



## **School Council Agenda November 19th 2024**

Christ the King School - Library

**Chair:** Agatha Lesage

**Recorder:** Mandy Rantucci

**Trustee:** Dawn Miller Jolyne DeMarco

**Student Council Rep:** Jerome Jacob, Jayden Trinh, Ryvan Trinh (not in attendance)

**Attendance:** Dean Heck, Mandy Rantucci, Agatha Lesage, Jolyne DeMarco, Siebe Haalstra, Wendy Bendoritis, Nadine Schmidt, Olusola Adebisi

### **Opening Prayer: (Dean)**

Dear Lord,

You have called us together as your servants and members of the Christ the King School Council to do your call.

Grant us the light of your Spirit and guide us in our united mission.

You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and may we use the gifts in our leadership.

May we;

Work together in harmony and dialogue,

Listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect,

Encourage and reverence one another's unique talents,

Approach our consensus through discernment and prayer,

Respond effectively to the needs of the children in Christ the King School and St. Michaels parish community.

And may we work in a new spirit of service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,

The Light of the World

Amen

### **Treaty Acknowledgement: (Mandy)**

We respectfully acknowledge that Christ the King School is located on Treaty 6 territory and traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people whose footsteps have marked this territory for centuries. All of us who live and work here benefit from the signing of this Treaty and have a responsibility to ensure that the spirit of Treaty 6 is honoured and respected.

### **Information Items:**

- School Report (Mr. Heck)
- Volleyball has ended and now we are onto Basketball. We are still looking for one coach for the senior boys basketball team. Senior Girls did very well as did the grade 9 girls.
- We will be looking for feedback from parents and school council on any potential improvements or needs in programming
- Our student numbers need to be submitted by the end of December for the next year. (this is very difficult to predict but funding is based on those number)
- We had an excellent remembrance Day ceremony and had a lot of parents and guests attend
- Awards night was a huge success - always looking for ways that we can improve it. Donations are always welcome.
- SRC - Student council has been very active and has been doing a lot of initiatives in the school. Their goal has been to get students actively involved in school activities and pride. They have had things like lunch fundraiser, Wednesday Rosary club
- We have 2 students Jerome Jacobs and Julia Keller who are on the Archbishops Council. The purpose of the group is to meet and discuss issues that students are facing in Catholic Schools. Their first meeting November 12th.( report from Jerome on this council is at the end of this agenda)
- We had an opportunity at the last minute to secure the services of NET Canada (National Evangelization Team) to provide a retreat for our grade 9's. It was successful and the kids enjoyed this event.

### **Upcoming events (Ms. Rantucci)**

- Our Feast of Christ the King Liturgy of the Word and Feast is on Thursday November 21st
- Saturday 5:00 mass CTK will be doing all ministries at mass. We then have a school staff gathering with families after mass.
- NET team grade 9 Retreat today! Success!
- Parent Teacher Interviews - Nov. 28
- Basketball tryouts / still looking for a Sr. Boys Coach
- Dec 2 PD Day
- Last day of classes is Dec 20 / return on Jan 6
- Purdy's/Stawnechy's fundraiser for travel club
- SRC discount cards are selling
- Field trip to Night Before Christmas Ballet on Dec 12 (pending bus)
- Starting an engagement session with students from Beaumont

### **Student Council**

These events fostered school spirit and strengthened community bonds, we were able to represent our student body in a meaningful way!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Rosary Club**

- **Board Report: Enclosed**

### New Business

- Catholic School values - adding initiatives into the School to help with growing concern of vaping.

