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 |
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| Chair | Kelly Hill |
| Past Chair | Shannon R |
| Vice Chair | Julia S |

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| 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 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.