



**Good Shepherd Catholic School
School Council Meeting
2023-2024**

Wednesday, September 25th, 2024
7:19 PM

Gymnasium

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| 1) Call to Order | C. Wilhelm |
| a. Introduction of Guests & Executive Members | |
| b. Verification of Quorum – YES | |
| • Jennifer Dimas | |
| • Beth Pecson | |
| • Andrea Simon | |
| • Lynn Gagnon | |
| • Kristy McCoy | |
| • Melisa Stolka | |
| • Judianne Walls | |
| • Shannon McLachlan | |
| • Cindy Wilhelm | |
| • Pechias Larbe | |
| • Samantha Michelle Tauro | |
| • Karla Wilcox | |
| • Mirju Parks | |
| • Ruta Amdemichael | |
| • Darine Maukhaiber | |
| 2) Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement | J. Dimas |
| 3) Review Agenda | C. Wilhelm |
| 4) Review Previous Minutes | C. Wilhelm |
| - May 2024 Meeting Minutes | |
| - Andrea - Motion to pass May 2024 Minutes | |
| - Darine - 2 nd Motion to pass May 2024 Minutes | |
| - Motion passed | |
| 5) Reports | |
| a. Executive Report | C. Wilhelm |
| • Applied for the ASCA funding for access for resources to help get parents involved in students learning and parent engagement | P. Larbe |
| | Committee Members |
| | J. Hautmann |

- Support ways to help school council collaborate and engage with administration and helps council give back to the community in positive and productive ways
- b. School Council Financial Report
 - General Account - \$15 765.20
 - i. \$1700 for Get the Scoop was allocated and only \$1582.03 was spent
 - Casino Account - \$83 371.56

c. Committee Reports

- Fundraising
 - Nothing to report
- Yearbook
 - All the yearbooks went out
 - 10 books left at the office of 2023/24
 - Teachers and the school take many photos
 - Jennifer will be leading the student leadership this year and taking and organizing pictures of events is part of this committee
- Hot Lunch
 - Dates are set for year
 - The hot lunches for the first 3 months are in Healthy Hunger
 - The rest of the dates will be uploaded once the portables and new classes are created in November if the portables and classes are created
 - Parent Council is always looking for parent volunteers on Hot Lunch days – Arrive by 11:45 to help deliver
 - Darine asked – Is there a way for school council to help and support students or families who are unable to participate in council
 - Last year school council held a school wide pizza lunch with the fundraising money raised through the Healthy Hunger

6) Standing Business

a. Administrator Report

- School Council Resource Guide loaded on the school [website \(https://goodshepherd.ecsd.net/ \)](https://goodshepherd.ecsd.net/)
- If there is an item you would like addressed at school council – send request to School Council Chair 1 week before meeting
- Agenda will be set in coordination with Administration
- Meetings will occur at 7pm
- School Council is an advisory role
- Any community members are allowed to be in an advisory role
- The school council functions collaborate with principal to ensure that they are accessible and beneficial for all students

J. Dimas

B. Pecson

- Division School Policy are all on the website
- Video showed from ASCA for Effective School Council
- Great advice for all roles in School Council!
- Visit ASCA [Website](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/effective-school-councils) for details of Effective School Councils
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Division Theme – People of Hope

- This theme will be permeated throughout the whole year and activities
- School Mission, Vision and Charism can be found on our school [website](#)
- Extensive work on the Schools Plan for Continuous Growth.
- The schools goals align with the divisions goals and include strategies that are set in place to achieve these goals
- Thursday afternoons the teachers and staff will work towards achieving the teachers own goals

Current Student Enrollment – 566. Overcapacity!

- Our 4 new portables will be placed as additional learning spaces
- Should be in place by end of November
- They rooms will be configured with Smartboards, technology ASAP
- New classes will be create and there will be new class lists created in November to be moved into these new spaces
- Emergencies Procedure are being practiced and an email will be sent to notify parents how they drills have worked and occurred in the school

Communication Policy

- Policy of First contact – connect with the individual who you have the concern with – If you are not satisfied with outcome, reach out to Admin to help work towards a positive conflict resolution with all involved
- Student Agenda – Communication between home and class
- Monthly Newsletters, Instagram, [Website](#),

Truth and Reconciliation --

- Sept 27th School will be honoring Orange Shirt Day to help students and staff work toward truth and reconciliation. The teachers have been working on reading indigenous stories, talking and activities with students to help everyone understand and learn about truth and reconciliation.

b. Calendar of Events

October	Class	Event	Venue
2, Wed		Custodian Appreciation Day	

2, Wed	4/5	Field Trip	Fort Saskatchewan Precinct (Program: Connections to the Law)
3, Thurs	Grade 5	YRCA Library Presentation	Library
4, Friday	All classes	Picture Day	Gym
4, Friday		World Teacher Day	
7, Mon	Grade 6's with consent forms	Immunizations	Staff Room
7-11	All Classes	Read-in Week	School
11, Friday	All classes	Thanksgiving Mass	Church
14, Mon	All Classes	Thanksgiving	No school
15, Tues 18, Friday	5A and 5B	Virtual Computer Science Skill Week with TELUS World of Science	
19 - 25	All Classes	Catholic Education Week	
22, Tues	4-6 AM K-3 PM	Walk-a-thon	School Field
25, Friday	Kindergarten	Teacher's Pet – I am Unique Workshop	School
25, Friday	All Classes	Hot Lunch	School
30, Wed	Parents	School Council Meeting	Staff Room

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| 7) New Business
- None | C. Wilhelm |
| 8) Next Meeting
- October 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM | C. Wilhelm |
| 9) Adjournment – 7:57PM | C. Wilhelm |