

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Thursday, November 14, 2024 6:00pm - CCH East Library

MEETING MINUTES

1). Call to Order/Opening Prayer

- Prayer and Land acknowledgement led by Heather Spiess.
- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

2). Welcome and Introductions

- **Attendance:** Joanne Polec (Principal), Heather Spiess (Vice Chair), Amber Baines (Secretary) Sally Schafer, Father Santiago, Tricia Doherty, Mark Boschee, Gabe Anoo, Anna Campmans
- **Regrets:** Ange Talbot (Past Chair), Christa Sawatzky (Chair), Kayla Knowles (Treasurer), Bob Spitzig (Board Trustee)

3). Approval of the Agenda

- No additions, move Student Council Liaison Report up.
- **Amber made motion to approve, Sally seconded. Motion carried.**

4). Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2024 meeting

- Available on the new CCH website: [October 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)
- **Amber made motion to approve, Sally seconded. Motion carried.**

5). Welcome to Father Santiago, Associate Pastor from All Saints Parish.

- Short presentation from Father Santiago, Associate Pastor.
 - Visit schools to connect with students and staff, build community.
 - Youth minister runs youth nights for Grade 10-12s every Sunday after 6pm mass.
 - Provide monthly events for young adults (university students and young professionals): spiritual, intellectual (formation nights), social (sports, bowling nights), outreach (soup kitchen visits). Mass to run bi-weekly at the UofL.
 - Pilgrimage upcoming in June 2025 taking 46 young adults to Italy.

6). Welcome to Mark Boschee, Off-campus Coordinator

- Short presentation from Mark Boschee about off-campus programming.
- New Career Practitioner Vero Amakobe provides post-secondary preparation and presentations, helps students with preparing for job interviews, etc.
- 6 off campus programs available.
 - Work experience – earn credits for working outside of school.
 - RAP (registered apprenticeship program) – allows students to get a jump start on their first-year hours while in high school. Mark helps connect students with placements. Driver's license strongly recommended.
 - Green Certificate – run by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry – pick one of 11 specialties.
 - Dual Credit – earn post-secondary AND high school credits by taking courses at Lethbridge Polytechnic, Olds College (Agriculture and Technology), or Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute (Trades) while in high school. Division pays for course, student responsible for other costs such as textbooks.

- Special Projects – get credit for supervised projects for their own programs not already in the scope of the regular school curriculum.
- ELCP (early learning care provider) – NEW program Level 1 Early Childhood Educator course.

7). Student Council Liaison Report

- Anna provided an update on recent Student Council activities:
 - Just celebrated Halloween with candy, games, trivia, gift cards.
 - Working on plan for celebrating Christmas and preparing for spirit week Dec 16-20.
 - Hosting yoga at flex next Friday Nov 22.

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

- Bob unable to attend tonight.

9). 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

Current Balance: \$3,689.98

New Requests:

#	Request Details	Amount	Date Needed
	No new requests		

Anticipated Future Requests:

#	Request Details	Amount	Date Needed
1	Enhancing Student Spaces around the school	TBD	January 2025
2	Graduation Gifts (rosaries and gift bags)	TBD - \$1000-\$2000?	February 2025
3	Mamma Mia Production	TBD – \$250 or \$500	February 2025
4	Retirement Gift for Mr. Reichert	\$50	May 2025

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

10). Principal's report

Joanne Polec reviewed the Principal's report. Highlights:

- CCH 60th Anniversary Gala was a tremendous success - 240 attended, around \$30,000 raised – thank you to all who attended/donated!
- Just posted for an English and Social Studies teacher, and hoping to hire one more teacher to provide relief with large class sizes (38-over 40 Math/Science) for Q3 and Q4.
- Santa's Anonymous goal to support 70 families this season!
- Dec 11 – Advent mass @ 9:30am, parents welcome to attend, will be completing the blessing of the Hampers!
- CIP/AEAM - reports complete and will be posted by November 30, 2024. Mrs. Polec proud of the CCH AEAM results - she will present on these results in our January 16, 2025 council meeting.
 - [CCH Alberta Assurance Statement \(November 30, 2024\)](#)
 - [CCH Continuous Improvement Plan 2024-2025](#)
- Awards night very well attended, over \$10,000 in finances/in kind was distributed to students.
- 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
 - Mrs. Polec to provide preliminary information to grade 12 classes in December.
 - Grad fees issued in January and February.
 - Grad requirements reviewed and the grad list finalized by the end of Quarter 2.
 - 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 November 14, 2024](#)
- **Amber made a motion to accept the principals report, Sally seconded. Motion carried.**

11). Chairperson's report

- Nothing to report.

12). New Business

- None

13). Upcoming School Council Meetings

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

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

14). Closing prayer

- Closing prayer led by Joanne Polec.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.