St. Francis Junior High School Council Chair

Report Monday, 24 November 2025

Our mission is to support and enhance the learning and growth of the students and staff at St. Francis Junior High School to become the best they can become.

The activities we accomplished for the 2024/2025 school year:

- School Council met for regular meetings throughout the school year.
- School Council By-Laws were reviewed and updated.
- Chair and Vice-Chair partook in best practice discussions with Catholic School Board.
- Board members attended boundary reconfiguration engagement.
- School Council paid \$200 towards a banner ad in the All-Saints Parish booklets.
- The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness Agreed to spend School Council Engagement money on three English copies.
- Mamma Mia! Musical CCH School Council sponsored \$50 for brochure.
- School Council discussed parents concerns about late message system with Regan Holt at Holy Spirit School Division. Safe Arrival through school messenger will be put forward in the 2026 budget. If approved, expected to be rolled out for 2026/2027 year.
- \$500 gifted towards 2024/2025 Academic Awards Ceremony
- A staff appreciation lunch was provided to the school
- School Council members partook in Value Scoping Workshop for the potential new school build / modernization.

November School Council Meeting

Monday November 24, 2025

AGM/Meeting 1

Call to order – 5:30 pm – Charmaine Uys

Meeting called at 5:45pm

a. Opening Prayer – Jackie Kraemer

Heavenly Father,

We gather together in Your presence, seeking Your guidance and wisdom as we work to support our St. Francis school community. Bless this council with open hearts and clear minds, that we may listen, collaborate, and make decisions rooted in kindness, respect, and a shared commitment to our students, staff, and families.

Grant us patience and understanding as we discuss and plan, keeping in mind the values of compassion and inclusivity. May our actions reflect Your love and help us create a nurturing and safe environment for all who are part of our school.

Bless our students, teachers, and families, and let our efforts today bring joy, growth, and a sense of togetherness in our community. We ask this in Your name.

Amen.

b. Land Acknowledgement – Jackie Kraemer

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that the land on which we reside is the traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing and caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous Peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our St. Francis community.

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance - Charmaine Uys, Green, Roisin Gibb, Abi Bakenne, Jackie Kraemer, Tricia Doherty

- 3. Approval of Annual General Meeting Agenda approved for the May 2025, Rosin approves, Danielle seconds.
- 4. Chair's Report
- 5. Treasurers Report
- 6. Nominations:

Chair is the same

Vice chair is the same

a. Chair- Chamaine Uys

Charmayne Uys approved, seconded by Rosin Gibb. Met regularly throughout the year, reviewed bylaws, chair & vice chair partook in best practices, boundary participation, purchased anxious generation books in the library, and sponsored the Mama Mia pamphlet. Approached Reagen with the proposal of the delayed callout system - safe arrival, can report late or absences the morning of or in advance. Seeking approval in the upcoming budget. Contributed \$500, staff lunch, participated in value scoping.

- b. Vice-Chair- June Beloin (2nd year of term)
- c. Secretary- Jeanine Sklarenko, Daelynn Takasaki
- d. Treasurer- Danille Lazzaretto-Green
- 7. Adjournment AGM adjourned at 5:55pm

November School Council Meeting

Monday, November 24th, 2025 from 6:00pm-6:30pm

Attendance - Abi Bakenne, Denielle Lazzaretto, Jackie Kraemer, June Beloin, Roisin Gibb, Cassie Skauge, Brody Prete,

- 1. Approval of minutes from May 2025 School Council Meeting.
- 2. Trustees Report Tricia Doherty -

not voting members, takes information back to the board. Would like to be invited. The board will communicate via trustee if there is information they want brought back to schools. On Dec 1 meeting, budget talks, presentation on new faith plan, summary of labour action, Lethbridge received notification of the first Charter school in Lethbridge. Can charge fees but not tuition, can technically deny students depending on the needs of students. They are applying as a classical liberal arts education school, essentially a Catholic school. K-12. Holyspirit offers similar programming - a letter was sent by our Board Chair to indicate the duplication of service.

- 3. Principal's Report (See Below)
- 4. Old Business:
- a. Donation of \$3000 to Awards Night approved by email votes on 9

October 2025

- 5. New Business:
- a. Discuss what the School Council wants to achieve for the new year: we will ask the staff what they think the school needs.
- b. School Council Meeting Dates for 2025/2026

second Tuesday of the month - 6pm - Jan 20, March 10th, May12,

- c. Change signatories on the Council bank account Charmaine will connect with Danielle to get switched over.
- 6. Closing Prayer

Principals Report

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Principals Report

- 1. Staffing Updates:
 - a. 8 new teachers
 - b. advocating for more educational assistants
- 2. Enrollment update
 - a. 720 up 100 students from this time last year and an additional 100 from the year before
 - b. 245 students declared EAL
 - c. 90 Declared FNMI
- 3. Performing Arts of St. Francis
 - a. Cinderella Auditions are underway.
- 4. Athletics
 - a. Volleyball success- thank you to our dedicated coaches
 - b. Many staff coaches
 - c. Basketball has started Practices this week- hosting grade 9 boys zones
- 5. Classroom complexity survey
 - a. submitted on Friday November 21, 2025
- 6. Office Hours/ Parent Teacher Interviews
 - a. Office Hours posted on our website call office to book in.
 - b. next one is March 25, 2025
- 7. School Travel Quebec this year
 - a. LA next year
- 8. AEAM Report will be presented at January meeting
- 9. Value Scoping Update
 - a. staff, students, trustees, senior admin participated in a two day workshop
 - b. proposal sent to board and government



OPENING BALANCE ON SEPTEMBER 01, 2024: \$811.39

TOTAL AMOUNT CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT: \$2,842.00

This consists of school fee payments:

 Check deposit (December 06, 2024): \$2,842.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DEBITED FROM THE ACCOUNT: \$146

Listed below is a breakdown of the debits:

CCH donation: \$50

Bank charges: \$96

Please note, the below are checks issued to be cashed out soon:

Staff appreciation lunch: \$873.30

Academic Awards: \$3,000

CLOSING BALANCE ON AUGUST 31, 2025: \$3,507.39

- 10. Dance Chaperones November 27th, 2024
 a. <u>Sign Up Sheet</u>
 11. Thank you for the awards donation!