



SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES	DATE: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 TIME: 6:30 PM
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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER ATTENDEES			
	NAME		NAME
	Chair: Gabriella Grabas	✓	Principal: Alex Kingston
	Vice Chair: Rochelle Cote	✓	Assistant Principal: Martin Kovacik
	Secretary: Jennifer Raffa	✓	Treasurer: Rina Mendoza
	Teacher Rep: Shirley Lois-Matiasz	✓	
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES			
	Roopa McKellar	✓	Kelli Regan
	Brigitte Blais	✓	Kate Drevnick
	Jessie McLaughlin	✓	Kim Barber
1.	Convene School Council Meeting – Meeting convened by Gabriella Grabas at 6:36 pm.		
2.	Introduction, Opening Prayer and Territorial Acknowledgement – By Gabriella at 6:37 pm.		
3.	Approve Minutes from last School Council Meeting – Received minutes. Rochelle – 1st, Kelli 2nd, All in Favour.		
4.	Administration Report (Alex Kingston)		
	· Staffing Update - new staff Janice Tawkin. She is supporting Div 1 students in our combined		

rooms. Grade 1 Math as well.

- School Plans – LA focus is on Guided Reading, Math Focus is vocabulary, word walls, how it crosses grade levels etc. Problem of the Week! Kids will be involved and featured every Friday. Champions – Champions of Charity projects. FMNI – exploring resources in our library and having guests with us to share information.

- Interest Group and CTF (Career and Technical Foundations) - we have started interest groups again. Every Friday from 12:50 – 1:20pm. The timing has changed due to staff conversations. Lots of interesting topics. CTF we have 4 teachers involved for our grade 5 and 6 students. This session students can select from Graphic Design (Mr. K) Tourism (Mrs. C) Champions of Charity (Mrs. K, me) and Inventors (Mrs. B) next term, more options will be given.

- Champion - We have a team of students who will work at making sure we have a trusted adult / person for each of our students. It's so important for our students to know they aren't alone and they have advocates at school for them. It is our priority to make sure we connect with our students

- PD focus for the staff this year – We have a number of things we are working on during PD this year. We started with Christine Knight our LA consultant. She is working with our staff on guided reading. We have our PE consultant coming to help us align our Physical Education classes. Our staff is going to our Material Center to see what resources we can reserve for enhancing programs. Our own mental health and our students is of utmost importance. We will look at ways to support throughout the year. Our spiritual focus is the 4 agreements. We are following these as we carry on in our year. As well as the district theme of "Knock and the door will be opened for you"

- Chief Superintendent update - Gary Strother opened our year with a District message of our Faith Theme and looking through our LENS of Catholic educators. He emphasized our 4 themes.

- Communication to parents - one communication tool is See Saw and other staff have been using emails. It is a priority this year to ensure parents are getting regular updates from their child's teachers.

- **Request for funds – Shrove Tuesday (\$1,000.00), kindergarten breakfast (\$0), playday (not worry about just yet), staff appreciation lunch/coffee (\$1,000.00), religious gifts (\$500.00). 1st Kim Barber, 2nd Roopa McKellar, all in favour. Motion passed. Alex and Jessie to look at getting different religious gifts to give for children receiving sacraments.**

- Alberta Ed – Concept Based Curriculum – it is on hold, however the process is in place

- Calendar of Events (Martin Kovacik) – see attached list of events, also all events are on the John Costello school website.

- District Themes for 2019

5. **Chair Report (Gabiella Grabas)**

1. 2019 – 2020 School Council Members and Meeting Dates

- Hand out a list of Council members
- All new members are encouraged to look at the Catholic School Council handbook on the cssd.ab.ca website
- Meeting dates are all on Thursdays at 6:30, except January, which will be at 8:15 a.m. (see attached list for School Council meeting dates).

2. First Day of School

- We welcomed our JCC families with coffee and smiles
- Coffee was generously donated by Strathcona Good Earth

3. Kindergarten Welcome

- On Friday September 13th, we welcomed our new KG families with pancakes, cupcakes and fruit and juice
- The cupcakes were donated by Crave in Aspen, and the juice was provided by Blair's No Frills on 85th

4. Pasta Night

- Pasta night was a huge success!
- The Knights of Columbus #8636 were gracious enough to serve pasta as a charity event to help with our playground funding
- All the buns were donated by Save On Foods Richmond Road
- Salad and dinner supplies were provided by NW Costco and Co-Op on 85th
- The Ice Cream Time Machine served ice cream for dessert out of their truck, and \$1/cone was donated to our playground; \$160 revenue
- Total raised for the evening was \$1,325
- Parents had a great time mingling and meeting the teachers

5. Bylaw Review

- We're not officially required to review until next fall, but we'd like to **change the current suggested number of meetings from 9 to 6, with more if deemed necessary.**
- **Would a member like to move to adopt this motion? 1st Rochelle, 2nd Kelli, all in favour. Motion passed.**

6. Fergus & Bix Parent Night (Rochelle)

- Keep October 24th open for a fun playground fundraiser from 6 - 10
- \$30/ticket for appies, a drink, and an entry for a prize. 70 tickets are available.
- We plan to have a wine tower, so please bring a bottle with you for a chance to win them all!
- 50/50 tickets will also be sold
- Looking for silent auction items.

