

Neil M Ross Catholic School | School Council Minutes

DATE: April 29th, 2025 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Staff Room

In Person: Melissa Giroux, Colin Loiselle, Rob Rawcliffe, Jenn Kluthe, Sheri Holik, Joe Becigneul, Leslie Slanisky, Leslie Slanisky, Courtney Haigh, Gena Wozimirsky

Regrets: Becky Prud'homme, Susan Tarling, Brittany Meaver, Gillian Schmidt, Abbey Koehl

1. Call to Order @ 7:01pm
2. Acknowledgement of the Territories
3. Opening Prayer
4. Introductions
5. Good News to Share
6. Additions to the April 2025 Agenda
7. Approval of the April 2025 Agenda
Motion: Courtney Haigh
Second: Jenn Kluthe
8. Approval of March 2025 Meeting Minutes
Motion: Courtney Haigh
Second: Jenn Kluthe
9. 2025/2026 School Council Elections
 - Presented by Colin Loiselle and Rob Rawcliffe
 - Kindergarten Rep:** Abbey Koehl
 - Members at Large:** Sheri Holik & Gena Wozimirsky
 - Secretary:** Position to be Filled
 - Vice Chair:** Courtney Haigh
 - Chair:** Melissa Giroux
 - School Council Committee Chairs:
 - Healthy Hunger/Hot Lunch:** Sheri Holik & Jenn Kluthe
 - Staff Appreciation Week:** Leslie Slanisky
 - Shrove Tuesday:** Jenn Kluthe & Leslie Slanisky
 - Year End BBQ:** Jenn Kluthe & Sheri Holik
 - Experiences for All:** Melissa Giroux
 - Yearbook:** Becky Prud'homme & Claire Dobrski
 - Additional School Council Positions
 - Playground Committee:** Courtney Haigh
 - Holy Family Parish Rep:** Position to be Filled
 - Playground Bins:** Claire Dobrski *(Request for another parent to shadow for the 2025/2026 as that will be Claire's last year)*

10. Fowler Report
 - Bike-A-thon is May 2nd - \$18,000 in total (Glenrose)
 - Grade 9's May 15th Shrek Musical
 - May 21st Fowler's Track and Field Day
 - Last school council meeting is May 22nd @7:30pm (*Thursday instead of Wednesday*)
 - Fowler has been funded grant money for Dare to Care (*students have access to 4 modules and will be doing in the next couple of weeks – including a parents module.*)
 - Grade 7 (Sept 17th - school council elections will occur @6:30pm in the Library)
 - Badminton, Year End Field trips, and getting ready for exams
11. Old Business
 - a. **Staff Appreciation Week (Leslie Slanisky)**
 - \$385 that was donated via cash donations that went towards 'Starbucks Day' (\$205 in total via cash and gift cards).
 - A gift card was also sent to Mrs. Harlton who is on maternity leave.
 - There is \$160 left and Leslie is hoping to do another Starbucks delivery day in future.
 - All other items, food, candy, plates etc. were donated by the parents.
 - b. **School Council ACSA Grant**
 - Speaker May 14th, 2025 at Holy Family @6:30pm – Melissa will follow up with ACSA to see if they have any ideas of what can be done with the remaining amount of money that isn't spent on the speaker.
 - Another email will be sent out to parents leading up to the presentation.
12. Trustee's Report

Board of Trustees Report: April 2025

Our regularly scheduled Board meeting was held on April 28, 2025

Board Business:

The Board reviewed and approved, or accepted, the following Action items:

 - Capital Plan for 2026-2029
 - Policy 17. Public Interest Disclosure
 - Policy 22. Surplus Lands and Buildings
 - New External Auditors appointed through an RFP process.
 - Reviewed School Fees as submitted by all schools through their School Councils.
 - 2 Flag poles added to DSC & will fly Treaty 6 and Metis Flags in addition to Canada and Alberta Flags after consultation with our FNMI committee.
 - ESSMY – Renamed. Dropped Secondaire from the name. Now ESMY.

Board Initiatives:

- Several Trustees attended the ACSTA Symposium here in Edmonton. Guest Speakers included Thomas Cardinal Collins, Hon. Adriana LaGrange. Lots of discussion on elevating Catholic Education through leadership and governance.
- Board Chair Yeomans and Superintendent Moroziuk presented our Capital Plan to City Council.
- Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Superintendent met with Ministers Nicolaides and Nally.
- April 15, ACSTA hosted 40 MLA's and 60 Trustees downtown at a reception / meet and greet session.
- Chair Yeomans and I meet regularly with reps from the city, SAP and Francophone Board in a Joint Advisory Group.
- April 22nd First Board / Student Engagement Meeting. Two representatives from our Jr. Highs and High Schools held a joint session. Amazing group of students.
- First Budget Meeting held yesterday (slight increase, additional envelopes added which designates money as opposed to Board autonomy to spend it).
- Meeting with Legal & Morinville Town Councils held April 1 and last week.
- May 23rd is the Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Awards Banquet. We will attend with our Board Nominee, Brooke Lesoway from Bertha Kennedy Catholic School.
- Joint Meeting with St. Albert City Council / St. Albert Public Trustees and Conseil Centre Norde Francophonie May 15
- Superintendent Evaluation to be finalized May 12.
- ASBA Spring General Meeting June 1-3

The next Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting of the Board is Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Division Services Centre. All Board Meetings are open to the public.

