



**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 6:30PM**

Chair: Kerri Barnett	Principal: Suzanne Kitt
Vice-Chair: Karen Russell	Vice-Principal: Micheal Miller
Treasurer: Veronica Dixon	Assistant-Principal: Andrea Gillier
Secretary: Vacant	
Past Chair: Michelle Joubert	

(in attendance: Kerri B, Karen R, Veronica D, Carmen D, Suzanne K, Andrea G)

1. Call to Order: Opening prayer and Introductions (Kerri Barnett) (6:30-6:33pm)
2. Review/Adoption of Agenda (6:33-6:35pm) – 1st by Carmen, 2nd by Veronica
**change Andrew Gillier to Andrea Gillier*
3. Approval of minutes from January, 2018 – 1st by Carmen, 2nd by Kerri
4. Approval of minutes from November 2017 (6:35-6:40pm) – 1st by Carmen, 2nd by Karen
**add Karen R to attendees*
**change Michael MacDonald to Michael Miller*
5. Chairperson Report (6:40-6:50 pm)
 - Board Highlights posted on the bulletin board and found on CSSD website
**(Jan.17/18) early indications are that Provincial Budget will be delivered in mid to late March, resulting in tight timelines for completing the budget and approving by May 31, 2018*
**(Jan.31/18) blessing and dedication ceremonies held for three newly opened schools: Guardian Angel K-6 in Aspen, Apostles of Jesus K-9 in Skyview Ranch, Holy Child K-9 in Silverado*
**(Feb.14/18) projected district “savings” for 2018-2019 @\$19.0 million (or 3% of expenditures and @8.0 million in a Capital Reserve, which can be used on a one-time basis to balance a deficit budget. Also, present enrolment for September 2018 is 55,716 – a increase of 0.70%. As well, ATA agreement negotiations are beginning for the new contract effective September 2018. Classroom Improvement Fund in question.*
 - Parent Trustee Forums Highlights: Jody Carrington, upcoming meeting March 13th
**Karen and Kerri attended Jody’s last presentation about relationships (connected and disconnected) and highly recommend attending her session.*
 - Advertising in the newsletters for parent council position as some parents are finished this year.
**display boards at Open Houses and School Functions*
6. Treasurer’s Report (6:50-7:00pm)
 - *Accounts automated and on-line, making it much easier for Veronica*
 - *School Council – current balance \$4,461.33*
**teacher incentive needing to be used*
**Motion to increase funds for Open House up to but not exceeding \$3000 (Veronica/Karen)*
**Motion to pay \$500 for Chris Bray, Faith Day Speaker April 2018 (Veronica/Kerri)*
**Projected Year End Balance with considered Income/Expenses is \$2,553.65*
 - *Society – Current balance is \$7,031.67*
**Students’ Balance for Quebec still to come (\$3000+)*
**Motion to increase funds for Cabana Sucre up to but not exceeding \$1500 (Veronica/Carmen)*
**Projected Year End Balance with considered Income/Expenses is \$830.71*

7. Principal's Report (7:00-7:20pm) - Presented by Suzanne Kitt
 - March progress reports and certificates
 - *Progress report distribution - Friday, March 16th
 - *Certificates (Honor Roll and Ultimate Achiever) will be distributed the following week, by Wed. March 21st
 - March 1 District Celebration
 - *three students from St. Matthew being recognized and celebrated for their top scoring in the Calgary Elementary Mathematics Contest through Mount Royal University
 - Neuroscience research
 - Julianne Stanz - speaking to principals soon on Missionary Discipleship (Evangelism/Faith formation)
 - Dr. Chip Taylor questioning the reality of ADD
 - *Recognizing character traits of boys and girls
 - *Importance of sleep and consideration of its impact on learning and timetabling
 - *Fostering relationships and optimism (gratitude)
 - Janelle (singer songwriter) Feb. 21
 - *She and her family entertained Junior High, then Elementary with her Christian music and powerful message "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength".
 - Open House: Feb 22
 - *full day and evening planned for 200+ expected students from S/SE Calgary

8. Vice- Principal's & Assistant Principal's Report (7:20-7:50) - Presented by Andrea Gillier
 - Athletics
 - *Basketball over, Badminton starting, and Danceworks in preparation for April
 - Hip Hop Idol
 - *good time by all – staff and students
 - Composting update
 - *Mme Davidson and students have begun composting "paper towels only" in addition to regular composting
 - High School Registration
 - *French Immersion deadline – Feb. 21
 - *All other deadline – March 3
 - *Students' input of course selections – March 12&14
 - Upcoming Satisfaction Survey
 - *CSSD based March 15-April 20
 - *Chromebooks, etc. will be available at Parent Teacher Conferences to facilitate ease and accessibility for parents to complete
 - *attempt to increase attendance at School Council
 - Screenagers - March 1st - Can council provide popcorn for the event?
 - *contact contact person
 - Important Dates February & March
 - *check weekly messages, as there are events almost daily
 - *Easter Break March 30-April 8 (no classes)

9. Committee Reports (7:50-8:00)
 - Fundraising
 - *Mixing Spoons runs March 1-29 and ready for Mother's Day
 - *Magazine Subscriptions – low-key push on website
 - Social Events
 - *Year End BBQ totally planned
 - Staff Appreciation Breakfast
 - *was done as dinner at first set of Parent/Teacher Conferences in lieu of a breakfast

10. Closing prayer and adjournment (Kerri Barnett) (8:00)
 - *adjournment motioned Carmen/Kerri at 7:44 PM

Upcoming School Council Meeting Dates:

All Wednesdays (3rd Wednesday of the month except December, March and June) at 6:30 in the Learning Commons;
 March: none
 April 18
 May 16 (AGM).

Parent Trustee Forum:

March 13, 2018 7:00pm Coast Plaza Hotel Guest Speaker: Jody Carrington (WAITLISTED!)