

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 17, 2024 in the CCH East library

6:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1). Call to Order/Opening Prayer

- Land acknowledgement led by Christa Sawatzky and prayer led by Joanne Polec.
- Meeting called to order at 6:03pm.

2). Welcome and Introductions

- **Attendance:** Joanne Polec (Principal), Christa Sawatzky, Heather Spiess, Tanya Koopmans, Amber Baines, Kayla Knowles, Sally Schafer, Jackie Rafa-Belcourt, AJ Barroww, Anna Campmans, Sophia Henke, Roisin Gibb, Tricia Doherty, Viviana Lartiga
- **Regrets:** Ange Talbot, Bob Spitzig (Board Trustee)

3). Approval of the Agenda

- Move liaison reports up on the agenda.
- Jackie made motion to approve, Sally seconded. Motion carried.

4). Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2024 meeting

- NEW School Council page on the new CCH website – check it out: [School Council \(holyspirit.ab.ca\)](http://School Council (holyspirit.ab.ca)).
- Christa made motion to approve, Kayla seconded. Motion carried.

5). Liaison Reports

- Student Council update provided by Anna Campmans (Grade 12, Student Council President) and Sophia Henke (Grade 12).

Activities & Accomplishments since the beginning of the school year:

- Set up 4 committees for the 50 members of Student Council:
 1. Community (monthly events ie: cultural potluck)
 2. Wellness (communiTEA)
 3. Faith (distribute positive/bible quotes throughout school for holidays and exams, etc)
 4. Athletics (increasing school spirit at sporting events)
- Distributed clothing donated from school council to current student council – thank you!
- New student orientation & welcome
- Spirit week
- Orange shirt day
- Clothing Fundraiser was a great success!
- Raising school spirits at CCH sporting events (mascot, pizza, chocolate bar handouts).

Upcoming activities & events:

- Halloween celebrations
- Send a student survey to gauge interest in a high school dance
- More school spirit at sporting events
- Working on Christmas celebrations

Anna made a motion to approve the report, Christa seconded. Motion carried.

- AJ Barroww - new youth minister/family life coordinator for our churches servicing our schools.
 - Shared information about bringing his presence outside the church to school events, sports, plays, choirs, communiTEA, etc.
 - Serving young people in elementary, jr. high, and high schools. Aiming to share the same info with families through hosting various holiday or community events, to bring families together.
 - Talk about our faith, connecting with God.
 - Aiming to increase interest in youth participating in church activities (music, readers, ushers, etc.).

Jackie made motion to approve, Sally seconded. Motion carried.

6). Trustee’s report - School Board Trustee Bob Spitzig, Board Trustee for Holy Spirit.

- Bob unable to attend tonight.

7). Treasurer’s report

Current balance: \$2,288.98

New Requests:

Submitted by Joanne Polec, Principal:

- Support for Awards Night November 7th @ 7pm
 - Requesting \$900 from School Council, award list included in the Principal’s Report.
 - Need a school council representative to present the awards – Thank you to Sally for volunteering!

Roisin made a motion to accept the request, Sally seconded. Motion carried.

- Hamper for Santa’s Anonymous - \$350

Heather made a motion to accept the request, Jackie seconded. Motion carried.

Anticipated expense requests:

- 1 retirement (\$50)
- Grad Roseries (TBD)

Christa made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, Jackie seconded. Motion carried.

Catholic Central High School			
School Council 2024-2025			
Date	Description	Amount	Balance
03-Sep-24	Opening Balance		\$1,551.48
16-Sep-24	Deposit - School Fees (2023/2024 school fees)	\$742.50	\$2,293.98
30-Sep-24	Monthly Maintenance Charge	-\$5.00	\$2,288.98
*Note received a \$500.00 Cheque from St. Basil's Knights of Columbus, redirected to Santa's Anonymous			
Last Years Expenses			
Awards - \$800.00			
Play Bill - \$500.00			
Grad Expenses - \$500.00			
Roseries - \$357.31			
Retirement Gifts - \$211.51			
Retreat Lunch - \$900.00			
CCH Student Council - \$500.00			
Bank Fees: \$60.00			
Total : \$3828.82			

7). Principal's report

Joanne Polec reviewed the Principal's report. Highlights:

- Staffing updates – 20 new staff this year, lots of energy and excitement. Joanne discussed plans for teacher learning during PD days.
- Enrollment Count as of October 15th for the current 2024-25 school year is **1007** students (**last year at this time 947**).
- Catholic Education Week Oct 20-25 – Holy Spirit to present at Mass over the weekend.
- Advent Services Nov 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, Dec 20; Advent Mass Dec 11 @ 9:30am will bless Santa's Anonymous Hampers – Parents are welcome to attend!
- Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) is finalized, will be distributed in November and posted on the CCH site as well.
- Alberta Education Assurance Measure (AEAM) – starting to work on teacher/parent/student (grade 10's) survey planned for February 2025, results released in May 2025.
- A LOT happening co-curricular!
- Gr 12 diploma exams are worth 30% and must be written on the day/time its scheduled. myPass is operational so they can view diploma marks and order transcripts, etc. Ensure students update their myPass account to remove their school email and add their personal email instead. They will lose access to their school email as of September 1st after graduation.
- Annual Student Awards Ceremony coming soon – November 7, 2024 @ 7pm. Is a celebration of academic, service, athletic, and fine arts excellence at CCH for the 2023-2024 school year.
- CCH 60th Anniversary Gala Saturday Nov 2, 2024.
- New off-campus coordinator, Vero Amakobe. Stay tuned for future resume writing sessions, job interview prep sessions, etc.
- Career Transitions post-secondary fair planned at the YMCA Nov 21 5-8pm.
- UofL Open House next Saturday Oct 26/24.
- Lethbridge Polytechnic Open House Nov 6/24 1-7pm.
- Link to full Principals Report: [Principal's Report for October 17, 2024](#)

Amber made a motion to accept the principals report, Sally seconded. Motion carried.

8). Chairperson's report

- Nothing to report.

9). New Business

- None

11). Next Meeting dates

All meetings will be hosted at the CCH East Campus Library.

- November 14, 2024 @ 6pm
- January 16, 2025 @ 6pm
- March 20, 2025 @ 6pm
- May 1, 2025 @ 6pm
- June 12, 2025 @ 6pm

12). Closing prayer

- Closing prayer led by Joanne Polec.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.