St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 18, 2026

7:00 pm – 8:30pm

Location: SFACS Learning Commons

Council: Jeanette Gallant, Katherine Williams, Ryan Sikkes

Guests: Greg Anderson, Monica Best

Administration: Vice Principal Joe Cosgrove

Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy Legault

Regrets: Chris Potvin, Alethea Wallace, Rod Bagaslao

1. Introductions / Welcome to guests / land acknowledgement:

We acknowledge the land on which we stand is the ancestral territory of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation, and the Ta'an Kwach'an Council, and is a common home to everyone in virtue of God, the Creator's gracious gift.

Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

2. Our Father / Gospel of the day / Brief reflection on the reading / Prayers of thanks & intercession

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda. CARRIED.

4. Special Thanks / Acknowledgements

Thank you to Catholic PD committee for PD day. Thanks to guest speaker at PD day. Acknowledgement to PE teacher retiring. Thanks to Grad committee.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from previous meeting motioned to adopt with changes. CARRIED.

6. Standing Reports

a. Administration Report

a. General Report

Principal's Report passed out to council. Grad cap and gown – requested a school council member at cap and gown award ceremony. Jeanette is able to attend. Rosary

being said for month of May, Marian Month. Looking ahead at June 1 celebrating Sacred Heart Month; plans for prayers in the works.

b. School Growth Plan

Admin shared a Draft of school growth plan last week. Katherine brought up some suggestions for improvements/edits to the school growth plan. Council requests a digital version of the school growth plan to insert comments into for school admin. ACTION.

c. School Data

Handed out to council last month – parent and student surveys. Nothing of concern at this moment to take action on.

b. CEAY

Greg Anderson reports that on June 6 on Saturday there is a picnic for CEAY and hopes all of council can come. School Council election happened recently. Greg reported that 88 voters turned out. Welcome to new council members upcoming: Monica Best and Corrie Lalonde.

c. ACSTA

Nothing new to report.

d. Secretary-Treasurer

End of year report upcoming for June 30.

7. Standing Business

a. Religious Education Curriculum update (grade 12)

Council submitted letter to Tanya and has not heard back with a response. Katherine reached out to Miriam with updates. Course plans to be offered in second semester the coming school year.

b. Art work for school – update

Katherine met with artist. Artist suggested moving forward to first collect ideas for designs from students and families. Need to consider how to get this communicated to families at the school. Katherine reached out to First Nations for input and they will get back to us. Concerns for funding for mosaic. Needing ongoing fundraisers. Katherine looking at grants, arts fund, etc. Possible suggestion of corporate funding. Council supportive of Katherine seeking out funding for grants. CARRIED.

c. Territorial standards / normative comparisons for our school across BC / YT

8. Old Business

a. School Budget - Response from Superintendent

Superintendent response to increase budget was declined.

b. School Handbook 2026-27 – Approval

Katherine motioned to postpone item to next meeting. Aim to approve next month.

9. New Business

a. Incoming Council Transition Planning

Thinking ahead for outgoing council members and bringing in new council members. Thoughts for session with outgoing council members to bring forth planning with new council members. Plans for June 15 meeting to make this happen after regular scheduled meeting after 6:30 pm. Transition planning meeting after June 15 meeting at a different location pending complete attendance. ACTION.

10. *In camera* session

No in camera session.

11. Closing Prayer:

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago
went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace,
intercede for us with the Lord.

In the Crucifix of San Damiano you recognized true peace,
teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation
that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war
and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world erects borders,

In this time plagued by conflict and division,
intercede so that we may become peacemakers:
unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.
Amen.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm. CARRIED.

Next Meeting Date: June 15, 2026