

Children of St. Martha Elementary School Council

MEETING MINUTES

In Person (School Library) and Remote Meeting via Google Meet, November 16th, 2022 at 6:00pm

Attendees: Lindsay Spadavecchia, Jennifer O'Neill, Jessica Herbst, Shannon Collier,

Sandra Cormican, Dave Lanz, Tricia Doherty

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Opening Prayer
2. Introductions and Review of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes for previous meeting – October 19, 2022 Motion to approve the minutes for the October 19, 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 Dec 7th-matinee and evening shows
 - c. Associate Principal/Religious Education Report (Appendix C) – Janet not present for report but sacrament preparation underway
 - d. Trustee's Report (Sept. 28th, 2022: Holy Spirit Catholic Schools Board Meeting Brief) -
new \$500 grant to use this year; confirmed by Tricia and Lisa that we are allowed to roll over the \$500 from last year with the new \$500. Total \$1000 must be spent this year on things like workshops for school councils -
students receiving sacraments will go to holy spirit stars
 - d. Financial report (Appendix C) – iPad cost has come out from previous year commitment.
5. Old Business
 - a. \$500 School Council Engagement Grant – status of last year's funds and new funds for 2022-2023 school year confirmed, \$1000 available to spend. Need to look into options on what to spend on.
 - b. Bingo Night Update – date moved to November 25th. Prizes and slides ready for event.
 - c. Winter Fundraiser Update – Cuppers and Purdy's underway. Both will support Turkey Dinner costs.
 - d. Turkey Dinner Update – Prime Catering will be catering. Event confirmed for December 14th and invites sent out.
6. New Business
 - a. Reschedule December movie night into the new year, possibly Feb 10th? Should look at it in new year.
7. Adjourn – next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18th, 2023

Spaces Assessment Learning Platform:

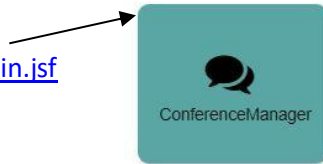
Teachers opened the platform and invited parents to begin the process of signing into the learning platform on Tuesday, November 15th, 2022. As the SPACES platform is opened up, teachers will focus on providing samples of student work and assessments in the following core subject areas: Religion, Language Arts, Math, Social and Science. Plans are also underway to provide question and answer opportunities for parents once we have supported the sign-up process.

Parent Teacher Interview Evening: Thursday, December 1st, 2022 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

We will be hosting our first parent teacher interview evening for the 2022/2023 school year on December 1st, 2022. Parents will be able to sign up through the main office or online through our school website using conference manager. The front office staff will open the online booking system a week prior to interviews.

<https://csm.holyspirit.ab.ca/>

<https://stmartha-leth.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf>



Professional Learning Day:

School PD Day: Friday, December 2nd, 2022

On this day, staff will take part in Collaborative Response meetings as well as spend time collaborating with a focus on implementation of SPACES assessment platform.

Christmas Concert Update: Wednesday December 7th, 2022 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

There will be an **afternoon** performance at **1:00 pm** and an **evening** performance at **6:30 pm**. The concert will be faith based with Gospel readings and carols. A letter will be sent home in the coming week outlining the colour theme for each homeroom class. All staff will take part in assisting with the concert. We would like to thank our Christmas Concert committee of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Snopek, Mrs. Hungrywolf, Miss Boras, Mrs. Cormican and chair, Mrs. Scott-Perry for their organization and work preparing for this very special evening.

Dedicated & Hard-Working Students: Desk of the Superintendent

Congratulations to the following students on receiving a special letter from Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Superintendent, Mr. Ken Sampson. The letters were given to the following students in their homeroom classes.

September: Helena Ferreira

October: King-David Awe, Kynleigh Day Chief and Tamia Bull Bear

1. Classroom Updates:

- **ELP** - The Early Learning children were excited to be the first ones outside after the fresh snowfall! They loved making tracks in the snow!
- **Kindergarten** - Kindergarten will be having their “Spectacular Science” presentation from Destination Exploration (from the University of Lethbridge) on November 17, 2022.
- **Grade ½** - Mrs. Maier’s and Miss Wallace’s classes completed their Identity projects! All children put a lot of thought and effort into these projects. They were so proud to present their completed projects to other classes and their families on November 9 and 10!
- **Grade ¾** - The students in Mr. Huff’s class were excited to study a large collection of rocks last week as part of science class. St. Patrick Fine Arts loaned them a really good collection. Students also brought their own rocks in as a show and tell and studied them under a microscope.
- **Grade ¾** - The ¾ students created suitcases based off of Ms. Christina Fox’s book, 'My Suitcase: Nii Sookayis'. This was a special and meaningful project for the students. The ¾ classes will be going on a field trip to the Helen Schuler Nature Center later this month.
- **Grade 5** - Mrs. Wilson’s class is going for a field trip to the Lethbridge Food Bank on Thursday, November 17 in advance of beginning our school wide Reverse Advent Calendar on Monday, November 28. The Reverse Advent Calendar asks students to consider giving every day of Advent instead of receiving, leading up to Christmas. Each day a food item on a given list is donated at the school, and then on Dec. 22 all the items will be taken to the Food Bank. A letter with the list will be sent home the week of the 21st.
- **Grade 6** - Miss Boras’ class is starting their “Ordinary Heroes” project with Ms. Savage. Students will be asked to reflect on the positive role models in their lives. They will then write a postcard to that person.

2. Special Events/Activities:

- Mrs. Cormican’s Kindergarten class prepared and led the Remembrance Day Liturgy on November 10, 2022. A few of Mrs. Wilson’s Grade 5 students helped out with the readings and the technology. The liturgy focussed on remembering those who fought for peace and freedom, as well as reflecting on how we can bring peace in our daily lives.
- Ms. Christina Fox will be working with all classes to create their own suitcases based on her book “My Suitcase: Nii Sookayis.” Mrs. Snopek’s, Mrs. MacIntosh’s, and Mrs. Maier’s classes have already completed the project which are displayed in the hallway.
- Mrs. Scott-Perry is working with all classes to prepare their songs for the Christmas concert. The Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. There will be an afternoon and evening performance.
- The Read with Us committee has picked a book! Top secret: “The Very, Very Far North” by Dan Bar-El.
- The final Volleyball Jamboree will be on Friday, November 18, 2022. The girls will be playing at St. Paul School and the boys will be playing at St. Patrick’s Fine Arts School. Thank-you to Mr. Comchi and Mrs. Clamp for coaching and to all the team members for their dedication to improving their skills!
- Our next colour team day will be “Stuffie Day” on Friday, November 25, 2022.
- The Grade 6s will be selling ice cream again on Friday, November 25, 2022 for \$1.00. This is to raise funds for their Spring camping trip.
- Mrs. Rodzinyak has organized for the Scholastic Book Fair to be at our school on December 1, 2022 during parent-teacher conferences, as well as Monday, December 5 and the morning of Tuesday, December 6.

Appendix C – November 2022 School Council Financial Report

School Council Categories at CSM, as of November 15, 2022

School Council Hot Lunch						
	Expense	GST Paid	GST Rebate	Net Proceeds	Amount	TOTAL
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	GST Paid	GST Rebate	Net Proceeds	Amount	Total
CSM School Council iPad (with case)	620.06	29.53	20.08		599.98	1227.3
Total of all School Council Categories						1227.3