

# St. Brigid School Council - Minutes

## October 23, 2025

### **Present:**

Rola Tibshirani (Principal)

Mme. Anik (Staff Representative- alternating with Ms. Van de Loo)

Barbara Routliffe (Staff Representative)

Amy Barker

Emily Aguirre

Andrew Elliot

Carlos Rosell

Lars Andersen

### **With Regrets:**

Akeem Haynes

Ciara Trudeau

Jaelyn Jarrett

Bridget O'Grady

Dapne Mercado

Rafael Kich

- Co-chairs: Amy Barker and Emily Antler
- Treasurer: Andrew Elliott
- Secretary: TBC
- Catholic School Parents' Association (CSPA) rep: TBC
- Parish representative: Emily Aguirre
- Community Representative: Jaelyn Jarrett

**The meeting was called to order in the Learning Commons at 6:30pm.**

### **Principal's Report:**

- **Jungle Sport:** sessions took place successfully; each class participated three times.
- **Student Council:** has begun producing podcasts, Halloween spirit week
- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:** Some students visited Beechwood Cemetery, others attended an OCSB event at the Deifenbunker.
- **OCSB Theme of the Month:** October: Understanding – classes received themed presentations with reflection prompts. November: Action.

- **Outdoor Learning:** Continued focus on outdoor play and exploration using logs, risk play, painting, and a variety of games. Student patrollers are active, and the number of yard incidents is decreasing.
- **Literacy Night (October 2nd):** was well attended.
- **Terry Fox Run:** Completed successfully with good weather.
- **Saidat Show:** Social-emotional learning presentation for both primary and junior classes.
- **Canadian War Amps Visit:** Engaged with Kindergarten students.
- **Community Connections:** Exploring opportunities to collaborate with the Governor General's office for future events.
- **River Keepers Visit:** Environmental education for select classrooms.
- **Halloween Spirit Week:** Scheduled for next week—details available in the school newsletter.

## Meeting Actions:

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Approved.
2. **Open Council Roles** CSPA Representative: Amy Barker volunteered; nomination approved. Secretary: Position remains open.

## Discussion:

1. **Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser:**
  - 40 bundles ordered.
  - Delivery expected with 10 days' notice.
  - Volunteers needed (3–5 people) to help sort, bag and label deliveries.
2. **Alumni Outreach:**
  - Alumni letter to be posted on the school website and shared via the alumni organization's Facebook group titled: *"I went to St. Brigid School on Murray St."*
  - Council to review the Lisgar Collegiate Alumni Association for further ideas on opportunities for engaging alumni.
3. **Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant:** Application to be submitted, must be based on project.
4. **Annual Financial Report:** Awaiting budget confirmation from school; was due October 17 aiming for delivery by October 31.
5. **Upcoming Fundraising:**
  - Christmas Wreath fundraising: Robert Plant to be contacted for this year pricing.

- Council Bake sale during Christmas concert to continue. Will ask for donations from school community again as last year was successful in raising funds.
- Council offered to continue organization of North Pole Christmas Gift sale. Will reach out to school community for donations and to organize event in collaboration with school staff. Outreach to community businesses for donations possible (wrapping paper, in-kind donations).

**6. Community Engagement:**

- Member-at-large provided classroom materials from the Senate and shared potential opportunity to connect with the Senate of Canada.
- Looking for connection with Rideau Hall to explore student visits/ opportunities.

**Next Council meeting: Thursday, November 13th, 2025**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM.**