engagement evening.

4.2. Fundraising Committee Report — Melissa S.

- Walk-a-thon on pause due to the PAA being on hold. Planning has begun. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! A big part of the money we fundraise for isn't just for the events we hold a lot goes towards classroom consumables, going back to the teachers, students and classrooms.
- Stock the staffroom event - we started the school year off for the staff room, snacks, coffee, additional microwave, a way we can appreciate the staff to start the year.

4.3. Yearbook Committee Report — Melissa S.

- Yearbooks are delayed this year (around Christmas time). There were some issues with the portraits coming in. We ordered 218 books to secure the price, 196 have been purchased.

- Committee members are - Lindsay DeLeon, Sharlene Yu, Camille Mella
- This years books will be the same number of pages as last year, but a 5% inflation cost as per Jostens
- Currently choosing the cover/theme

Action Item(s):
(23-Sep-26) Draft an email to send to families with and update on the status of the yearbooks, including a link to order while quantities last

4.4. Hot Lunch Committee Report — Jamie H.

- Healthy Hunger - all lunches are set up online (10).
- The first hot lunch is this Friday, Sept 25. Volunteers are always welcome to come help sort and deliver lunch (11:40 am arrival).
- Healthy hunger is a fundraiser, we don't mark up the prices very much, but we do make some money from it.
- Please remind teachers to make sure names are on the desks for our volunteers.

5. Standing Business

5.1. Administrator Report — Jennifer D.

- Discussed the role of School Council Meetings, board and school admin, initiatives and a video was shown.
- Resources on school website under School Council - Alberta School Council resource guide, school councils regulations and division administrative procedure 110 and meeting minutes
- School division theme for the next 3 years is "Rooted in Joy".
- Introduced the Division Education Plan (2026-2029) - information can be found online
- 689 students currently registered (operating beyond our capacity). Division is looking at different scenarios that could take place over the next while.
- Portables are coming, but no dates are confirmed yet.
- Emergency preparedness plans being practiced with the staff and students. This Friday will be our first lockdown drill.
- Communication with parents - policy of first contact, student agenda & monthly newsletters, website, etc.
- National Truth & Reconciliation Day - no school Sept 30, orange shirt day will be recognized on Sept 29 (a video was shown).

5.2. Calendar of Events — Beth P.

September 2026	Class	Event	Venue
2, Wednesday	Grades 1-6	First Day of School	
15, Tuesday	All Classes	School Opening Celebration	Gym
16, Wednesday	4D	City Hall Visit	Homeroom
16, Wednesday	Parents	Curriculum Evening	Gym/Homerooms
21, Monday	Gr. 3-6	Elem. Cross Country Run	Rundle Park
22, Tuesday	5B	Ice School Visit	Homeroom
23, Wednesday	Parents	School Council Meeting	Gym
24, Thursday	All 6s	Immunization Session	Homerooms
25, Friday	All	Hot Lunch (Panago)	Homerooms
28, Monday	All Classes	Terry Fox Run	Gym/Field
28, Monday	4C	Science In-School Workshop	Homeroom
29, Tuesday	4A	Science In-School Workshop	Homeroom
25 - 29	All Classes	Truth and Reconciliation Week	School
29, Tuesday	All Classes	Orange Shirt Day	School
30, Wednesday	No School	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	

October 2026	Class	Event	Venue
5 - 9	All	Read-In Week	
5, Monday	4D	City Hall School Visit	Homeroom
6, Tuesday	4D	Science In-School Workshop	Homeroom
7, Wednesday	4B	Science In-School Workshop	Homeroom
9, Friday	All	Thanksgiving Mass	Good Shepherd Church
12, Monday	No School	Thanksgiving	
16-27	All	Stumble Gymnastics	Gym
19	All	No School - Referendum	
21, Wednesday	4C	Field Trip	Fort Heritage
21, Wednesday	Parents	School Council Meeting	Staff Room
23, Friday	All	Hot Lunch (Tim Horton's)	
29	All	No School - Staff PD	

6. New Business

6.1. Virtual meetings for the upcoming school year — Cindy

The option to add the ability to add a virtual link so it provides for options for families to attend

Action Item(s):
(23-Sep-26) School council will work with admin to make this an option moving forward for meetings

6.2. School Council communication channels — Cindy

- Remember that you can find out information re: school council - emails communicated and sent from school sometimes, we also have social media that we keep up to date. Facebook, instagram & email.
- All information is usually around events, calls for volunteers, etc.
- Open to feedback, we work very collaboratively.

7. Announcements and Reminders

The next Board Meeting is October 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Good Shepherd School.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.
Agenda Compiled by Shannon McLachlan. This agenda is subject to approval at the next board meeting.