



Mission Statement

To provide an advisory role in order to foster growth and excellence in the academic, personal, social, religious, athletic and educational development of students at École Sacré Coeur in a Christian environment based on the Catholic Faith.

ESC School Council Meeting

May 13th, 2024

1. Opening prayer

2. Land Acknowledgment

- We honour the spirit of the land, the land that has sustained us all since time immemorial. We acknowledge that we are gathering on Treaty 6 territory, meeting grounds and gathering place of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Dene and Nakota Sioux, and the homeland of the Métis people of Alberta. We acknowledge, honour, and respect the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.
- Together we call upon all peoples to build a stronger understanding of those who dwell on this land we call home. The recognition of our collective histories on this land is a meaningful act of reconciliation. We honour those who walk with us - we are all Treaty People.

3. Round table introductions

4. Approval of the agenda:

- Motion: To accept the agenda
- Moved by: Seconded by:

5. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

- Motion: To accept last meeting's minutes as presented with any said amendments
- Moved by: Seconded by:

6. Trustee's Report (Lydia Yeomans)

- Sends her regrets

7. Principal's Report (Evan Holstein/Anne Timmer)

- Preparations for NEXT Year
 - Staffing
 - Classroom configurations
 - Class lists
- Feedback Survey
 - Community involved:
 - Parents
 - Students
 - Staff
 - Will review and look at considerations for our planning for next year.
- Calendar Events
 - MAY= MONTH OF MARY
 - NO SCHOOL: Victoria Day (MAY 20th)
 - ESC HOUSE WORLD CUP: Soccer Tournament (MAY 6-23rd)
 - THEME DAY: Soccer Day (MAY 23rd)
 - THEME DAY: Western/Rodeo Day (MAY 24th)
 - School Provided BBQ Lunch (MAY 24th)
 - Car Bingo! (MAY 24th)
 - Cereal Box Food Drive (MAY 27-JUNE 7th)

- THEME DAY: Day in recognition of Orange Shirt Day (MAY 29th)
- Children's Festival (MAY 30- JUNE 2nd)
- THEME DAY: House Colour Day (JUNE 4th)
- TRACK & FIELD DAY: Grade 4 (JUNE 5th)
- EPS Stations with Recruits (JUNE 6th)
- THEME DAY: Superhero Day (JUNE 7th)
- NO SCHOOL/PD Day (JUNE 10th)
- ESC/ESSMY Renaming Event (JUNE 12th)
- School Provided BBQ Lunch (JUNE 12th)
 - Need 8 Volunteers
 - From 11:15-1:15
 - Prepping plates, helping with serving
- HOUSE CHALLENGE DAY (JUNE 14th)
- THEME DAY: LAST House Colour Day (JUNE 14th)
- YEAR END MASS @ HFP (1:30) (JUNE 20th)
- NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY (JUNE 21st)
- Year End PAwards & Presentation of the HOUSE CUP! (JUNE 24th)
- Kinder Orientation (JUNE 25th)
- REPORT CARD DAY (JUNE 26th)
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (JUNE 27th)
- Questions, Comments, Concerns?

8. Friends Update (Kathryn Richmond)

- Spell-a-thon had 128 participants and raised just over \$7,800.
- June 10th is staff appreciation breakfast. Ellen Belanger is heading the staff appreciation committee. Anyone who wants to help can be forwarded to her.
- Car bingo is an ESC family event. Lots of fun for all! It will be held May 24th at the Holy Family Parish parking lot. Lots of prizes for all. The RSVP flyer went home in April.

9. Chair Report

Conference Summary:

Keynote Speaker, **Barbara Coloroso** - many free online resources at <http://www.kidsareworthit.com/>

Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides spoke and held a Q and A. Takeaways:

- a provincial survey took place for parents to provide views regarding cellphone use in schools. This was open until May 3. Gov't is questioning whether a provincial policy is needed.
- Budget 9.3 billion for the Education Ministry (450 million increase). 98 school building projects are in the works in Alberta with 43 going ahead. Fastest growing province in Canada and a lot of enrollment pressures. 1.5 billion to support specialised learning needs.
- Questions from the floor regarding: 2-year pilot project funding for mental health coming to an end, decreased PUFF funding, concern across the province regarding children watching TV at lunch, playground funding (some schools have NO playground because communities are not in a position to fundraise for this), request for feedback regarding ASCA resolutions.

Justice Hancock from Alberta Court of Justice spoke

Breakout sessions offered for attendees. I attended topics related to School Council basics. Lots of good learning!! My main takeaway:

- Continue to re-evaluate ways to increase parent engagement (in particular for those who can't attend meetings)?

AGM – the meeting minutes from the AGM aren't posted yet. You will be able to view them here when they are ready: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/board-of-directors/regular-meeting-minutes>

–The resolutions that were passed (which were most of what was proposed) will frame the advocacy topics that ASCA will engage in over the next year with the Ministry and provincial government

10. New Business

- None

11. Next Meeting:

- June 10th, 2024 @ 6:30pm (Thirsty Rooster)

12.Adjournment

- Motion: To adjourn the meeting
- Moved by: Seconded by: