

School Council AGM held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025:



### Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began with a warm welcome and introductions from staff and parents:

- Principal Ms. Julie expressed gratitude for the strong school community and shared her excitement for the year ahead.
- Vice Principals Ms. Katie Benjamin and Ms. Sean Bedard introduced themselves, both enthusiastic about their roles and the school.
- Teachers and Parents introduced themselves, sharing their children's grades and their involvement or interest in council roles.

### Housekeeping

- Previous Minutes were approved by Lisa Poland and Jessica Bazor
- Council Meetings and positions were explained for the benefit of newcomers:
  - Anyone may attend and/or bring forward ideas!
  - Fundraising is done throughout the year – food program, events.
  - Council is responsible for deciding what to do with the funds.
- Moving forward, Council Meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month
  - This scheduling may be subject to change.



### Council Dissolution & Elections

The 2024–2025 Council was officially dissolved, and elections for the 2025–2026 Council were held. Here are the results:



### Council Executive Positions

Position	Name
Chair	Kelly Hill
Past Chair	Shannon R
Vice Chair	Julia S

Treasurer Terry  
Secretary Jessica Bazor  
Communications Alexandra  
Amodeo  
Parish rep Lisa Poland  
Fundraising Kaitlyn Carmanico  
Parent rep K-3 Brandy Roy  
Parent rep gr3-6 Bree Bouvier  
Gervais  
Food rep Alicia Rogers



### Principal's Report

- Reading Screenings: Completed for primary grades; data being analyzed to form support groups.
- DIBELS Testing: Grades 3–6 completed; helps identify students needing additional support.
- School Expansion: Construction begins next year. Plans include:
  - 2 new kindergarten rooms
  - 4 new classrooms
  - Negotiations are still happening for another washroom, extended parking
  - All still slated to be single-level (no upper floor in these plans)
  - Will still have 2-3 portables
- Enrollment: 785 students, same as last year, with 2 fewer classes.
- We don't expect to grow; the expansions should be reducing the number of portables
  - St. Bernadette also has close to 700 students; only 4 students had transferred.



## Teacher's Report

- Classroom Setup: Teachers settling into routines and curriculum.
- Cross Country Team: Tryouts complete; competition on October 7 at Mooney's Bay.
- Terry Fox Walk/Run: Scheduled for Friday. Fundraising is going well, with fun incentives like pie-in-the-face for staff.
- Classroom Funds Request: Teachers requested continued support (\$150 per teacher, \$50 per EA) for classroom setup. Council will review finances before confirming.



## Treasurer's Report

- RBC Account Balance: \$4,045.76
- Gator Aid Fund: \$0 (used for emergency family support)
- Food Program Revenue (to date):
  - Pizza: ~\$18,000
  - Subway: ~\$10,100
  - Popcorn: ~\$2,333
- Carnival 2025:
  - Budget: \$10,000
  - Actual Spend: \$10,694
  - Revenue: \$9,203
  - Net Loss: ~\$1,490 (expected for community events)



## Food Program

- Running Smoothly: Pizza, Subway, and Popcorn are active.

- Some increase in price this year by 25 or 50 cents.
- No Milk/Juice Program this year.
- Subway “Cheesegate” Issue: Cheese option was missing from the order form. Parents can email [GUAfoodprogram@gmail.com](mailto:GUAfoodprogram@gmail.com) for corrections.



### Communications

- Social Media Reminders: No extensions for food orders. Clear communication is key.
- Executive Facebook Group: Used for quick decisions and updates among voting members.



### Fundraising & Events

- Carnival: Successful despite rain. Plans to improve communication and payment options.
- Cobbs Bread Fundraiser: Launching January 2026. Buy a card, get a loaf a month. Great value and school earns a portion (\$5 per \$25 card).
- Gatorwear: Available year-round. Free shipping during campaign. Volunteer shirts/sweaters available for council members.



### Butterfly Release

- Kelly’s Monarch Project: Released 242 butterflies across 7 classrooms this year. Total of 1,220 butterflies raised to date. A beloved tradition at Guardian Angels!



### Next Meeting

- Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025
- Time: Evening (6:30)

- Location: School Library



#### Closing Remarks

- Appreciation was expressed to outgoing Chair Shannon for her dedication.
- New members were welcomed warmly.
- Council emphasized the importance of participation, collaboration, and community spirit.