

Good Shepherd Catholic School
School Council Meeting
2024-2025



Wednesday, February 19, 2025

7:02 PM

- 1) Call to Order S. McLachlan
 - a. Introduction of Guests & Executive Members
 - a. Debbie Engle - Trustee
 - b. Verification of Quorum – Yes
 - a. Jennifer Dimas
 - b. Pechais Larbe
 - c. Judianne Walls
 - d. Melissa Stoklosa
 - e. Shannon Maclachlan
 - f. Samantha Tauro
- 2) Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement J. Dimas
- 3) Approval of Agenda S. McLachlan
 - Melissa -- Motion to approve February 2025 agenda
 - Judiane -- 2nd motion to approve February 2025 agenda
 - Motion passed
- 4) Approval of Previous Minutes S. McLachlan
 - Motion to approve January 2025 minutes
 - Samantha 0 2nd to approve January 2025 minutes
 - Motion passed
- 5) Reports S. McLachlan Committee Members
 - a. Executive Report J. Hautmann
 - School Council engagement grant -- \$500
 - Committee will brainstorm and bring ideas to council on ways to spend the money
 - Have until August to spend the money
 - b. Committee Reports
 - Yearbook
 - i. Link to Google Drive will be shared to upload videos
 - ii. Will drop off hard drive to admin for school to upload
 - Hot Lunch
 - i. Edo Hot lunch this Friday
 - ii. Colunteers needed – However, leadership team will be happy to help as well. A great opportunity for our team to take responsibilities and support our GS family
- 6) Standing Business J. Dimas
B. Pecson
 - a. Administrator Report
 - Valentine's Day Dance

- Well run and the students, staff had an amazing time
- 6pm – Board of Trustee School Council Meeting
 - Great sessions for school council
 - Sign up for sessions
 - Shannon will look to see if she can come and what
- Wed March 12 KAB– 13 K-6 – Student Led Conference
 - Conference Manager App to sign up
 - Sign up on Feb 24 App will open
 - Families must register before they use the app
- 2025/2026 Registration for Good Shep is open
 - Projecting to have 3 ½ day kingergaten
 - We already have double the registration from last year at this time.
 - We are only accepting students in our catchmen catholic students area for all K-6 grades
- Division made a request on behalf of Good Shepherd for 2 new portables. We will find out in spring 2025.
- School Supply pre – order packages will be available for late April early May and will be sent out via email and on the website

b. Calendar of Events

- February – Random Acts of Kindness Week Feb 17-20
- Feb 20 – Hot Lunch
- Feb 26 – Staff Faith Day – No School
- Feb 27-28 – Teacher Conventions – No School
- Feb 25 – Pink Shirt Day
- March 4 – Shrove Tuesday
- March 4 – Ash Wednesday – Liturgy in gym
- March 12-13 Student Led Conferences and Book Fair
- March 14 – Hot Lunch and school spirit day

School Plan for Continuous Growth

- February

Debbie Engle – Brought Gifts for Parent council

- Thank you for volunteering for your time to support Good Shepherd community
- Shared Provincial Advocacy for 2024-25
- We are growing and we do not have the infrastructure
- Goal – The School Act – has structure for how school both public and catholic accept and deliver education to families in alberta
- Charter schools are 100% funded
- Funding for special needs schools is 20 years old and it is not supporting our students with diverse needs
- We are short funded compared to all provinces. We are 1 billion short. 20% lower compared to other provinces

- Charters schools are starting to pop up in Edmonton
- Weighted moving average – province doesn't pay for students who come in the middle of the year
 - Feb 27th --- we may see this change when the new budget forward
- We may need to engage parents to bring forward these concerns
- Teacher shortage – teachers are over worked and run down
- Classes are too high – 43 students in high school and 32 in Kindergarten
- Schools are constantly short substitutes and administrators are having to fill in
- Hope Springs Eternal
 - Looking forward to new budget
 - Lobby with divisions to help bring in new prospective teachers
 - Recognizing teacher burnout
 - Recognizing that schools need support

7) New Business

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- Parking

- IT is going better
- Windows have been removed
- Alley is an issue
- Announcements from Mrs. Dimas to let the students know about safe parking
- Student leadership made a safety committee to create a presentation to share with students parking and walking safety tips
- Maybe we can share highlights on Instagram and Facebook
- Debbie Engle --- Shared that this has been an issue from the beginning of the school opening – With high registrations – There are always bigger parking concerns
- Jennifer made a Parking Flyer to send home to all families and it will be sent home via email
- Tent signs will be created and will be put at the entrance of the Alley
- We cannot place signs on public property
- Concerns about parking on bus stop and crosswalk areas
- Tent sign in the front area for Bus Zone, one for AM and PM
- No Access Bus Only Peak Zone : Front Turn Around
 - 8:30 – 8:50am and 3:20 – 3:40pm
- Supervision begins at 8:35am
- Admin will continue to be present and try to help students make safe choices and let the families know how we want to create and instill safety practices in our students
- Staff and families have seen some near misses of students who have almost been hit by vehicles

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- 8) Next Meeting
 - March 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM

S. McLachlan

- 9) Adjournment – 7:51PM

S. McLachlan