

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Thursday, January 16, 2025 6:00pm - CCH East Library

MEETING MINUTES

1). Call to Order/Opening Prayer

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

2). Welcome and Introductions

- **Attendance:** Joanne Polec (Principal), Anthony Vercillo (Associate Principal), Christa Sawatzky (Chair), Heather Spiess (Vice Chair), Amber Baines (Secretary), Kayla Knowles (Treasurer) Sally Schafer, Jackie Belcourt, Wendy Iwanczuk, Tricia Doherty, Roisin Gibb, Tanya Koopmans
- **Regrets:** Ange Talbot (Past Chair), Bob Spitzig (Board Trustee)

3). Approval of the Agenda

- No additions or changes needed.
- **Amber made motion to approve, Sally seconded. Motion carried.**

4). Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2024 meeting

- Available on the new CCH website: [November 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Christa made motion to approve, Sally seconded. Motion carried.**

5). Trustee's report

- Bob unable to attend tonight. Tricia Doherty provided an update:
The school division is planning to reconfigure school boundaries effective September 2026. The board is looking for input from the public to help inform decisions they will be making at their upcoming community consultations:
 - *Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at Father Leonard Van Tighem School.*
 - *Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at Catholic Central High School's East Campus.*

Key information will be presented followed by a round table discussion.

- Registration for the 2025-2026 school year has started – please register or re-register early!
<https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/registration>

6). Treasurer's report

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
11-Oct-24	Cheque #569 : Awards (cleared 25/10/24)	-\$900.00	\$1,388.98
31-Oct-24	Monthly Maintenance Charge	-\$5.00	\$1,383.98
13-Nov-24	Deposit - Knights of Columbus : Santa Anonymous Donation	\$500.00	\$1,883.98
13-Nov-24	Cheque #570 : Santas Anonymous (\$500 from Knights of Columbus)	-\$850.00	\$1,033.98
13-Nov-24	Deposit - School Fees	\$2,656.00	\$3,689.98
30-Nov-24	Monthly Maintenance Charge	-\$5.00	\$3,684.98
31-Dec-24	Monthly Maintenance Charge	-\$5.00	\$3,679.98

Current Balance: \$3,679.98

New Requests:

#	Request Details	Amount	Date Needed	Motion Made	Seconder	Motion Passed
1	Graduation Gifts (rosaries and gift bags)	Not to exceed \$700	February 2025	Christa	Amber	YES
2	Mamma Mia Production	\$500	January 2025	Kayla	Jackie	YES

Anticipated Future Requests:

#	Request Details	Amount	Date Needed
1	Enhancing Student Spaces around the school	TBD	TBD
2	Support for Grad Fees 2025	TBD - \$1000-\$2000?	March 2025
3	Student Retreat in May 2025	\$500	May 2025
4	Retirement Gift for Mr. Reichert	\$50	May 2025

- **Christa made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Amber seconded. Motion carried.**

7). Principal's report

Joanne Polec reviewed the Principal's report. Highlights:

- Many new registrations – currently have 1012 students and expected to jump to 1023. This time last year, we were at 960 students.
- Mr. Veluw has replaced Ms. Glasford for Q3, Mrs. Gibson will be returning in Q4.
- Two interns are returning to teach classes in Q3 & Q4 – Ms. Murphy and Mr. Yanke.
- CCH store is open! Closes Jan 24th, 2025.
- Accountability Pillar survey for all Grade 10 parents coming in February. **Important for Grade 10 parents to fill this out, watch for an email coming soon!**
- Next year course selection will begin in February. Staff will again be sitting down with every student to work through their aspirations and schedule. While this effort can be time consuming, it has reduced the amount of timetable changes by 65%!

- 2025 Graduation preparations are underway.
 - Details for Grad:
 - Grad Mass: Friday, May 9, 7:00-8:30pm @ VisitLethbridge.com Arena
 - Grad Ceremonies (Convocation): Saturday, May 10, 9:00am-12:00 noon @ VisitLethbridge.com Arena
 - Grand March: Saturday, May 10, 7:00pm with dance to follow @ VisitLethbridge.com Arena
 - Grad fees and hoodies are available for order on School Cash Online.
 - Grad photos scheduled for February 3-14 and 18-21.
 - Grad Parent Meeting will be held on February 3 at 7:00 PM in CCH East Cafeteria.
- Link to full Principals Report: [Principal's Report for January 16, 2025](#)
- **Amber made a motion to accept the principals report, Jackie seconded. Motion carried.**

8). Chairperson's report

- Heather attended the Chair of Chairs meetings.
 - Assurance Surveys – important to obtain parent feedback, brainstormed strategies for how to get these filled out.
 - \$500 School Council Engagement Grant – must be spent on Professional Development for Parents abiding by fundraising rules. Potential ideas:
 - Heather will reach out to Dr. Robin Gibb at the U of L to see if she would come to discuss mental health.
 - Building Safer Communities presentation on cyber bullying,
 - Books to make available for Parents (ie: The Anxious Generation)
 - Will discuss further at the March 20th meeting.
- **Kayla made a motion to accept the principals report, Jackie seconded. Motion carried.**

9). New Business

- None

10). Upcoming School Council Meetings

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

- **Next meeting: March 20, 2025 @ 6pm**
- May 1, 2025 @ 6pm
- June 12, 2025 @ 6pm

12). Closing prayer

- Closing prayer led by Joanne Polec.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.