



## School Council Minutes

November 26, 2025

Chair: Carmen Vaugeois ([carmen.vaugeois@gmail.com](mailto:carmen.vaugeois@gmail.com))  
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<b>Location:</b>	Virtual via MS Teams
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 pm
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Jackie Elyas
<b>Attendance:</b>	Danielle Gregg, Jason Yuen, Nourry (grade 8 and grade 1), Tosin, Brigitte Levasseur, Carmen Vaugeois, Corinne (grade 2 and grade 5), Heather Muranyi, Jana Boehm. Chantal Koko, Lionel and Katerina

1. **Prayer**
2. **Land Acknowledgment**
3. **Welcome and Call to Order** - call to order at 6:03 p.m.
4. **Introductions**
5. **Meeting Norms**
  - Respectful
  - Speaking in the interest of the school community
  - Be mindful of time
6. **Purpose of School Council**
  - School councils are structured groups of parents, principals, and teachers who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a method for members of the school community to consult with and offer advice to the principal and the school board.
7. **Adoption of agenda**
  - Motion to approve by Jackie Elyas
  - Seconded by Danielle Gregg
8. **Approval of meeting minutes from AGM** (1 minute)
9. Motion to approve by Jackie Elyas
10. Seconded by Danielle Gregg
11. **Principal Update**
  - Lost 15 students to new school.
  - Gained 12 students from Our Lady of the Prairies in elementary as older siblings were registered in grade 7. OLOP is a feeder school to Holy Cross.
  - Student population is at 386
  - Madame Pastor – no Christmas concert this year due to the October learning interruption. Instead, there will be a spring concert February 19 at 6:00pm.
  - Lots of Christmas activities planned for the students

- Installed a new lift for accessibility with special acknowledgement for Travis
- Thank you and understanding for classroom connections evening on November 20th
- Scholastics book fair was well attended

## 12. New Items

- [List of contacts](#)
- Inquiry for Chromebooks for division 3 PATs (if necessary)
  - So far the amount is good and adequate but we may need more due to all PATs being administered digitally
  - Question: If chromebooks are required, why are extra funds needed, rather than being covered? Casino money can be used for this!
  - School has been able to adequately support and provide for this in their budget.
  - Otherwise parents have to pay for them.
  - Warranty is only good/supported for 3 years by the division – ongoing cost for students now.
- Hot dog days volunteers for next year: request for volunteers (provide contact info if there are more questions [holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com))
- School dance:
  - any interest in having another dance possibly? October's was cancelled.
  - Possibility to choose another date – request for volunteers to lead and support a committee to do so.
- Other events priorities (mentimeter results):
  - Shrove Tuesday – Jackie Elyas to lead
  - Year End BBQ – Carmen Vaugeois to lead
  - Lenten Hampers – request for volunteers
- Liaison roles (French, Catholic and Apple Schools):
  - APPLE School liaison - Danielle Gregg
- Winter clothing drive/Hampers:
  - Possibility of winter clothing drive
  - School is working closely with Family school liaison worker and FRAP when necessary but will provide an update as information comes in. So far the needs seem to be met (Brigitte)
- Division Plan for Continuous Update (parent perspective provided by Jackie Elyas)
  - Productive evening at Lumen Christi which was well organized by senior leadership, principals and trustees.
  - Discussions included: How do pillars of the strategic plan benefit students and families?
  - Division highlighted supports and resources available for students

with complex needs.

**13. Adjournment - 6:36 p.m.**

**Next Meeting Dates**

- Possible committee meeting dates as needed
- March 2026 - Council Chair attends ASCA
- April 9, 2026
- May 7, 2026



## Parent Society Minutes

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President: Jackie Elyas ([jackie.elyas@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.elyas@gmail.com))

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<b>Location:</b>	Virtual via MS Teams
<b>Time:</b>	Following School Council Meeting
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Carmen Vaugeois
<b>Attendance:</b>	Audrey Nkeuwa, Dayana, Danielle, Toyin, Jackie Elyas, Jana Boehm, Heather Mranyi, Corinne Lucille Monkam, Tosin, Marlene Forest-Wallace, Brigitte Levasseur, Yuen Lt JCM
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Welcome and Call to Order</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 6:37 p.m. by Jackie Elyas</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2. Adoption of Agenda</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Motion made by Carmen Vaugeois</li> <li>b. Seconded by Danielle Gregg</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>3. Approval of <u>AGM minutes</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Motion made by Carmen Vaugeois</li> <li>b. Seconded by Heather Mranyi</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>4. Purpose of Parent Society</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Parent societies are incorporated under the provincial Societies Act specifically for the purpose of raising funds for the school. This can include conducting bingos, casinos, or raffles, which school councils, as statutory entities, are not permitted to do.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>5. President's Report</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Motion to approve the purchase of Chromebooks (motion passed with a majority via email vote)</li> <li>b. Other funds provided to school to purchase library carts, instruments, band stands and athletic uniforms</li> <li>c. Hot Dog Days (fundraising totals) = \$3 600 net profit</li> <li>d. Veggie Fundraising totals = \$355</li> <li>e. Insurance update: liability insurance protects members of the board of directors. The certificate is in the process of approval.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>6. Treasurer's Report</b> - Jackie Elyas provided the report as the outgoing and incoming treasurers were unable to come to the meeting.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. General account = \$21 724.59 (these funds can be used for anything)</li> <li>b. Annual Report: Two reports have been filled out (AGLC and Annual Report)</li> <li>c. Casino account = \$89 700 (there are limitations as to how these funds can be used). There is a casino every two years and our next one will be in</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

2026-2027.

**7. Discuss Fundraising Priorities**

- a. Focus on spending our current funds and enriching school activities this year instead of raising funds.
- b. No Quebec trip, as such there will be no fundraising for this. Marlene and Brigitte are looking into other special events that Grade 9 students can attend.
- c. Possible suggestions :
  - i. Parent Society funds a healthy hot lunch for the whole school
  - ii. Pay for one bus for each class to attend a fieldtrip

**8. New Business** (2 minutes)

- a. Forms to be signed by directors will be sent out by Jackie Elyas

**9. Adjournment**

- a. 7:04 p.m.

**Next Meeting Dates**

- April 9, 2026
- May 7, 2026