

# Richard S Fowler Catholic Junior High School

School Council Meeting

November 20, 2024

## MINUTES

**Attendees:** Marina Lotoski, Principal  
Ryan Herbold, Vice Principal  
Kristy Cunningham, Vice-Chair (acting as Chair)  
Genevieve Gray  
Lindsay Bauer, Secretary

Name of person recording minutes: Lindsay Bauer

### 1.0 Call to Order - called to order at 18:37pm

- Prayer – Ryan
- Treaty Acknowledgment - Marina

**2.0 Review/Approval of Agenda** – Request by Genevieve to add Student Handbook under open forum.  
Approved by Genevieve and seconded by Lindsay

**3.0 Approval of October 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes** - Approved by Lindsay and seconded by Genevieve

**4.0 Trustee Report Serena Shaw** – Serena Shaw not in attendance. Report presented by Marina

#### Division News

- Faith Rally Retreat Inspires Grade 7 Students
- Trustees Attend Unveiling of “Every Child Matters” Crosswalk in downtown St. Albert
- Honouring National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Across Our Schools
- Congratulations to Dr. George Georgiou on 2024 Distinguished Academic Award
- Celebrating Long Service Award Recipients with a Taylor Swift-Inspired Theme
- Celebrating World Teachers' Day Across Our Schools
- Celebrating Read-In Week with Wonderful Guest Readers
- Thanksgiving Liturgies: A Time for Gratitude and Reflection
- Celebrating Catholic Education Week Across Our Schools and Division

#### School News

- École Sacré Coeur Panthers Shine at Cross Country Districts
- Bertha Kennedy Catholic School Grateful for “Good Buy to Hunger” Campaign Support
- École Notre Dame Celebrates Bible Presentation Ceremony for Grade 4 Students
- SACHS Senior Volleyball Teams Soar with Olympian Lucas Van Berkel
- VJM Senior Volleyball Teams Strike Gold at Westlock RSF Invitational
- Creative Writing Comes to Life in Mr. Runco’s Class at Legal School
- Richard S. Fowler Religion 8 Class Practices Gratitude
- Grade 6 Students from Neil M. Ross Enjoy a Day of Adventure at Camp Yowochas
- ESSMY Leopards Cheer on the Edmonton Oilers for Home Opener
- St. Gabriel Education Centre Staff Faith Retreat
- Neil M. Ross Thanksgiving Food Drive a Success

## 5.0 Administration Report – Marina Lotoski, Ryan Herbold

- Calendar review for 25/26 & 26/27 – Feedback?
  - The following recommendations were made from council attendees:
    1. Change the PD day at the end of November to the 1<sup>st</sup> week in December
    2. Prefer shorter fall break and a later start date (after September long weekend)
    3. Change January 29<sup>th</sup> Faith & Wellness Day from a Thursday to Friday.
- Liturgies/Celebrations:
  - Sept 13 - Opening Celebration - led by 9-1 students
  - Sept 23 - Gr. 7 Faith Rally - whole day event at St. Albert Alliance Church
  - Oct. 10 - Thanksgiving Liturgy @ RSF
  - Oct. 28 - Gr. 8 RSF Nakamun Faith Retreat
  - Oct. 20 - Catholic Education Sunday 5:00 pm Mass at HFP.
  - Nov. 8 - Remembrance Day Observance
- Presentations- Christy Jordan-Fenton Presentation - Co -author of “Fatty Legs”
- Business Week - Great fun and sales occurring this week! Lots of pizza!!!
- Sports:
  - Volleyball teams - Congratulations to the senior boys...Tier 1 Champions!! The senior girls season came to an end on Nov. 4th in a battle against ESSMY. Thank you to Coaches: Ewanishan, Tomlinson, Turner, Heschuk and Molzan!!
  - Basketball tryouts have started!
  - Wrestling started this week!
- Arts:
  - Band is preparing for the Christmas concert (Dec. 18th: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)
  - Peace Poster contest - Congratulations to Eleanor Gibb whose peace poster won in the St. Albert Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Eleanor’s poster will go on to the next level of judging, representing Northern Alberta.
- Clubs:
  - Dragon Fire Club - after school
  - Checkmate Challenge continues - lunch hours
  - Recycle collection
  - SWAT (School Council’s Student Wellness Action Team)
- Halloween festivities - Costume contest, Mummy wrap competition, SWAT candy sale
- Upcoming:
  - Nov 26 - Grade 9 Legislature Field Trip
  - Nov 29 - PD Day
  - Dec 2 - Term 1 Ends - NHI (Not Handed In cutoff date for term 1)
  - Dec 3 - Term 2 Begins
  - Dec 18 - Christmas Band Concert @ 7 pm
  - Dec 19 - Advent Mass
  - Dec 20 - SOAR Assembly
  - Dec 20 - Talent Show
  - Dec 20 - Last day of Classes Before Break
  - Jan 6 - First Day Back!

**6.0 Holy Family Liaison Report** - no updates

**7.0 Friends of Fowler Report** - no report at this time

## 8.0 SACHS Report – no updates

### 9.0 Open Forum

- Student Handbook – Late Policy
  - Current wording: *“six unexcused lates in a one week period will result in a full detention”*. This was changed to the following: *“three unexcused lates in a one week period will result in a half-lunch visit to the success centre, and six unexcused lates will result in a full lunch visit to the success centre.”*
- Council discussed an incident that occurred at the Junior High Senior Volleyball Finals. SAPEC has dealt with this. They will be sending out a communication to volleyball parents providing an update on the actions that were taken.
- Next Meeting – January 2025

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm