CKCS School Council Meeting Minutes Sept 21, 2026

Recorded by Ashley Grimes

In Person Attendees: Tannis McMillan, April Thomas, Tamara Rutz, Tara McMillan, Klara VanStraten, Kwabena Tontoh Kankam-Yeboah, Ryan Bolin, Ashley Grimes, Jill Sampson, Lindsey Gendre & Rich Fitzgerald.

Online Attendees: Amy Nicoll, Erica Salendro, Femi Babatunde, Amy Black and Sheethal Bobby.

i. **Call to Order/Prayer.** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Tamara, followed by an opening prayer.

ii. **Additions to Agenda/Acceptance of Agenda.** Jill accepts the agenda as presented.

iii. **Acceptance of Minutes.** April accepted the May meeting minutes. No meeting was held in June.

iv. **Correspondence.** Rick Ward – chocolate fundraiser
Prairie Gourmet – perogies
Team fundraising – bacon and meat products

v. **Reports**

a) Chairperson (Tamara) Everyone was welcomed to the first meeting of the school year.

b) Trustee (Sir Bolin)

- Provided updates from the school division administration.
- Parents volunteering to drive students in private vehicles are required to provide a driver's abstract.
- Teachers are not permitted to transport students in their personal vehicles.
- There has been no change regarding plans for a new school.
- Land is still needed for a new school, and the division is waiting on the Town.
- Parents were encouraged to speak with Town councilors' regarding land availability.
- The current school building dates back to approximately 1950 and is deteriorating.
- Ryan thanked everyone for placing their trust in him.

c) Teacher (Klara)

- The school year is off to a good start.
- Students are settling into their routines.
- Classrooms have been warm due to the weather.
- Catholic education is going well, and teachers are happy.

d) Principal (Tara) report has been deployed.

- Tara expressed excitement about being back and noted the positive energy throughout the school.
- Open House: Approximately 60% attendance.
- The book fair had record-high sales.
- The school currently has approximately 168 students.
- Staffing: 26 staff members
- The Catholic School Teachers' Convention and related activities were discussed.
- Remind vs. Seesaw: Vote was in favour of Remind.
- Faith Theme: Introduced our ECCS faith theme for the year, the Transcendental of Beauty, and discussed how we are incorporating the 10 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching into our school year.



e) Treasurer (April)

Attached balance is $6,437.06

vi. Committees

- **Hot Lunch (Ashley & Tannis) –** Subway on September 29th . Maybe pizza for October?
- **Fundraising –** The chocolate fundraiser is underway, approximately 56 commitments were noted. Sales have been going well so far, there is possibility of changing the fundraiser next year.

7) Old Business

- No old business was recorded.

8) New Business.

a) 2026–2027 School Council Pillars

The following areas were identified for potential school council support:

1. Physical Education and Active Living
2. Performing Arts – Rising Star Theatre
3. Visual Arts and Creativity
4. Mental Health and Wellness
5. STEM and Innovation
6. Literacy and Storytelling
7. Indigenous Learning and Culture
8. Faith and Service – Face2Face (District Sponsored)
9. Outdoor and Environmental Education
10. Life Skills and Leadership

Additional discussion included:

- Rising Star Theatre and other performing arts opportunities.
- Catholic school programming and possible guest speakers.
- Grant ideas and opportunities to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Parents were encouraged to bring forward additional ideas.

b) School Council Grant Money

- Two grants of $500 each were discussed, totalling $1,000.
- Previous activities sponsored with the grant included internet safety, nutrition and bringing in Sam Demma as a guest speaker.
- Parents were encouraged to suggest other opportunities that would benefit students.

c) Teacher Monetary Support

Council discussed the amount of financial support provided to teachers. Previous support was $150 per teacher. There are 13 teachers, bringing the total to $1,950. Increasing the amount to $200 per teacher would bring the total to $2,600.

Amy Black made a motion to maintain teacher monetary support at $150 per teacher. Seconded by Lindsey Gendre.

Vote: 11 in favour, 1 opposed (Kwabena). Motion carried

The amount will be revisited in January or March to consider providing additional support. A teacher wish list was also discussed.

d) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM will take place on October 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Council positions and their responsibilities will be reviewed.

e) Room Parents

- K – Tannis McMillan
- 1 – Amy Nicoll
- 2 – Amy Black (Nurse Amy)
- 3 – Kwabena Tontoh Kankam-Yeboah
- 4 – Rich Fitzgerald
- 5 – Tannis McMillan
- 6 – April Thomas
- 7 – Tamara Rutz
- 8/9 – Lindsey Gendre

f) Committees

Hot Lunch: Ashley Grimes and Tannis McMillan

Fundraising: Tamara Rutz

g) Jerseys

The school currently does not have jerseys available for its sports teams, such as cross country, etc. Discussed council sponsoring or fining a sponsor for CKCS pinnies.

Current sponsorships are:

Volleyball – TJ Trucking
Basketball – Wells

9)Next Meeting: October 19th at 7:00pm. AGM will be held at the same time.

10)Adjournment, Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM by Tamara, who decided we had all talked enough for one evening!