

Father Lacombe School Council

Minutes - February 2025



Date: February 24, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

Father Lacombe School - Food Studies Room

1. Welcome & Prayer

In attendance: Donna Tugwood (STAR Trustee), Stephanie Amstutz (Vice-Principal), Mrs Cargil (teacher rep), Aiden (student rep), Cecelia (Co-Chair), Claudine (Co-Chair), Kelsey (Secretary), Gwen (Treasurer), Parents: Kaylee

2. Introductions

3. Approval of January 27, 2025 Minutes

- *Moved by Gwen to approve Jan 27, 2025 School Council minutes, seconded by Claudine. All in favour.*

4. Approval of Agenda

- *Moved by Ceclia to approve Agenda, seconded by Gwen. All in favour*

5. Old Business

- A. Crush for a crush- this Jr High event was a huge success. We had about 137 cans of pop go out to students.

6. New Business

- a. **ASCA AGM - virtual April 27,2025 *registration Deadline is April 14, 2025**

Please email fl.schoolcouncil@starcatholic.ab.ca for more information and to register.

STAR Catholic will pay for registration for the virtual ASCA Spring Symposium plus reimburse up to \$150 of meals, should we decide to gather to watch virtually. Thank you STAR!

It would be great to gather - so please let us know if you are interested!

[Spring Symposium brochure](#)

7. Parents Questions (Please submit at min. one week prior)

a. Indigenous studies in core subjects

-A parent inquired why so many indigenous teachings were being incorporated into everyday learning. Mrs Amstutz explained that the new curriculum required a certain amount of indigenous teachings into core subject lessons. These were required by the provincial Gov't and are to be embedded into teachings

8. Chair Report

a. ASCA resolutions are out

-<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/256168>

-these resolutions need to be voted on at the March or April council meeting.

***Action: Claudine will attach the link to resolutions and will also email it out to core council members so they are informed on what they will be voting on.**

b. **Community consultation Day with STAR.** Claudine and Cecilia will be going to represent Father Lacombe at this event. This event is happening Friday February 28th, starting at 10:00am

9. Admin Report

- Maria is away and is hoping to return Monday March 3rd
- Enrollment is steady
- Admin attended a Third Path's presentation on their PD day
- Two teachers will be covered as they go on maternity leave this month. One of the kindergarten teachers, and the Grade 1 teacher.

10. Teacher Report

- a. CARE team from Red Deer came in early February to make a presentation on Chinese new year. It was well received by students and teachers.
- b. The teachers very much enjoyed the speakers and presentations over the conference break.
- c. There will be a presentation and short trivia game on Father Lacombe day, this coming Friday February 28th during the morning assembly
- d. Some of the teachers attended an AI presentation on how to incorporate the technology into the classroom.
- e. BOOK FAIR will be for 1 week, March 4-7
- f. There is a grade 6 student teacher that started. He will complete his practicum hours over the next 9 weeks.
- g. Trickster Theatre- Mrs Amstutz gave a short presentation on the theatre and having them come for the 2025/26 school year. Hopefully in the spring. There are grants to be applied for. But there also might be a balance that council could help chip in to pay. Another suggestion was to charge parents to come and watch, or have a concession. We

will bring up the idea to Mrs Wagner about reallocating the council's contribution to field trips to help cover the theatre costs or other costs for the 25/26 school year.

11. Student Report

- a. Students attended a retreat last week and it was a very successful event. There was lots of positive feedback.
- b. Crush for a crush was a huge success. Students are still talking about it and really want it again next year.
- c. Basketball has wrapped up for the year, with one last tournament for the boys league upcoming.
- d. Saint groups partnered with local seniors homes and wrote out Valentine's Day cards to be handed out.
- e. Grade 4-9 will be heading to Canyon ski hill in March and it is a very highly anticipated day.

12. Trustee Report

***Action: Claudine will attach report**

https://docs.google.com/file/d/16BQhvxJXqLUdS3cBWdhcGQhARDJo36rP/edit?usp=doclist_api&filetype=microsoftword

13. Fundraising Committee Report

a. Pottery night March 14 (pottery, food, drinks?)

-Drinks will be provided by the council and the school will provide the food.

Gwen made a motion to allow for a \$100 budget for drinks. Kaylee seconded the motion. All in favour.

***Cecelia and Claudine to purchase food and drink for event**

b. Bottle drive - March 20

-It was brought up that grades k-2 have their parent/teacher night on Thursday February 27th. If parents bring bottles, we will store them in the shed until next month when we'll have the Cosmo truck available.

***Action: Claudine to contact bottle depot to have truck here for March 20**

c. Spring pop up?

-Leadership suggested we sell the canteen goodies at the spring dance.

- also was suggested to sell the remainder as a surprise pop-up to junior high only.

d. Hot lunch- still very successful and bringing in a good amount each month.

e. **Seed Fundraiser** - Feb 3 -28 online - Claudine has no online access to the account. And so we are unsure of how successful this particular fundraiser has been. We will find out when we get the orders to hand out how many actually ordered.

f. **Oodles of Chocolate Fundraiser** - April 2 hand out forms, 9 return forms, 16th chocolate pickup. Jenna has graciously volunteered to organize this fundraiser.

g. **Mabel's Labels** (Mail with school supply list)

-Kaylee has offered to look into the details of having this be attached to the school supply list.

14. Treasurer Report

A. Balance \$5798.00

-Etransfer is live and working. And we also have a correct email to link to the account now as well:

fl.sctreasurer@starcatholic.ab.ca

-once the LunchBox details have all been transferred over the Servus, then Gwen will close the RBC account

15. Closing Comments:

Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday March 17, 2025 at 6:30pm

Ended at 7:37pm