

St. Mother Teresa Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 15, 2026

In attendance:

Steven Boucher (Chair), Karen Jacyno (Vice Chair), Wanda Symes (Principal), Tiziana Balice (Treasurer), Maria Perez (Parish Representative), Sarah de Boer (Secretary), Susan Ragaisis (Teacher Representative), Andrea Shaffer, Erinn Ladouceur, Davina Mullaley, Natalie Boucher

Regrets:

Deborah Imarah (CSPA Representative), Karen Hennessy, Lindsay Wyllie, Jennifer Kane, Charleen Bortot, Anna Noussis, (Student Council representatives)

Welcome & call to order at 6:44

Steven Boucher

Prayer, Land Acknowledgement

Wanda Symes

Approval of Agenda Items

Karen, Andrea & Tiziana

- Steven Boucher motioned for approval of the agenda. Approved, no revisions or omissions noted.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Karen, Andrea & Tiziana

- Steven Boucher motioned for approval of the previous minutes. Approved, no revisions or omissions noted.

Business Brought Forward

Steven Boucher

- Nil

Principal's Report

Wanda Symes

1. Staffing Updates:

- Our 4th VP starting in September is Andrew Kwai (change from Blaine Primeau)
- We will be shuffling our alpha distribution for our VPs to match guidance
- I have hired 15 HS and 10 Grade 7-8 teachers and still have to hire 3 HS LTO teachers and 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ LTO teachers
- 2 teachers retiring (Kristin Parker and Patrick Coxall)
- 2 teachers leaving to become VPs (Dave Testa and Susan Ragaisis)

2. **Cafeteria's last day is this Wednesday, June 17th**
3. **Semester 2 Exam Schedule:**
 - Grade 9 RSTs and Grade 10-11 exams are from June 18-23
 - Grade 12 students start earlier on June 16th
 - Students cannot miss exams due to work schedule or vacations
 - Any exam missed will be written the 2nd week of school in September
4. **Grade 7-8 June Events:**
 - Activity Day - Friday, June 19th (free pizza lunch included)
 - Academic Awards - Monday, June 22nd at 9 am (parents of award recipients will be notified)
 - Athletic Awards - Tuesday, June 23rd at 9 am (parents of award recipients will be notified)
 - Grade 8 Farewell Dance - Tuesday, June 23rd at 5:30 pm
 - Last day of school is Thursday, June 25th
5. **Report Card Information:**
 - 7-8 report cards are going home as a paper copy AND on parent portal Wednesday, June 24th
 - 9-12 report cards are available on the parent portal on Thursday, July 2nd
6. **Summer School Preview 2026 - July 2-July 23, 2026**
 - Registration: Registration will officially open on Friday, March 13th, 2026.
 - Hours: Summer school hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
 - In-Person Reach Ahead Locations: St. Pius X Catholic High School (Central) and St. Matthew Catholic High School (East).
 - Credit Recovery: St. Pius X, St. Mother Teresa, St. Patrick, St. Matthew, and Holy Trinity.
 - Skills Builder Courses: English Numeracy & Literacy Support or Core French Literacy Support will be offered at St. Pius X and St. Matthew.
 - Indigenous Education: This will be offered at St. Pius X.
 - Conversational English & Literacy Development: Offered at St. Pius X, this is a 55-hour non-credit course for students entering Grades 9-12 who are beginner multilingual learners (ELD and ESL AO/BO) and have not yet earned a mainstream English credit.
 - Course Requirements: All courses are dependent on enrollment. Students are required to bring their own laptop.

Teacher's Report

Susan Ragaisis

- Nil; wishing Ms. Ragaisis much continued success in her new role as VP!

Parish Report

Maria Perez

- Please Note: From June 27th to August 30th inclusively, our Masses will be held in the Chapel at St. Joseph High School rather than the gym. This is to give our set-up and take down teams a much needed break. Mass takes place at 5:00pm on Saturdays, and 10:00am on Sundays, at the St. Joseph High School (Confession will take place from 4:15-4:45 pm on Saturday, and from 9:15-9:45 am on Sunday)
- Sunday Mass is also live-streamed at 10:55 am by visiting <https://saintmonicaparish.ca/>
- Set up for Mass is at 4:00 pm on Saturday, and take down is after the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.
- Please note: We are always looking for new volunteers, call the parish office for information. High School students looking for community service hours are welcome.
- Older students and adults seeking to complete their Sacraments of Initiation and or wishing to become Catholic are welcome to contact Janice Pilgrim at 613-723-9767 x 1 or secretary@saintandrewparish.ca for information. Weekly RCIA meetings are being held on Wednesday evenings at St. Monica Church.
- The St. Monica Gardening Team is looking for new members to help with gardening at St. Monica Parish! The commitment is only two hours per week until early September. If you are interested in this ministry, please email: picardh2@gmail.com
- **Congratulations to all of the young people receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation! We rejoice with them and pray that they continue to grow in their faith and feel the love of our Saviour, Jesus Christ!**
- **Upcoming events:**
- June 19: Dinner & Movie Night: The evening begins at 6:15 pm at St Monica Parish with a bring your own brown bag dinner, followed by the movie at 7pm. This week's movie is: Field of Dreams, starring Kevin Costner.

Catholic School Parent Association (CSPA) Report

Erinn Ladouceur

- Next meeting: September 2026; will be 4th Wednesday of each month

Treasurer's Report

Tiziana

- \$1871.96 in account. Have successfully fundraised 2 x \$500 to support student bursaries
- Jolly Taxpayer May 9th, Trivia Night was a huge success, will consider doing it again next year
- \$87.50 in FlipGive account, will advertise next year for uptake

Other business:

Steven Boucher

- Nil

Meeting adjourned: 7:06 p.m.

Next meeting: September 2026 (TBC)