

**HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Date and Time:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

**Place:** Learning Commons (Library)

**Present:** Karen H, Katie B, Greg R, Karen K, Jenn W, Margaret D, Kelly V, Holly F, Kristen K, Kathy H, Shannon J, Kelly R

**1. Principal Report, Greg Rusch**

- o Lots of ongoing presentations plus daily activities
- o January awesome with a buzz in the school – kudos to teachers for their work with all of the clubs (master builders, drama etc)
- o Black History Month incorporated into announcements and sharing of many related resources
- o Also focusing on the Olympics this coming Month. We'll celebrate key moments together
  - Also learning about the different countries and cultures through the Olympics
- o Lent coming up. Highlights include:
  - Shrove Tuesday
  - Father Geoff coming for the liturgy (Ash Wednesday 1:15)
  - Lenten Initiative will be for the Shepherds of Good Hope
  - Founder lives next door at Wild Pine, along with a group of retired teachers that are joining for liturgies, kinders have gone to sing; participated in Halloween, puzzles sharing.
  - She'll be invited to join and SGH will do a presentation for the students about what they do for our community
  - As well as spirit themed activities to win prizes when bringing donations
- o Report Cards will be available on the Parent Portal on Wednesday
- o Grades 3 and 6 parents to choose their French pathways for the next year

**2. Teachers' Report, Karen Konrad**

- o Visiting artist Sasha French via Arts Incentive Grant to work with each class in the school.
  - Feature will be creating pieces of work based on nature, earth, plant, animals

- With an art show during Catholic Education week first week of May
- o Skating all grades has started
- o Handball Tournament Feb 20 and 18
- o Kids have started their Olympic Studies
- o Valentines coming up,
- o Librarian reminder that our speakers are here
  - ACTION: Parent Council to move to kitchen (completed)
- o Thanks to the Teachers for all of the clubs going on

### **3. Treasurer's Report, Shannon Jenkins**

- o Not much changed since last meeting
- o At the Treat Parade we made just under \$2800 (more than estimated)
- o Approx \$3400 from Lunches (more than estimated)
- o Vibe Days brought nearly \$700
- o Ready to pay for pancakes, jungle sport, luv2groove, curling, facepainting, zoo crew

### **4. Activities, Kelly Ray**

- o Shrove Tuesday: February 17
  - ACTION: Check supply closet for what we need to buy (plastic forks)
  - ACTION: Check on Leslie for schedule and make sure they're early enough to not interfere with skating
    1. ACTION: Kelly to send out volunteer sign-up sheet
- o Winter Carnival: TBD
  - Planning for the second week of March
  - Olympic themed, each group will have a country. Spirit week heading into March Break
  - Grade 6 leadership opportunity
  - Asking Council for hot chocolate station inside near gym. Open to parents coming, volunteering
    1. VOTE: Passed to purchase hot chocolate
  - Teachers are helping with the planning/stations
- o Jungle Sport: March 2 to 6 (Community Night Thursday, March 5)
  - ACTION: Kelly to ask if they'll add a night and what the age limits are (younger and upper)

- \$5 per person at 120 covers the \$600
- SCO but at \$5.25 (TBD) per person. If more participants
- ACTION: Create plan for booking evenings
- Week of March 11: Black History Month Dance workshop through MASC
- Luv2Groove: April 7 and 8
- Indigenous Workshops through MASC
  - Recommend we look into marital arts but delay until next year and carry over the funds
- Rocks and Rings: April 20 to 24
- Grade 6s convo: council less involved since money is now coming from Kernels. Is there a year book, pics for slide show etc? School managing money for all things Grade 6.
  - Date: June 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Grade six parents to look into Ale/Amberwood
- May Treat Parade during Education Week open house morning
- Year-end Party: June 11. Booked inflatables, facepainters, henna, Zoo Crew
  - For consideration: Costco and going back to BBQ (Holly and Kristen)

#### **5. Food Program Report, Katie Bowes**

- Moving well

#### **6. CSPA Report, Holly Fortier**

- Student Census and two new roles
- Typically Spring has more parent activity/engagement

#### **7. Parish Report, Karen Hoy**

- Ash Wednesday distribution of ashes 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Each Friday during Lent at 6:30 the way of the cross
- For Lent – Do something bold!

#### **8. Round Table/Any Other Business**

- Greg to send more to grade six parents for all things
- Photo submission and release convo

#### **9. Adjournment**

- Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9 with subcommittee planning meeting (virtual) for Shrove Tuesday and Carnival

- o Conversation after the meeting: potential for Trivia Night fundraiser.
  - Recommendation to replace Cozy Christmas as a December Family event
  - Recommendation for Parent Council Social at the Oak on Thursdays to check it out