

Father Lacombe School Council

MINUTES



Date: March 17, 2025

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Father Lacombe School - Food Studies Room

1. Welcome & Prayer

In Attendance: Stephanie Amstutz (Vice Principal), Ms Tschirren (Teacher liaison), Leigh (Communications), Cecelia (Co-Chair), Claudine (Co-Chair).

Mrs. Amstutz led us in prayer

2. Introductions

3. Approval of February 2025 Minutes

Motion by Leigh to approve February Minutes. Seconded by Claudine. All in favor.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Claudine to approve Agenda. Seconded by Leigh. All in favor.

5. Old Business

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6. New Business

a. ASCA AGM - virtual April 27,2025

Claudine sent out an email to parents that regularly attend School Council including links to the ASCA website and ASCA AGM information page, including resolutions. Also included information on the ASCA Spring Symposium with a request for parents to please RSVP indicating interest to attend. Unfortunately, she has only heard back from one parent who is away, and one parent who could attend virtually from Mexico.

Claudine will send reminder email out early April as registration deadline is April 16.

b. Field Trip donation for 25/26

Mrs. Amstutz will add field trip discussion to her staff meeting agenda. The class sizes have outgrown our white School Bus (capacity 23 students), adding significant cost to field trips. School Council is also considering other options for the 25/26 year for supporting the school, other than field trips. Council has concerns over not being able to meet our previous donations of \$500 per class for field trips. Discussion about field trip options (more local trips, every other year big trips, combined class trips) as well as other ways School Council can support the school (Trickster Theatre, CTF donations etc).

c. Trickster Theatre donation

Mrs. Amstutz is working on application. More details to come.

7. Parents Questions (Please submit at min. one week prior to fl.schoolcouncil@starcatholic.ab.ca)

No parent questions or concerns submitted.

8. Chair Report

a. ASCA resolutions

Tabled to next meeting, for discussion and vote.

b. Community consultation Day with STAR

Claudine and Cecelia attended STAR Catholic Community Consultation Day. Discussions held regarding #1 Mental Health & Well-Being, #2 Student Learning Engagement, #3 Indigenous Education. Both Claudine and Cecelia felt more information could have been provided prior to, and more engaging discussion could have been held.

9. Admin Report

a. 2025/2026 Enrollment

Currently around 265 students already enrolled.

Discussions being held internally on having 2 kindergarten classes, 2 grade one classes and a two grade 5 classes (or a grade 4, grade 4 /5 split and grade 5 class). Admin continuing to watch enrollment.

b. STAR and government surveys

Surveys went out from STAR for grade 4 through grade 9, and from the government for grades 4 and grade 7.

c. Kindergarten/Music/Grade 1 staffing update

We have some wonderful subs filling in while teachers are off on maternity leave. Mrs Kaylee Rowley for grade one. Mrs Sautner has taken on both kindergarten groups. Mrs Niki Toews is teaching music. We wish Mrs Stebner and Ms MacAskill all the best!

10. Teacher Report

a. Broomtree fundraiser

Lots of items have been donated and will be brought to BroomTree by the students on Wednesday. Thank you students and families!

b. Scholastic Book Fair total

\$1800 was earned for book purchases!!! Each classroom received \$100 to purchase books and the remainder went to the school library for purchases.

c. Myrna Yellowbird visit

We were honored to have Myrna Yellowbird visit on Father Lacombe Day. She was a fantastic resource and the students were able to ask so many questions about indigenous culture.

d. Career Day

Students enjoyed the numerous guest speakers on career day last Thursday.

11. Student Report

No student present

12. Trustee Report

No report

13. Fundraising Committee Report

a. Pottery night March 14

Successful evening with about 18 parents in attendance. Pottery supplied by Painted Earth, great variety! Event paid for by our ASCE grant.

b. Bottle drive - March 20

Kelly from Lacombe Bottle Depot will pick up bottles at the end of our Student-Led Conference evening. He will also be donating any bottles collected in store in the drop box - for School Council.

Action - Claudine to make posters for bottle drop off spots at the front and back door .

c. Hot lunch

Gwen has been away, Cecelia and Mel have stepped up to cover. Mel will cover again this week. Mrs Amstutz will help out, should Mel be unable to come.

d. Seed Fundraiser - Feb 3 -28 online -

5 orders were received. Not very successful. Perhaps online only is not the way to go. Other schools and clubs were also running seed fundraisers.
Profit \$45.14

e. **Oodles of Chocolate Fundraiser - April 2 hand out forms, 9 return forms, 16th chocolate pickup**

Jenna will run

f. **Mabel's Labels (May with school supply list)**

Thank you to Kaylee, this fundraiser is ready to go out with School Supply lists

Action: Admin to include Mabel's Labels flyers with school supply lists

14. Treasurer Report

A. Balance

No report

15. Closing Comments: meeting adjourned 7:50pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday April 14 @ 6:30pm