

Children of St. Martha Elementary School Council

MEETING MINUTES

In Person (School Library) and Remote Meeting via Google Meet, October 19^t, 2022 at 6:00pm

*Attendees: Lindsay Spadavecchia, Jennifer O'Neill, Jessica Herbst, Shannon Collier,
Janet Clamp, Sandra Cormican, Dave Lanz*

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Opening Prayer
2. Review of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes for previous meeting – June 15th, 2022
Motion to approve the minutes for the June 15th, 2022 meeting as presented.
1st- Jen O'Neill, 2nd – Jessica Herbst, approved by all.
4. Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (*Appendix A*)
 - Discussion around rollout of new tool Spaces
 - b. Teacher's Report (*Appendix B*)
 - Christmas Concert Dec7th-matinee and evening shows
 - c. Associate Principal/Religious Education Report (*Appendix C*)
 - *sacrament preparation underway*
 - d. Trustee's Report (Sept. 28th, 2022: [Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Board Meeting Brief](#))
 - new \$500 grant to use this year (question: can we still use old \$500?)
 - workshops for school councils
 - students receiving sacraments will go to holy spirit stars
 - e. School Council 2021-2022 Financial Report (*Appendix D*)
 - Lindsay will email question about use of old \$500 grant
 - Lindsay will contact Cathy Kortt to update financial report to roll over for new school year
5. Old Business
 - a. Spend of Read-a-Thon funds on tablets/books; what money needs to be set aside/earmarked for the purchase?
Confirm former motion to release funds of school council for purchase of ipad/tablet (estimated cost between \$600-700). All agree.

6. New Business

a. Motion for \$500 to be provided by School Council to support book purchases for the Read With Us program – 1st Jennifer, 2nd David, approved by all.

b. Fall family evening October 28th – BINGO night

- Lindsay will get prizes for the prize table. It will be an open prize table and any leftover prizes will be donated to the school for other events (ex. Bucket filler, assemblies, Bingo, etc.) to be used at the staff's discretion.

- We will run small concession. Will need volunteers to help with the concession. Jen and Lindsay will work on concession supplies.

- Need to select Bingo caller for the evening. School has bingo cards for the event.

Bingo cards- are at the school

concession supplies – Lindsay and Jen

Funds raised by concession to cover costs of the event. Any costs not covered will come out of a motion in a future meeting.

c. Coordinators/volunteers needed for the following:

- Coffee fundraiser with Cupper's coffee (late October, early Nov)

- possible Jessica?

- Purdy's fundraiser for late November (delivery in December)

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- Turkey dinner

- Jen lead

- sponsor a turkey

- 14 or 15th of December

- Hot lunch program

- next year 2023

7. Adjourn – next meeting will be Wednesday, November 16th, 2022

The Children of St. Martha Pow Wow:

Thank you to Ms. Christina Fox Iksisaanoowa for all of her planning and organization of our Fall Pow Wow. It was an absolute blessing to gather once again & celebrate while bringing our community together. Being given a Blackfoot name by our Elders, Peter Strikes with a Gun Piitai'payi & Jeannie Provost Kaimis Kim'aki is a blessing that will be forever treasured and celebrated at CSM.

The Children of St. Martha Naatoowootak'oyis - "Holy Spirit Lodge"

I would also like to send our gratitude to Holy Spirit Trustee, Mrs. Tricia Doherty and our School Council Chair, Mrs. Lindsay Spadavecchia for joining us in the Grand Entry and being present for this very special ceremony.

Professional Learning Days:

School PD Day: Tuesday, October 11th, 2022

Mrs. Joanne Collier, Holy Spirit Learning Coach, led our sessions in the morning for our October professional learning. Staff were introduced and explored ways in which they could implement the new math fluency kits that we have recently purchased for the school. The afternoon was used for teachers to meet in their Collaborative Response groups for meetings.

Division Collaborative Day: Monday, October 24th, 2022

Our upcoming Division Pd Day is on Monday, October 24th, 2022. Teachers will have agency to choose which professional learning goals they would like to work on for this Division wide Collaboration Day. They will also be given the opportunity to reach out and connect with colleagues from across the district on this day. A variety of facilitated sessions are scheduled at CCHS main campus as well as throughout the division.

Collaborative Response:

Holy Spirit School Division works with Kurtis & Lorna Hewson from Jigsaw Learning

What is Collaborative Response?

A system-wide framework that values collaborative, action-focused responses, data-informed discussions, and timely support to support our students.

Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.jigsawlearning.ca/what-we-do/collaborative-response>

Spaces Assessment Learning Platform:

The reporting tool that will be used this school year is called SPACES. Spaces is an interactive assessment app. that allows students to capture their learning and reflect on growth, anytime and anywhere. Spaces will give parents a window into their child's classroom as well as their learning journey. As our staff and students are new to this platform, we will all be learning to make the most of this communication and

reporting tool throughout the year. Parent engagement will be very important to ensure success with Spaces at our school. This online platform will be opened up to parents by the start of November. In this platform, samples of student work and ongoing communication with parents will be used while reporting student learning outcomes. Paper copies of progress reports will not be given out in November, March, and June. Instead, the opportunity for parents to be part of the ongoing learning of their child will be offered through this online portal and parents will receive an invite from their child's teacher.

