

Ecole Sainte Marguerite d'Youville
51 Boudreau Road, St. Albert, Alberta

School Council Regular Meeting Agenda - May 14, 2025

Attendance: Greg Schell, Suzanne Morton, Eden Berhe, Enid Maeda, Jessica O'Connell, Aimee d'Haene, Leanne Robalo, Kim Ahing, Stacey Jost, Helen Jamieson, Megan Davies, Danielle Skalski, Michelle Sestito

1. Call to order - Jessica O'Connell at 6:31 pm

2. Prayer and Land Acknowledgement - Damiell Skalski/Michelle Sestito

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to accept: Eden B. Seconded: Kim A.

4. Approval of April 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept: Suzanne M. Seconded: Aimee D.

5. Chair Report - Jessica O'Connell

a. ASCA Update - Megan Jefferies (shared by Jessica)

Megan attended the ASCA conference for over 4 hours. Suzanne stayed for more than 10 hours! Suzanne noted that next year ASCA will offer the option for councils to pool their \$500 ASCE grant towards monthly speakers online - the ASCA All Access Pass.

Dr. Moroziuk cancelled the Council of Councils meeting in April due to lack of attendance and business. It has not been rescheduled.

6. Trustee Report - Greg Schell

Board members will be meeting with city council tomorrow to discuss Cherot school sites. Currently the Area Structure Plan has one K-9 and one high school site designated in the Cherot neighbourhood. Public school board wants the high school site changed to a K-9 for their use as it is larger and closer to the planned rec centre. The current designated K-9 site in Cherot is too small for their plans. GSACRD would like it to remain a high school site for a new Catholic high school. SACHS building is close to 79% utilization, built in 1966 and the site would not support a new building while maintaining students there. Mr Schell suggests emailing city council to advocate for these sites to remain as planned.

Student growth in the district for kindergarten and grade 1 has stayed the same or increased slightly.

Thanks to Autumn and Jacob from ESMY for their participation at the Student Engagement Board.

7. Student Council Report

No student council rep present.

8. Administrator Report - Danielle Skalski

Upcoming Events:

May 15 - SACHS Shrek Production - school wide
May 16 - PD Day, no school for students
May 19 - Victoria Day, school closed
May 21 - HLAT written assessment for grade 7 and 8 students
May 23 - Western Theme Day for students
May 26 - Districts for qualifying grade 7-9 students
May 27 - Grade 9 FLA PAT Part A Written/Grade 7 & 8 FLA Part A Written
May 28 - Grade 6 ELAL PAT Part A Written
May 29 - Grade 9 ELA PAT Part A Written/Grade 7 & 8 Part A Written
June 2 - Gr 6 immunization 2nd dose
June 3 - Grade 5 & 6 Track Day at Fowler (volunteers needed, info to follow)
June 3 - Zones 7-9 for qualifying students
June 4 - Gr 8 Retreat - camp Nakamun
June 4 - School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
June 5 -Year-end Band Concert
June 9 - PD Day, no school for students
June 12 - Gr 9 Breakfast & Farewell 6pm @ HFP
June 16 - PATS begin
June 17 - Last day of classes
June 25 - Awards ceremony - 1:30pm

1 - It's time to review and receive feedback on the [School Code of Conduct](#) that was sent out last week. Any questions? Comments? Suggestions for change?

Motion to accept code of conduct as presented: Jessica O. Seconded: Suzanne M.

2 - There have been questions regarding the field trip to WEM Waterpark. As a division it was decided that schools would no longer attend that facility unless it was closed to the public due to reported incidents of inappropriate conduct from the public. ESMY will no longer be going to the Waterpark annually. Academy is able to as they have approx 1000 students and have the capacity to book the facility all to themselves. We still have lots going on at the school and are headed as a school to the theatre tomorrow

Parent comment: there are surely enough students in the district to be able to book the whole park for an event. Having multiple schools book together could be a possibility in the future.

3 - At our staff meeting this Friday, we will be finalizing plans for final exam preparation and study sessions. These study sessions will be scheduled in advance, and all students will be expected to attend to help them feel confident and prepared for their exams. Teachers will be available during these sessions to provide academic support and answer any questions students may have. To help with organization and ensure each student gets the support they

need, students will sign up for a specific study session. Once the plan is finalized, we will share with the parent community. **Study tips - "How to help your child" - to be shared with parents in the newsletter.*

4 - Honours Criteria – That time of year where parents and students are asking how their child/they can achieve honours. Students must meet the following academic requirements. This information will be included in our upcoming communication to parents and guardians:

- A combined average of at least 80% in the following core subjects:
 1. The higher mark between English Language Arts (ELA) and French Language Arts (FLA)
 2. Social Studies
 3. Science
 4. Mathematics

In addition, students must achieve a level 3 or higher in each of the following courses: Health, Religion, Physical Education, and Options.

9. Ongoing Business

a. Report of Sub-committees

i. Staff Appreciation - Suzanne Morton

Kim A is taking over this committee. Collection has started for end of year.

ii. Yearbook - Candice Crandall (shared by Jessica)

Deadline to order is tomorrow (May 15) - has been widely shared.

iii. Healthy Hunger - Helen Jamieson

Added an event for grades 4/5/6 track and field day on June 3 (Subway).

Will be delivered to the track. Cutoff will be the Thursday before (May 29).

Last hot lunch day at ESMY is June 16.

Helen will put up a poll on the parents Facebook group to assess preferred hot lunch vendors.

b. Update on Exam Plans and Study Sessions - Requested by Meghan Sievewright Covered in Admin Report

c. Community Event - Helen Jamieson

Welcome back BBQ was suggested. Would ask Bernie and Leo (who do the ESC BBQs) to cater. Would pre-sell tickets and organize some games (eg. street hockey, Just Dance). The goal is to build community, meet other families.

Danielle offered to schedule the BBQ in co-ordination with Meet the Teacher night, which would be shortly after school begins, and not on the same night as the ESC Meet the Teacher event.

10. New Business

a. School Sports Team Information & Communication - Kim Ahing

Kim requested that as many details as possible about school sports be communicated as early as possible (before tryouts). For example, badminton is only one tournament so if an athlete cannot play then perhaps they would not try out.

b. ESMY Trip to WEM Waterpark - Requested by Suzanne Morton
Covered in Admin Report

11. Adjournment at 7:45 pm. Motion to adjourn: Jessica O. Seconded: Stacey J.