



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 5:03 PM

Chair: Lindsey Melanson Co-Chair: Kara Fillier (regrets)

Secretary: Mia Gammon

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Prayer

Lindsey opened the meeting with the new Land Acknowledgement and a prayer.

2. Principal's Report (A. Polischuk)

- Successful first sports event, cross country runners participated at Kivi Park.
- Volleyball for Grades 5 and 6 has started.
- Joel offers basketball for all students during lunch recess on Fridays.
- Pilgrimage Liturgy Prayer Walk on October 17, led by Father Pat. Teachers and students will create prayer signs; junior students lead prayers. Students will create CUBS-coloured bracelet as a reminder of the day.
- Progress reports in November.
- Parent-teacher interviews week after November 14 (likely Thursday).
Encouraged if you require more than 5 minutes to meet with teacher, set up a call or separate meeting.
- Kindergarten to Grade 2 ministry-directed reading screening underway; English results to be shared.
- Reminder by T. Timpano that all parents are welcome to attend services/events on monthly calendar.
- Virtue of the Month moved to the beginning of the month; awards given in-class at teacher's discretion.
- Next month's focus: Bullying Prevention Awareness.

3. Events for 2025–2026

- Previous events included January/February Family Dance and June Fun Fair.

- Discussed no dance this year; proceed with Fun Fair and possibly another event in place of the dance
 - Motion: That the Holy Cross Catholic School Council will host a Fun Fair in the 2025-2026 school year.
 - Moved By-Megan McMillan, Seconded By-Mia Gammon – All in favour
- Ideas discussed in place of dance: Mental health/wellness carousel (i.e. Yoga station, journaling station, etc.), board game literacy/math night.
- Fun Fair Tentative Date: June 4, 2026 (Thursday – June 5th is a PA Day) 5:00–7:30 PM. Megan to confirm with St. Benedict schedule.
- Volunteers for Fun Fair: Annita, Megan, Amanda, Mia, Ashley
- Fun Fair Subcommittee: Chair Lindsey, Mia assisting. Lindsey to send Doodle Poll for Zoom planning meeting
- Decided to table the second event discussion for next meeting and brainstorm and share ideas via email beforehand.

4. Parent Engagement Event – Internet Safety

- Proposal for parent learning session on Internet Safety and Cyberbullying with Constable Andre.
- Motion: That the Holy Cross Catholic School Council will host a Parent Learning Session – Topic Internet Safety with Constable Andre.
Moved By-Mia Gammon, Seconded By-Ashley Trebb – All in favour.
- Tentative Dates: Nov 24–27, 2025, 6:00-6:30 PM for refreshments and parent socialization, followed by 7–8 PM learning session. Tina to confirm speaker availability.
- Event Leads: Chair Ashley Trebb; Volunteers Mia Gammon, Melissa Stonley, Lindsey Melanson
 - Advertisement (Poster) for Edsby only, budget and deciding on the snacks.
- To be advertised via EDSBY only; free event with snacks/coffee provided. Recommendation for the first 30 minutes prior to the learning session be a refreshment and

5. Other Updates

- Kindergarten Registration Night: Jan 15, 2026 (Board wide) – volunteers needed.
- Gr. 2–6 Student Reps from each class brainstormed to choose Spirit Days; Halloween event planned (All have a task, timeframe and there will be a fun afternoon planned – dance in costumes)
- There will be 4 challenges throughout the year that Tina has planned (i.e. Stem Challenge)
- Healthy Snack Program resumes week after Thanksgiving.

6. Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 5:00–6:30 PM.

7. Meeting adjourned