

St. Brigid School Council - Minutes

November 13th, 2025

Present:

Rola Tibshirani (Principal)
Ms. Van de Loo (Staff Representative)
Mme. Anik (Staff Representative)
Barbara Routliffe (Staff Representative)
Amy Barker
Emily Aguirre
Carlos Rosell
Ciara Trudeau
Rafael Kich

With Regrets:

Lars Andersen
Andrew Elliot

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

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

Principal's Report:

- Focus on conflict resolution strategies, math talks, and expanding the schoolyard patrollers program.
- Fundraiser underway to support families in need through CEFO.
- Google session delivered to Grades 4–6 on internet safety at Immaculata High School.
- Recent Student Council Spirt Week activities included pumpkin decorating, Copycat Day, door decorating, school-wide bingo, and a Halloween dance.
- *Growing Organics* program restarting with sessions on garlic planting, garden preparation, and spring planting.
- Grade 5-6 Boys' Volleyball tournament held at St. Brigid for visiting schools.
- *Rag and Bone* presentation provided enrichment for students.

Meeting Actions:

1. Approval of Previous Minutes: Approved.
2. CSPA: Conference took place last weekend, minutes will be shared with the Council.
3. Open Council Roles Secretary: Position remains open.

Discussion:

1. Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser/ Christmas Wreaths

- 40 bundles ordered and delivery expected November 27, 2025.
- Volunteer call-out was sent last evening, 3–5 volunteers will help sort, bag, and label deliveries.
- Wreath flyer delayed until after CEFO campaign.

2. Ottawa 67's Fundraiser

- Promotion of ticket sales to begin in early December 2025.
- Event date: January 24, 2026.

3. North Pole Sale, December 15-16

- Short message will be sent to staff to request donations for North Pole sale.
- Requests have been sent in Sandy Hill and Manor Park neighbourhoods to collect donations. Looking for a connection with New Edinburgh Facebook or mailing list.
- Request support from the Knights of Columbus and Giant Tiger, as well as other local businesses to donate gifts.
- North Pole sale volunteer call will be sent this week, with volunteer shifts for December 15th, 5:00–8:00 PM and during the school day on December 16th.

4. Alumni Network: Alumni letter will be posted on the Facebook group.

5. Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

- Grant funding is based on a proposed program, engaging with parents specifically. Funding would not be available until January 2026.
- Possible proposal: Math/Games/Chili Night in January/February, date TBD, possibly before PD Day in January.

6. Annual Financial Report: Proposed budget has been signed and submitted.

7. Christmas Concert

- Scheduled December 18th at 9:00 AM for parents and guardians.
- Call-out for donated baked goods will be sent out closer to that date.

8. Working with ONFE: Breakfast program to possibly be revamped.

9. Potential Reader Program (with Mr. Smith)

- Proposal to start a Parent Reader-Buddy program.
- Possible timing during Catholic Education Week or using PRO grant support.

Parish Update: Parish meeting with Principal this week.

Next Council meeting: No meeting to be held in December, next meeting January 15th, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM.