School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Header

- **Name of School:** Guardian Angels School Council
- **Date:** November 4, 2025
- **Time:** 6:32 PM – 8:03 PM
- **Location:** Guardian Angels School Library

Attendance

- **Attendees:** VP Shawn Bedard, Katherine Laushway (Teacher), Julia, Shannon, Kaitlyn, Jennifer, Lisa, Bree, Alicia, Jessica, Cynthia, Mina, Lindsay Mattesz.
- **Absentees:** Principal Julie Hanna, Kelly, Julie, Alexandra, Brandy.
- **Guests:** N/A

Procedural Items

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes moved by Shannon, seconded by Bree, with Kaitlyn approving.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Approved (no additions requested).

Meeting Content

1. Principal's Report (Presented by VP Shawn Bedard)

- **Progress Reports:** To be posted to the Parent Portal on November 13 at 5:00 PM.
- **Parent-Teacher Interviews:** Scheduled for November 20 (4:00 PM – 8:00 PM) with a dinner break from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. The online booking tool will be sent out via parent groups; targeting a Thursday/Friday launch for bookings.
- **Wishlist Items:**
    - **Gym Bleachers/Choir Risers:** Seeking $2,000 per section (looking for 2 sections) to support liturgies and the Christmas choir (40–50 students).
    - **French Language Presentation:** MASC artists presentation. Cost is approximately $750 for one day or $1,500 for two days.
- **Bus Trip Offsets:** Previously approved ($3,200 total) to lower costs for families.

2. Teacher's Report (Katherine Laushway)

- **Sports:** Cross-country has concluded. Volleyball season has begun, and teams are currently practicing.

- **We Scare Hunger:** The campaign was highly successful, collecting over 4,000 non-perishable items. Pizza lunches were awarded to Miss Rodig's and Miss Button's classes.
- **Reminders:** Parents are asked to label all winter clothing (coats, mitts, socks) as the weather changes. Provide children with extra mitts and socks.
- **Remembrance Day:** Discussion regarding parent attendance; clarification needed on whether it is restricted to those in active service.

3. Food Program Report (Alicia)

- **Logistics:** Discussion regarding the transition of Junior students (Grades 4-6) moving between morning and afternoon classes and how it impacts food distribution.
- **Future Planning:** Suggestions to open the next round of food orders in February (rather than January) to avoid the post-holiday rush.
- **New Vendors:** Investigating "The Lunch Lady" for more flexible scheduling options.

4. Fundraising Report (Kaitlyn)

- **McDonald's Night:** November 12.
- **Movie Night:** November 28 (The Grinch). Registration opens Nov 10–21 on School Cash Online. Capacity is capped at 200. PJ costume contest included.
- **Gator Wear:** Generated $290 in profit. New Gator costumes were purchased for $135.
- **School Carnival:** Scheduled for Monday, June 8. This will be a budget-friendly event focusing on volunteers rather than external vendors.

5. Community/Parent Feedback (Bree)

- **Maintenance:** Peanut shells on school grounds and broken cloakroom hooks were reported and addressed.
- **Used Book Sale:** Interest expressed in running another sale (potentially led by Grade 3 students) for charity.
- **Birds of Prey:** Julia proposed an educational bird presentation for students.

6. CSPA/Board Update (Cynthia)

- **Tech Update:** The board is moving toward a partnership with Google; Hapara will be phased out over the next three years.
- **Parent Engagement Funds:** $500 is automatically available per school. Discussion on applying for the PRO grant (up to $3,000) for future events like Paint Night.

7. Parish Report (Lisa)

- **Sacramental Prep:** Reconciliation and Confirmation prep are underway, though turnout for the parent meeting was low (<20 attendees).
- **Youth Group:** Discussion regarding the new program content and the 13-meeting requirement for students.

8. Treasurer's Report (Shannon for Terry)

- **Food Program Revenue:** ~$84,000 collected; ~$70,000 in expenses.
- **Current Standing:** Approximately $13,900 in available funds to allocate for the remainder of the year.

Key Decisions & Motions

- **Motion:** To allocate an additional $100 (bringing the total to $250) for the Parade of Lights entry fee and candy canes.
    - **Moved by:** Julia
    - **Result:** Approved (8 votes in favor).
- **Decision:** Voting on "Teacher Funds" and "Gym Bleachers" is deferred until numbers are confirmed by Principal Julie Hanna. This will be conducted via an online vote.

Action Items

Action Item	Person Responsible	Deadline
Confirm Junior food distribution logistics with Principal	Alicia / Julie Hanna	Next Pizza Day
Research "The Lunch Lady" pricing/options	Alicia	Next Meeting
Finalize "Birds of Prey" presentation details	Julia	Next Meeting

Apply for Parent Engagement PRO Grant	Cynthia / Council	End of November
Draft social media posts for Movie Night	Alex / Alicia	Nov 10

Closing

- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.
- **Next Meeting:** December 2, 2025 (Social meeting/Teacher invitation discussed).
- **Signatures:**

Secretary

Meeting Chair