

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday March 25th, 2025 @ 7pm

Meeting held online

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/wte-pbpx-nde

Attendance: Michelle Dormer, Selestia Jackson, Colette Lortie, Roisin Gibb, Caryn Swark, Meghan Calder

1. Call to Order and welcome
2. Opening Prayer - Caryn Swark
3. Approval of February meeting minutes:
<https://ola.holyspirit.ab.ca/documents/c970719e-40a1-4885-8524-1560c03da125/February%202025%20minutes.pdf> Approved by Michelle and Selestia
4. School Board Brief: Roisin Gibb - Board Update
<https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/documents/fe6aa059-6cc0-4d3f-9706-80b45c73d788/February%202025%20Board%20Meeting%20Brief.pdf>
 - Working on boundary engagement: Three proposals with dates coming up, same presentation both nights
 - Budget season vice chair and board collaborative meeting to discuss funding: waiting on information and hoping to have a draft budget by end of April, looking to consult in April - will probably try to do through school council mid May (post May 12 preferably)
 - Tariffs - govt is requesting that we try to support Canadian and avoid American products
5. Financial Report:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rV9vAVt4SlcNhQoCqJd23ygSy7g9RiZ1/view?usp=drive_link
 - Approved by all
6. Principal Report:
 - a. Boundary Consultations Mar 27 7:00 at STC and Mar 31 7:00 at FLVT
 - b. Plant orders due April 17
7. Associate Principal Report:

- a. April Calendar
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EYCTIN6d3zfQ7x5BEx9HGPFLB8YTOhhl/view?usp=drive_link
- b. IB update - Verification Visit May 5&6
 - Things going well, staff visited Millarville Community School and felt OLA was well placed in terms of student agency and inquiry
 - More info on verification visit forthcoming
 - Grade 6 student exhibition in June - student led interest based research projects

8. New Business:

- a. Trustee/Chairs meeting overview
 - Deena sent updates on funding priorities from joint meeting: class sizes, EAs, classroom supports, etc. were all high priorities along with mental health supports
 - Note that board does not make the budget, only approves it
 - Mental health often comes through grants not budgets which complicates things: grants are finite and have to be spent a certain way
 - Staff and leadership also highlight these areas as well
 - Would like to have more base funding as opposed to grants
- b. Ideas for what to spend council funds on?
 - \$2500 to spend: subs and freezies or hot dogs for sports day maybe? Field trips? Any ideas?
 - Planning to do a sprinkler day tentatively booked for June 19 PM
 - Sports day not scheduled as of yet - we will get on that and connect
 - Jump Rope for heart is June 12 so there may be an option there too - booster juice maybe? Healthy snacks?
 - Student retreat May 22 - could do subs or lunch that day - could be nice to get a small token for kids for that day too
- c. Hot lunch/Fundraising update:
 - Selestia is searching out a new option and will let Karen know
 - School council was a bit surprised by pizza lunch but Karen specified that it was testing the waters - just need to make sure there isn't conflict with hot lunch; we will wait for school council to choose (usually third Thursday) and try to do two weeks offset
 1. We will do pizza April 10 and hot lunch after the break
 - Spring flower fundraiser was done for the school so the jerky fundraiser will be for grade 6
 1. April 17 last day for plants, will start beef jerky after the break
 2. If we get extra fundraising dollars we could buy sweaters for grade 6 - maybe check if that's worth doing or if we could do something else?

3. Roisin asked about our \$500 school engagement grant - we have not; we used last year's to buy books

a. Lots of schools purchasing books such as the anxious generation to be signed out - could be an idea to build on rather than every year scrambling

d. June hot lunch - hotdogs and ice cream for sports day?

NOTES ON HOW TO SPEND SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT:

Per AB Ed Funding manual examples of parent engagement activities and projects that funds can be used for including:

- workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members;
- information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school;
- parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and wellbeing, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.;
- programs to support multi-cultural and Indigenous families including, Engli (?)

9. Next Meeting:

a. Skip April and look at May:

- May 13 7:00 PM
- Please add budget consultation to the agenda for this meeting and advertise

10. Adjournment: 7:40 PM