

Richard S Fowler Catholic Junior Hight School

School Council Meeting

April 15, 2026

MINUTES

Attendees: Marina Lotoski, Ryan Herbold, Kristy Cunningham, Lindsay Bauer, Anne Hansen, Leslie Slanisky, Lydia Yeomans (Trustee)

Name of person recording minutes: Lindsay Bauer

Call To Order @ 6:47pm

- Prayer – Ryan
- Treaty Acknowledgement – Marina
- Introductions
- Verifications of Quorum confirmed

1.0 Review/Approval of Agenda – Approved by Lindsay.

2.0 Approval of Feb 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes – Approved by Kristy. March meeting cancelled as quorum not met.

3.0 Trustee Report – Reviewed highlights from March board meeting

- Bill 25 approaching – looking at implications
- May 4th meeting with Minister of Education
- Two new school projects – Riverside K to 9 and modernization in Legal
- Reference:

<https://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/trustees/boardmeetings>

4.0 Administration Repot – Marina Lotoski, Ryan Herbold

- Assurance Survey Results - Parent Feedback. See [APPENDIX A](#)
- RSF Code of Conduct 2026/27 – Reviewed with School Council and RSF Staff
- Liturgies/Celebrations
 - o May 25 - Living Rosary - parents welcome
 - o June 5 - Gr. 9 Farewell Mass at HFP
 - o June 12 - Year end Celebration - RSF Gym - All are welcome!
 - o June 24 - RSF Awards - 4:00 p.m. @ St. Albert Alliance
- Sports -Badminton season begins next week
- Trips - East Coast Trip - May 30 to June 5
- Upcoming dates announced in the RSF newsletter

5.0 Holy Family Liaison Report

- Nothing to report

6.0 Friends of Fowler Report

- Candy bag fundraiser - \$113 towards sports table
- Wish List from Admin:
 - o New Podium with Fowler Logo (approx. \$3000.00)
 - o Water bottle filling station outside Room 147 (\$5000) - completed

- o New balls for fall and spring for the office to lend out at lunch - completed
- o Prayer Tables for each classroom - completed
- o Custom Fowler chairs for the gym for assemblies and home games (Approx. \$350 per chair)
- o Custom Fowler scorekeeper table for all sports home games. (approx. \$1500)
- o Fowler outdoor message sign - refurbish old wooden sign - needs to be completed in the spring
- o Art/Ceramics - New slip casting molds, Printing press

7.0 SACHS Report

- Student teacher hockey game in April
- March 25th School trip to Spain & Portugal
- May 13th and 14th musical theatre production

8.0 Open Forum

8.1 Follow up on ASCA Grant and proposed topic:

- o Growing up Online: The internet, habits and You (For Families) by Lisa DeGara – April 22nd
- o Honorarium suggestion: Action for Healthy Communities www.a4hc.ca
 - ASCA grant of \$500 to be shared with VJM (\$250 per school)
 - Use \$250 for honorarium and carry forward \$250 to next year
 - Marina to follow up to see if we can carry forward

8.2 Track and Field Day (May 11)

- o This will be next fundraiser for Friends. Need to create a sign up sheet for items to be donated

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm – next meeting May 20th at 6:45 pm

APPENDIX A

Division Assurance Survey Parent Review for School Council - April 15, 2026

- o 49 parents completed the survey this year (33 parents last year)
- o Questions in red; Comments in blue; S. C. feedback - green

FAITH

PARENTS - Above 75% in all six indicators (three above 85%)

STUDENTS - Above 80% in all six indicators

Area to celebrate:

Parents - Q2 My child's religion classes help them to understand how faith can guide the way they live their life. 85.7% (4.2 above Div; 9.9 above last year)

Students - Q2 My religion classes help me understand how faith can guide the way I live my life. 84.2% (8.5 above Div; 7.7 from last year) - celebrate b/c was the focus for us this year

Area for growth:

Q5 My child has opportunities to participate in activities that teach about First Nations, Métis, and Inuit culture and traditions to further reconciliation 75.5%. (-10.7 below Div/ -18.4 last year - 8 out of 49 parents responded "don't know")

Do you have any ideas of how we can improve in this area?