Appendix B – October 2022 Teacher Report provided by Mrs. Sandra Cormican

1. Classroom Updates: All classes have been busy establishing routines, building community, and learning. Here are some highlights:

- Kindergarten - The children in Mrs. Cormican's Kindergarten are enjoying exploring the school grounds, as well as the surrounding area, with their Discovery Wagon and during their Wednesday Walks. Both Kindergarten classes have a "Spectacular Science" in-class presentation booked through Destination Exploration (University of Lethbridge) on November 17, 2022.
- 1/2 Wallace - Miss Wallace is using a new phonics program (developed by Tara West) with her students and they have been experiencing great success as growing readers.
- 1/2 Maier - The students in Mrs. Maier's class are having fun exploring building structures with different types of materials in their Science classes.
- 2/3 Huff - The students in Mr. Huff's class are learning the value of coins in Math and learning about the Earth in Science.
- 3/4 Snopek & Comchi- The students in these two classes made crystals in Science. They experienced great success and Mrs. Snopek says that these were the best crystals that she has seen made in her class.
- Grade 5 - Mrs. Wilson and the Grade 5 students are looking forward to their virtual field trip to The Bank of Canada Museum in Ottawa on October 19. This fits in with the money and budgeting learner outcomes in the new Wellness curriculum.
- Grade 6 - Miss Boras and the Grade 6 students have been spending time over at Nicholas Sheran Park for their Trees & Forest unit in Science. Miss Boras has tentatively booked the Grade 6 outdoor camp for May 29-31, 2023 at SABC.

2. Special Events/Activities:

- We had a "gobbling" good time during our Turkey Trot around Nicholas Sheran on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Staff and students gathered in their colour teams to walk/run around the lake wearing turkey hats and gobbling. This was a fun way to show gratitude for all that we have and a wonderful opportunity to gather as a school community before the long weekend.
- The Christmas Committee has met and started planning the Christmas concert, which is scheduled for December 7, 2022.
- The Read with Us committee is in the process of finalizing the book choice for this year. They would like to ask the School Council for a donation of \$500 to contribute towards the purchasing of books. This would be added to the money raised through the Old Dutch Chip fundraiser.

- Old Dutch Chip orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, October 21, 2022.
- The volleyball teams have started practicing! They will be alternating between lunchtime and after-school practices. Thank-you to Mrs. Clamp and Mr. Comchi for coaching the students. The CSM volleyball teams will be participating in Volleyball Jamborees on October 21, 2022 and November 18, 2022.
- On Monday, October 31, 2022 we will have our “Dress-Up for Halloween” day! There will also be Faith-in-Action assembly that day.

Liturgical Celebrations and Parish Connection

- **October - Adoration in the school
- **October - Weekly masses begin (2-3 classes will be assigned each week)

Janet is working with Father to find dates that work.

- Wednesday - November 9th - Remembrance Day Liturgy - 9:30am
- Advent begins November 27th

Faith Theme. This year is the start of a new three-year Faith Theme. Arise! Pilgrims of Hope. The title for this year is Arise! and the Faith Focus is God is in Our Hearts. We will focus on looking inward as we grow in faith and learn about the Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Fruits of the Spirit. The full Faith Theme and faith inventory will be presented at a future school council meeting.

Sacraments. Zachary needed to postpone his time at the school in September and we are hoping to reschedule soon and find out more about Sacramental preparation, including school retreats - and how the school could support or be involved. The first reconciliation courses have started already, and confirmation will be starting in November.

Religious Education. The school will continue using the Growing in Faith Growing in Christ resource for all Religious Education grades 1 to 6. The Fully Alive resource à Catholic approved resource for teaching Health will also now be fully implemented for grades 1 to 6.

Friday Gospel. Each Friday the students will gather in the gym first thing after the bell and until 9:15. During this time we read and discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel to help students be prepared to hear the Gospel and maybe even find the message in the Homily at mass. We also learn about parts of the mass, common prayers, dive deeper into our Faith Theme, talk about our Faith in Action themes and discuss things we are grateful for. We are thankful to spend this time as a community.

Appendix D – October 2022 School Council Financial Report

School Council Categories at CSM, as of September 31, 2022					
School Council Hot Lunch					
		Expense	Net Proceeds		
Total-School Council Hot Lunch			No activity this year		
School Council Class Supplies					
			No activity this year		
School Council ELP					
			No activity this year		
School Council Engagement					
Alberta School Council Engagement			(Not this one)		500
School Council School Activities Fundraising					
				Opening Balance	1827.28
		Expense	Net Proceeds		
Total- School Council School Activities Fundraising					1827.28
Total of all School Council Categories (excluding SC Engagement- external fund)					1827.28