13. Administration Report
 - a. See Attachments.
14. Friends of Neil M. Ross Report
 - Friends account is sitting with a healthy bank balance and only have bibles outstanding currently. *[Colin is still waiting on the invoice.]*
 - Raise a motion as parents to support and pay for half the cost of the bibles of approximately & up to \$1400 for the cost of the 2024/2025 grade 4 Bibles.***
 - School council will approach Friends NMR at next meeting.
 - Motion: Courtney Haigh

Second: Sheri Holik

All in Favor

-Little Ceasars: We did not meet the minimum for free delivery but still made over \$500, opposed to \$700+ from last year.

- Ski Night: We discussed and were all in favor of using our excess profits to aid in a cost recovery for Holy Family School to break even on the event to a maximum of \$363.75. Waiting on Holy Family to send an invoice/documentation to reconcile their shortfall.

-Purdy's: Was not as popular but still made just over \$600

-Benevity – Cenovus \$175. We received a check from Benevity with the understanding that through workplace giving initiatives, someone employed at Cenovus Energy selected Friends of NMR as their non-profit of choice. We are unsure who selected us but are grateful for the initiative and the contribution.

-Growing Smiles: Delivery will be on May 12th. They couldn't confirm delivery time as of yet, but that info will go out closer to, or on delivery day. This fundraiser made over \$600.

-Upcoming Elections: **Date Change** → May 26, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Staff Room. The positions available are as follows:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Directors at Large and General Members.

Please reach out if you are interested or have any questions.

15. Healthy Hunger

-March \$656.54

-April \$1,101.36

-YTD \$6,592.09

-There will be a healthy hunger on Shrove Week as well for the next 2025/2026 school year.

16. Holy Family Parish Update

-May 4th Grade 2 Communion taking place.

-May 4th K of C pancake breakfast served after 9am and 11am masses.

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs and hash browns.

Breakfast is free but donations are accepted.

-May 10th Parish clean up. Clean up of the Parish grounds will begin after 9am mass. Sign up sheets available to either sign up to clean, or bring food to feed the volunteers.

- May 24th, Discernment Conference (9:30am – 4:30pm) the Discernment Conference (also called Listen) is for people who would like to come and actively participate in discernment practices to help them discern now and in the future.

-Ongoing reminder: Saints in Training – Grades 1-9 Fridays at 4:30pm to

5:30pm

-Angel Choir at Holy Parish Family youth Choir for Grades 2-12

17. Yearbook Update
 - 176 yearbooks sold to date
18. New Business
 - a. School Council Meeting Dates for 2025-2026
 - Dates are noted in the Administration Report
 - b. School Council Year End Social Event
 - May 27th is the last School Council Meeting: Have at private room at BP's
 - c. Education Foundation – -Scholarships and Golf Tournament
 - Golf Tournament: Friday June 6, 2025 in Cardiff
 - \$150/golfer (so price has gone down from last year), the money typically goes to the future's fund (applications that come in for projects or items for the schools)
 - There are 4 junior high school scholarships (grade 9) and 1 for high school (grade 12). Last year's tournament profits were approximately \$10,000.
 - Courtney Haigh will ask administration to put information about the golf tournament in another newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:18pm

Next School Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 27th, 2025 at 7pm

Boston Pizza & Virtual Link

Attachments

12.a. Administration Report



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Admin Report for NMR School Council Meeting Apr. 29/2025

FAITH NEWS

- Lent
 - Our school raised just under \$1500 for the Catholic Social Services Care-A-Van Project (Popcorn for a Purpose, Wine Survivor)

- *New* The Way of the Cross Tableau on Holy Thursday was a powerful and prayerful presentation
- Easter Liturgy was on Friday, April 25, at the school.
- May is the Month of Mary
 - Living Rosary on Monday, May 5 at 11am
 - We will be saying the Hail Mary at weekly assemblies this coming month instead of the Our Father to Honour Mary.

ACADEMIC NEWS

- Our registrations are up for next year! We are currently projected to have approx. 450
- We were excited to host Adrian LaChance and Running Thunder - Cree Drummers, singers and dancers last week (April 22, 2025)
- Elder Terry Newborn will be visiting our school for a presentation on Smudging. May 13 @ 11am

Extracurricular

- 162 participants from Neil M Ross have signed up to participate in this weekend's Run Wild Fun Run.
- NMR Track and Field Day (gr. 4-6) May 30

FEEDBACK

- We would like to have Friends of Neil M Ross continue to pay for half of our student Bibles on an ongoing basis each year. The cost of the Bibles will fluctuate each school year based on student enrollment. This year's cost to the school is approximately \$1350.
- Proposed Council Meeting Dates for 2025-2026
 - September 16
 - October 28
 - November 25
 - December - No Meeting
 - January 20
 - February 24
 - March 24
 - April 21
 - May 26
 - June - No Meeting
- Please feel free to email or call Colin or Rob if you have any additional questions or would like to provide us with feedback on any of our school-related items. We would love to hear from you!
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