7. Bottle Drive Dates (Rochelle)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be running 4 bottle drives on September 27 (7:45 – 3:00), January 10, March 6 and June 12 • We have registered our school with the Springbank bottle depot to raise money for our playground. • They will bring their truck to our school (free of charge) to pick up collected bottles • We will also be collecting bottles from Aspen Starbucks once / week thanks to Ben Mendoza, who has graciously volunteered to do the weekly pick up. We need someone new to volunteer to do this. Will talk to the Volunteer Coordinator to see if we can find someone to continue to do this. <p>8. WestJet Raffle (Roopa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at selling outside stores / businesses. Let Roopa / Vanessa / Rochelle know, if you are interested in helping out. • There is a Flames night out attached to this as well. <p>9. Babysitting during meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you like this to continue? Thoughts? Yes <p>10. Trustee Forums for 2019 - 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please review the dates on the handout (see attached) • I encourage you to attend if you're interested • It's a great way to learn about current events in the district, and a good opportunity to hear informative speakers
6.	<p><u>Treasurer's Report (Rina Mendoza):</u></p> <p>John Costello School Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$294.96 in bank account available - Deposited \$410.00 from pasta night to be transferred from School Council to Ed Society. - There will be a deposit from fun food soon (approximately \$7,000.00).
7.	<p><u>Sub Committee Reports:</u></p> <p><u>Grade Reps – KG / 1 & 2 / 3 & 4 / 5 & 6 / ES2:</u></p> <p>Kindergarten (Heather Gilfoy):</p> <p>Kindergarten is off to a great start! Thank you to Rochelle and Gabriella who supplied us with pancakes, cupcakes, fruit and juice on September 13th - what a fantastic kick off for kindergarten! The kids loved it and it became a great journal entry too! We are busy learning routines and procedures - including holding our own "fire drills". The kids are getting comfortable in the school and we are beginning to have PE, computer and library. We will now begin looking at fall and thanksgiving as we head into October. We are looking forward to recognizing orange shirt day and participating in the Terry Fox walk and our first Sandwich Friday!</p> <p>Kindergarten began the year with staggered entry right away on the first two days of school. This</p>

was met with great enthusiasm by students and parents. We will be discussing the continued viability of this going forward next year.

Will assign all other grade reps and provide updates at next meeting.

In place of Grade Reps. we will review Staff Appreciation Lunch / Coffee (Kim Barber):

- Review of Costs (see attached spreadsheet).
- Will have December coffee for teachers. We will discuss at next School Council meeting.
- We need white table clothes. With the money left over from Staff Appreciation lunch can we buy six new table clothes?
- Kim has organized and labelled the School Council self. Lets try to keep this organized.
- Donations – we had multiple people asking for donations for different events (was confusing for vendors). Should we have a Donations Coordinator? Let us add this to the agenda for next meeting.

Fun Food (Carla MacAulay):

Our first-round of ordering is done and our first lunch is next week. I (Carla) will be processing payments over the next week. If anyone is able to be on our volunteer list please let me know. We have one new vendor this round so after our Pizza Hut pasta lunch happens I would love feedback on how your kiddos liked it.

Playground (Rochelle Cote):

A lot of grant applications going on right now. Fundraising continues. Looking for silent auction items (ie. Cash/ goods).

Ed Society (Rochelle Cote):

Applied for charity status. Hopefully this will be processed in November.

Parish Community Rep. (Jessie McLaughlin):

Sacraments:

Registration for students Grade 6+ for Confirmation is ongoing. Deadline is October 1. Please contact Maureen Ross at St. Michaels or visit the parish website.

Reconciliation prep has started for the Grade 2+ students. Last word was that there was almost half of the students in Grade 2 registered from John Costello.

St. Michael's Fest:

Family party and dance starts Friday, September 27th at 7:30pm. Live music and refreshments! Tickets at the office or on line for a discount.

Family Party with Bishop McGrattan:

Come on Sunday after the 11am mass for a Family Party with hotdogs and ice cream. This is a free event but please RSVP at saintmichael.ca/events

Pet Blessing:

Saturday, October 5th at 1pm

Roots:

Mondays at 6:30pm for students in Grades 4-6. Contact Alison at the parish for more information, or

just come and check it out!

