

Our Lady of the Assumption School Council
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday January 14th, 2025 @ 7pm

Meeting held online

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/wkk-vcsi-bgr

Attendance:

1. Call to Order and welcome- 7:01 PM. Meghan Calder, Caryn Swark, Roisin Gibb, Colette Lortie, Michelle Dormer, Deena MacWilliam, Cayley Pierzchala
2. Opening Prayer -Meghan
3. Approval of November meeting minutes:
<https://ola.holyspirit.ab.ca/documents/ee82faf3-88b8-4bee-97a4-c6d24c8006de/November%2019%2C%202024%20minutes.pdf>
 - a. Moved to approve by Michelle, seconded by Deena
4. School Board Brief:
<https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/documents/24891c65-af81-4701-b54c-0b2503d5357a/December%202024%20Board%20Meeting%20Brief.pdf>
5. Trustee Update:
 - a. Boundary Engagement
 - Boundary reconfiguration consultation: seeking family, staff, parent input
 - Encourage people to come and provide lots of input as it may have a significant impact
 - Very important that we re-register as early as possible
 - b. New Grace website: www.gracealberta.org

Additions from Meghan:

- Lethbridge principals had some good discussions about programming and boundaries
 - Transportation can be limiting, especially for us: only kids within our catchment. With IB it would be nice to provide further busing for anyone interested in IB programming -- not unheard of in the district. Geographically we don't have much of anywhere to go; already very close to ESM.
 - No questions for Roisin so she offered her email and left the meeting at 7:10 PM
6. Financial Report:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MLU6MobyETCE7NDIZYwwQilZ_Hpd8Gmw/view?usp=drive_link

Passed over for time being

7. Principal Report:

- a. Upcoming boundary details regarding OLA
 - Addressed previously, but providing additional background: very uncommon for Holy Spirit to change boundaries
 - New school being built near Crossings playground
 - West side boundaries are shifting anyway, so goal is to alleviate schools at full capacity and perhaps redirect to
- b. Tentative Feb Calendar -
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1flsRfo_C-KN51_NlztwXbL3LSntdD2y9/view?usp=sharing
 - Quick month, note that International Mother Language Day is Feb 22 (celebrated Feb 25)
 - Basketball, pink shirt day, other key days this month all listed
 - Hot lunch - Selestia absent but had mentioned doing two hot lunches during February (Meghan will reach out)
- c. School Council Engagement - until Aug to spend \$500
 - We received the grant since we spent ours last year
 - Workshops to increase capacity for school council, any parent workshops on important topics, programs to support multicultural and Indigenous families, resources in multiple languages, events to engage parents in issues or promoting arts, trainer or facilitator costs associated with above
 - No meals snack entertainment or food, fundraising, prizes, payment to school board staff, "fun nights," etc. Money can't be used for food but we can provide food from other money at an event paid for by this fund
 - Call for ideas -- Meghan suggested we could also pair with another school

8. Associate Principal Report:

- a. IB Update - Application submitted. Looking to do another information night in the spring to provide further information and engagement for families.
- b.

9. New Business:

- a. Hot lunch/Fundraising update:
 - No hot lunch for Jan
 - Possibly 2 in Feb?
 - Beef Jerky Fundraiser
 - Spring plants - us or school? What is needed? How did school do with poinsettia fundraiser?
 - 1. Wondering if we need to reserve the spring plant fundraiser for grade 6 or school based on how we did with poinsettias?
 - a. We did not do well -- our purchasing power as a community may not be strong? Not sure if we need to do a

massive fundraiser for the school but we certainly could.
Suggest limiting to the two (plants and beef jerky)

- b. Cayley and Deena brought forward a classroom concern. Redirected to meet outside of school council time to discuss the issue.

10. Next Meeting: Feb 11 2025 7:00 PM (does it conflict with board meeting? We can check)

11. Adjournment: 7:35 PM