



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

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DATE: October 9, 2019

SUBJECT: School Council Chair and Executive Member Orientation Feedback

In 2015 the SC Orientation moved from only inviting new SC Chairs to include returning Chairs and with invitation to Executive members, including principals as well. This was prompted by principals asking if they may accompany their Chairs, and then Chairs asking if it would be possible for the whole executive to attend as important messages were being shared at these sessions and these parents appreciated that effective Executives work from the same parameters and want to support each other. Orientation sessions have varied from a combination of plenary sessions with breakouts to only breakouts or only plenary. This year, a short plenary session was offered with opportunities for participants to hear from Board Chair Mary Martin and Chief Superintendent Strother. This was followed by breakout sessions with discussions, case studies and question/answer periods specific to the roles of Chair/Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

48 feedback sheets were returned, 100% of attendees reported that the meeting was relevant and valuable, 96% reported that there was sufficient time to ask questions and 99% reported that the meeting was well organized.

The attached summarizes all feedback received.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Trustees receives this report as information.

Attachment: School Council Chair & Executive Orientation General Feedback Summary



FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Annual School Council Chair & Executive Orientation - Clarion Hotel

September 17, 2019

The School Council Chair & Executive Orientation took place on September 18, 2018 at the Clarion Hotel:

Trustees - 7
School Council Chairs &
School Council Vice-Chairs - 52
Treasurers – 12
Secretaries – 4
School Admin – 37
Senior Admin – 2

48 Feedback sheets were returned.

Representation from the following divisions:

K-6 – 54
K-9 – 31
7-9 – 9
7-12 – 3
10-12 – 8

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. The content of the meeting was relevant and valuable.	77% (37)	23% (11)	-	-
2. There were sufficient opportunities to ask questions.	77% (37)	23% (11)	-	-
3. The meeting was effectively organized.	81% (39)	19% (9)	-	-

Comments/Questions

- Very informative meeting (10)
- Grateful and appreciative (8)
- Excellent meeting (6)

- Loved the breakout sessions (6)
- Appreciated keeping the meeting shorter – 1.5 hours (2)
- Not enough time for questions (1)
- Possibly change the questions for previous attendees (1)
- It was nice to cover different/new topics this year (1)
- The secretary session was light on details (1)
- For school council events (when students are not involved), do all volunteers require an orientation? (1)

Possible Topics for Future Parent & Trustee Forums

- How to get more parents involved (3)
- Possibility of using Casino funds again (2)
- A session on BYLAWS (1)
- Resiliency (1)
- Internet safety (1)
- Catholic faith (1)
- Fundraisers (1)
- Engaging students in act of service (1)
- GRACE (1)
- Most effective methods of communication with parents (1)
- Is the role of Sc Council Chair 2 years? (1)
- Clarification of Education societies (1)