Deacon Art:

Is taking a leave of absence to rest and do some travelling. Please keep him in your prayers.

The Parish Has Something for Everyone!

Programs have started for another year. Check out the parish website for details on talks, prayer ministries, creative arts, studies & ministries, marriage encounter, Moms & Tots, CWL and Knights of Columbus.

Any questions? – contact Jessie @ jessiemclaughlin@outlook.com

Volunteer Committee (L. Mitchell):

No update at this time.

Recycling (Lalon Pelobello):

No update at this time.

Sandwich Friday (Kari Ng):

No update at this time.

Library Volunteer Rep (Kate Drevnick):

Scholastic book fair raised enough money to buy \$400.00 worth of books.

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Kim 1st and Rochelle 2nd. All in favour.

List of events for School Council:

Liturgies:

Celebration	Date
School Opening Liturgy	September 26 th @ 8:30am
Thanksgiving Liturgy	October 10 th @ 1:00pm
Remembrance Day Liturgy	November 8 th @ 9:15am
Advent Mass Liturgy	December 11 th @ 6:30pm
New Year's Liturgy (Parent led)	January 30 th @ 8:30am
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	February 26 th @ 1:00pm
Holy Thursday Liturgy	April 9 th @ 1:00pm
May Liturgy	May 8 th @ 9:15am
School Year-End Mass	June 26 th @ 9:00am

Other events:

October 4 th	Ralph Klein Park Day Trip (5)
October 15 th	Leighton Centre Field Trip (1/2)
October 21 st -25 th	Rocks & Rings
November 1 st	Faith Day
November 18 th -22 nd	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
December 6 th	Parent/Teacher conferences
January 16 th , 20 th -24 th	Alien In-Line
February 13 th -14 th	Teachers' Convention
February 25 th	Shrove Tuesday
February 26 th	Pink Shirt Day, Ash Wednesday
March 2 nd - 6 th	Quest Theatre
March 18 th -19 th	Parent/Teacher conferences
April 10 th -17 th	Easter break
May 4 th - 15 th	Tennis
June 8 th -12 th	Hip-Hop
June 16 th -22 nd	PATs

May

Aussie Roks Football - tentative



**John Costello School
School Council Meetings
2019 – 2020**

Please see below for the dates and times of our School Council meetings for the **2019-2020** school year.

Thursday, September 26th 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 7th 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 28th 8:15 am
Thursday, March 12th 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 23rd 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 21st 6:30 pm

Please see below for the dates and times of our Parent Trustee Forum meetings for the **2019-2020** school year:

Tuesday, November 26th 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 21st 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 24th 6:30 pm

Category	Sub-Category	Budget	Actual	Purchaser	Reimbursed
Decor/Supplies					
	<i>Table Runners</i>		\$ 47.04	Rochelle	
	<i>Picnic Supplies</i>		\$ 82.20	Kim	
	<i>Dollar Store Supplies</i>		\$ 43.05	Kim	
	<i>Decor</i>		\$ 5.00	Stacey	
	<i>Decor</i>		\$ 64.81	Kim	
	<i>Total Decor/Supplies</i>		\$ 242.10		
Gifts					
	<i>Cookie Jars</i>		\$ 91.65	Gabriella	
	<i>Jam Jars</i>		\$ 43.65	Kim	
	<i>Tote Bags</i>		\$ 152.72	Kim	
	<i>Soap</i>		\$ 93.71	Stacey	
	<i>Seed Packets</i>		\$ 7.44	Stacey	
	<i>Plant Pots</i>		\$ 7.48	Stacey	
	<i>Flowers</i>		\$ 4.42	Stacey	
	<i>Gift Basket Items</i>		\$ 38.99	Kim	
	<i>Bath Salts</i>		\$ 26.23	Kim	
	<i>Total Gifts</i>	\$ 520.00	\$ 466.29		
Other					
	<i>Invitation Supplies</i>		\$ 5.66	Stacey	
	<i>Building Supplies</i>				
	<i>Total Other</i>		\$ 5.66		
Donations					
	<i>Co-op - Jam</i>		\$ 50.00	Gift Card	
	<i>Safeway - Flowers</i>		\$ 75.00	Gift Card	
	<i>Superstore - Seeds</i>		\$ 13.46	Gift Card	
	<i>Beehive - Soap</i>		\$ 89.25	Discount	
	<i>Rochelle Cote Interior Design - Flowers</i>				
	<i>Save-on-Foods - Jars</i>				
	<i>Total Donations</i>		\$ 227.71		
Total		\$ 520.00	\$ 714.05		

Row Labels	Sum of Actual
Gabriella	\$91.65
Kim	\$451.65
Rochelle	\$47.04
Stacey	\$123.71
Grand Total	\$714.05