School council dates (third Tuesday of the month)

- January 21st                      6:00
- March 18th                        6:00
- May 20th                          6:00

### **Archbishop Council Letter from CTK Student**

**Hello,**

**It truly was an honour to be allowed to represent our school division at the Archbishop Student Advisory Council! I am writing to inform all of you about exactly what was discussed/achieved and how the council is moving forward:**

**-We started off the day with a tour & liturgy of the word (there were about 11 students in person and 6 students via zoom call—there were students from all around the area of the Archdiocese).**

**-We then had a deep/detailed conversation (for about 2-ish hours) with Archbishop Smith with the objectives about “why do student voices matter especially regarding the topic of Catholic Schools—and how we can give our input with matters of implementing faith”**

**-We then listened and discussed how other students in other Catholic Schools (all around our Archdiocese) are grasping with issues about “showing/displaying faith”, “not having opportunities to express faith proudly”, “how to invite more young people and get rid of the stigma”**

**-Then the Archbishop lead us through the importance of our faith—especially in an all too secular world (and how as young adults going to higher education and how to resist that culture)**

**-Then I was able to propose an “Catholic Students League” (which seemed to have peaked the interest of many in the room—and the zoom call), it appears that this organization has the ability to bring Catholic Students together to show displays of faith (rosary clubs, mass clubs, Bible study clubs, etc) and allows for a unification for students to discuss/communicate matters of faith, I was pleased to hear this response and the support of Archbishop Smith.**

**-We also discussed “how to plan the next meeting”—> this is exciting as we have the opportunity to discuss matters of science/faith and how they interplay, etc.**

**-We then ended our conversation with praying the “Angelus”**

**-I have left out so much (I cannot recall at the moment) but there was so much insightful dialogue from many students!**

**God Bless,**

**Jerome Jacob (Gr. 12 student)**



## November 2024 Leduc Trustee Report for School Council

Trustee Dawn Miller and Trustee Jolyne De Marco

As we enter November, we embrace a month rich in meaning and remembrance. This time of year invites us to reflect on the lives of those who have gone before us, especially during our celebrations of All Saints' Day and Remembrance Day.

As we remember and honor those who have paved the way for us, may we commit ourselves to fostering a spirit of compassion and service within our school communities. Thank you for your continued dedication and support. Let us pray for the intercession of the saints and for peace in our hearts and our communities.

### October Highlights

- October 2 the Board met to evaluate the 2023-2024 board of trustees
- October 2 the Board were led through an Indigenous Truth & Reconciliation Treaty Activity with Natalie Bear, Indigenous Education Lead, Sacred Heart
- October 4 Trustee Miller, Trustee Taylor-Sirois, Trustee Burke, Trustee Effen, and Assistant Superintendent, Jordan Robinson, attended the Archbishops dinner. Attendees listened to the Archbishop discuss the new Pastoral and Evangelical priorities.
- October 25 Trustee De Marco and Trustee Miller attended the GrACE Summit in Calgary to wrap up Catholic Education Week.
- October 28 the Board, Superintendent Kardynal, and Assistant Superintendent, Peter Rachmistruk, met with parents and parishioners for a consultation evening to discuss if it is viable to add grades 10-12 at Sacred Heart School in Wetaskiwin.
- **Beaumont Advocacy Update:** The City of Beaumont has selected a new joint high school location in the Azur/Lakeview neighborhood for STAR Catholic and Black Gold School Divisions' High School Advocacy. The selected school location will save taxpayer dollars, avoid disruption to the West Recreation site, and address the needs of the community's student population.

### September Highlights

- The Board received a presentation on the impact of the new transportation model
- The Board and senior administration met with the Minister of Education virtually on October 3rd to discuss advocacy for a Catholic High school in Beaumont
- STAR continues to see growth in student enrollment across the division. Currently

enrollment is up by 130 students over September 2023.

- The Board directed administration to investigate viable purchasing options of a building that would accommodate the needs of Central Office.
- The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) will be hosting Board Chairs and Superintendents with the Minister of Education in Calgary to discuss capital planning and funding as education priorities.
- The Board received the fourth quarter financial report on the 2023-2024 operations based on key Board priorities.

## Upcoming Important Dates

- **November 15-17th** - ACSTA Fall General Meeting
- **November 17-19th** - ASBA Fall General Meeting
- **November 29th** - Committee of the Whole Meeting
- **November 29th** - Board Meeting

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