- Social media (share information)
- Newsletter
- Start earlier in the year
- Possibly gr. 7 parents

EXCELLENCE - Student Growth and Achievement

PARENTS - 10/13 indicators above 80%; 3/13 75% or higher

STUDENTS - 7/13 indicators above 90%; 3/13 above 85%; 2/13 above 70%; 1/13 - 49.4 %

Area to celebrate:

Parents - Q15 How **satisfied** are you with the variety of courses available to your child at school? 100% (9.8 above Div; 6.2 from last year)

Students - Q16 and 20: **education receiving (92.2%) and quality (95.2%) (over 10% increase in both from school result last year)**

Area for growth:

Parents - Q10 Overall, my child finds school work interesting and challenging. 77.1% (-8.8 Div; -1.7 from last year)

Students - Q12 and 13 - school work **interesting** (49.4%) and challenging (73.1%) (slight increase from last year school result but still significantly below the Div results)

The result is good for parents, but low for students **re: interesting**. Do you have ideas on how to improve this?

- Use of wording on the survey (school work is boring and hard?)
- Change “interesting”
- Can I apply it in my life moving forward?
- Useful or engaging instead of interesting

EQUITY - Learning Supports

Area to celebrate:

Q24 How satisfied are you that the specialized supports and services your child is receiving enables them to be a successful learner? 83.4% (0.5 above Div; 12 from last year)

- Large increase from last year

Area for growth:

Q22 My child can get help at school with problems that are not related to school work. 64.6% (-9.0 below Div/ -1.0 from last year)

What help do you think students need support with, and how can the school help?

- Different support groups (opportunity for your child to participate in... group)
 - Awareness - what is available at the school level to access? How does the counsellor connect with people
 - Significant increase in mental health issues - what mental health supports are there?

RELATIONSHIPS - Teaching and Learning

Area to celebrate:

Parents - Q31 My child's school is a welcoming place to be. 95.5% (1.5 above Div: 5.2 from last year)

Students - Q28 My school teaches me about wellbeing and healthy living. 93.3% (5.7 above Div: 9.8 increase from last year)

Q 31 to 35 (treat me well, care, belong, clear behavioral expectations) - 80% range and higher (huge increases in students results from last year's results)

Area for growth:

Q25 My child is taught how to use technologies and social media safely at school. 62.2% (-8.8 below Div: -5.6 school) - students results are extremely high (91.1%)

What are parents looking for in this area?

- Increase awareness

- Increase parent awareness as well
- Connect information shared with handbook (code of conduct) and actions/activities happening in the school
- Info. bites for parents in newsletter

Q26 My child learns about wellbeing and healthy living. 73.4% (-9.0 Div; -4.0 school) - students results are extremely high (93.3%)

What are parents looking for in this area? Do we need to communicate more with parents regarding what is being taught?

- Awareness! Share what is happening
- Options tie into this Men of Honour, Fit for Life

RESPONSIVENESS - Governance and Context

Area to celebrate:

Parent: Q 36 Overall, I am confident that this is a good school. 91.1% (-3.0 below Div; 7.2 increase from last year)

- So proud of the improvement in this area!!

Student: Q37 I feel safe at school. 91.8% (2.8 above Div; 8.1 increase from last year)

Q40 I would recommend my school to a friend. 78.6% (0.4 above Div; 7.7 increase from last year)

Area for growth:

Parents: Q35 How satisfied are you with the opportunity to be involved in decisions about your child's school? 80% (-5.1 below Div; -7.1 decrease from last year - decrease, but still 80%)

What decisions about your child's school do you want to be involved in?

- Opportunities are available (can attend School Council)
- Advertise that coming to School Council allows you to have input// access to School Council chair.
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If parents want to share any feedback regarding the questions asked at the school council meeting, please email Marina Lotoski (mlotoski@gsacrd.ab.ca) or Ryan Herbold (rherbold@gsacrd.ab.ca).