

Catholic School Advisory Committee
St. Columban School – October 16, 2025
Agenda

Attending: Amanda, Jenna, Katie, Dan, Jesse, Kay, Kim, Taylor, Laura, Aleshia, Krissy, Elyse, Diamond, Carolyn, Claire, Hope, Jenny

Regrets: Ashley Ryan, Anna McCreight, Sherri Baier, Cheryl Coyne, Kristen Schoonderwoerd.

1. Opening Business

- 1.1 Opening Prayer – Dan Gracey
- 1.2 Approval of September 18, 2025 minutes. Aleshia 1st, Laura 2nd
- 1.3 Approval of October 16, 2025 agenda. Jenna 1st, Kim 2nd

2. Reports

2.1 Treasurer Report

HST - \$2488.89

CSAC – \$4215.78

TOTAL: \$6704.67

- one cheque went out \$349 for Taylor – FIAT T-shirts
- refund for popcorn from 2025 Family Fun Night \$38.50

2.2 Principal Report

- a) Quick overview on St. Andre Bassette fund.
 - about 20 years old, healthy trust fund, applications come from school principals, and they proceed with any applications for request for funds, with specifics.
- b) Anti-Bullying committee representative - not discussed.
- c) CSAC to provide a paragraph in response to the Pastoral Plan initiatives recognising Catholic school graduation expectations, outreach activities, visible signs of faith in our classroom and faith formation.
- d) Dress code in school – Subjective topic within schools. Language is grey, i.e., “modest”. Parent communication if clothing is not considered modest by school staff. School will offer substitute clothing and prioritize the dignity of each child when addressing dress code.
- e) Eating on the bus is not allowed due to allergies, choking hazard and leaving garbage.
- f) Fundraisers – can’t accept cash at all. Must be made payment with cheques, and next fundraisers will need to be on school cash online. Pizza fund may possibly cover fees involved with school cash online.

3. Discussion Items - ongoing

3.1 FIAT shirts for St. Columban in larger sizes. \$339 final bill with B&B Enterprises Inc o/a Mitchell Office Pro.

- delivered to school, will provide a social media post thanking B and B for the shirts. FIAT Team to send a thank you note.

3.2 Anna Mae’s Fundraiser - volunteer sign up for pick up days/nights passed around and all requirements filled - thank you. School pick up is at 4:30-5:30pm.

3.3 Christmas Lunch

- a) Date - December 9, 2025.
- b) Rolling Roaster has confirmed availability & will maintain same pricing per person. – \$6.74 k-gr 4, \$8.75 gr. 5-8.
- c) Corn confirmed from Terpstra’s.
- d) Debbie Terpstra donating tarts again (180) – amended at meeting to 150 tarts
- e) 200 Cupcakes confirmed by Jenny at same pricing. – amended at meeting to increase to 228 (19 dozen)
- f) Buns - 300 donated last year by Valumart + 4 dz purchased. – will need more this year. Amanda to request again.

- g) Milk - 300 donated last year by Dairy Producers & Nicole Noom dropped off. - Amanda to request.
- h) Nutrition program will provide water (4 cases), plates, napkins.
- i) Tablecloth - we have a roll left from prior year along with the reusable vinyl tablecloths.
- j) Decorate – Jenny will do decoration.
- k) Invite bus drivers and reserve tables. 7 attended last year.
- l) Cost of bussing/book busses. - School will pay for busses.
- m) Volunteer availability - majority of volunteers to arrive 10:30 or after with core group at 8:30. To be determined on whats app chat closer to event.

CSAC will purchase oranges and margarine, Kay will pick up oranges.

Jenna will pick up cutlery from other hall so we don't have to purchase plastic.

Aleshia will connect with her dad for live music.

3.4 Spirit Wear Days

- last Thursday of every month – spirit wear, Carolyn to put on WAAG.

4. Discussion Items – new

4.1 PRO Grant – due February 27 following new guidelines.

- o Creating parent resources
- o Delivering parent info sessions
- o Implement innovative activities
- Things to consider - How can we be more inclusive of our community? If we intend to use for the Family Fun Night we need new ideas so the grant will qualify.
- Discuss in detail at next meeting
- Possibility of having booths for family services in our community (Health Unit, School Based social worker, library)
- Set our date early if requesting groups to come.

4.2 Goalie gloves for soccer teams – consider 6 pairs in different sizes, Jenny can look into to price out. Grades 5/6 and Grade 7/8. \$250.00 max spend Amanda motions, 2nd: Aleshia

4.3 Parent request: Life Vac - life saving device to save people who are choking. \$100 ea + tax. lifevac.ca
Tabled for now. We like the idea, but would need board approval.

4.4 Staff request St. Patrick's:

- a) Kinetic Sand for Kindergarten A & B. \$59.99 + tax for 11lb box. – Motioned by Jenna, 2nd Laura. Taylor purchasing, \$135.58 total after tax.
- b) Sensory experience items - shaving cream, bubbles, corn starch. Request gift card to purchase for Kindergarten A & B. Defer conversation until January and decide if we put a certain amount of money per classroom for each year. Waiting till after our fundraiser to see how much money we bring in. hard to guarantee what funds we will have moving forward every year. Asking throughout the classroom, first.
- c) Wellness Day – Gymnastics, Yoga, Mind and body wellness, visual arts with vanessa de groot. Both school got these activities. Defer till January meeting. During Catholic Education Week & Mental Health Awareness Week.
- d) CPIC Meeting - October 21, 2025 6-7:30pm. Additional CSAC members welcome to attend.
- e) Family Fun BBQ tentative dates: May 27 or June 3

5. Date of next meeting

January 15th 2025 @6pm in-person (Weather Dependant)

6. Adjournment 7:58pm Amanda 1st, Claire 2nd