

**MINUTES**  
**École St. Elizabeth Catholic School Community Council**  
**November 12th, 2025**  
**6:30pm**

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Name	Position	*	Name	Position	*
Jennica George	Chair	P	Jennica George	Director- Fundraising	P
Yaya Wang	Vice Chair	T	Moradeke Farounbi	Director- Communications	
Stephanie Bobetsis	Secretary	P	Ezinne Erege	Director at Large	
Breanne Howden	Treasurer	P	Jackie Peat	Principal	P
Krista Calfat	Director- Hot Lunch		Jaimie Peysen	Vice Principal	P
Kathleen Gettle	Director- Social	P	Vanessa Sylvestre	Teacher Representative	T

**Kelsey Dabek- P**

**\* P= attended in person; T= attended via Teams; X= not in attendance**

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**Welcome/Call to Order: Jennica**

- Land acknowledgment and opening prayer
  - Approve agenda
    - Breanne made the motion to approve agenda, seconded by Stephanie
  - Review annual work plan (attached)
    - Recess bucket items were provided to the identified classrooms, Vanessa will work with Jackie and Jaimie to distribute recess buckets to the teachers.
    - Teacher appreciation planning:
      - Jennica is away for January so will require alternate leads on teacher appreciation week planning. Breanne, Kathleen and Stephanie indicated they can provide assistance with planning.
      - Will discuss further at January CSCC meeting
        - Can reach out to the school community to ask if school families/businesses are able to assist with sponsorship of some of teacher appreciation activities
        - Purchasing lunch for a community school was well received and would like to be included in this year's events.
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## Principals Report: Jackie/Jaimie

- Enrollment is currently 648 students
  - Band, safety patrol, Bataille Des Livres and musical preparation continues. The musical performance will be in February
  - Successes with volleyball and Cross Country teams.
  - Several classes will be attending Agribition and skating will begin in November.
  - United Way fundraiser is upcoming and the school will be providing Christmas Hampers to families in need at St. Jerome, Sacred Heart and our own school. Jaimie will be organizing a candy cane fundraiser to support Christmas hampers.
  - School improvement plan includes goals for academics (reading, writing, math), mental health and wellness and Indigenous Education. Goals for these areas for the grade levels were reviewed.
  - Matt, Youth Minister from Resurrection parish has begun bi-weekly visits. He will alternate with church themes and Character Strong virtues during his classroom visits.
  - The division budget has not been received, but assume that \$1000 CSCC grant will remain the same.
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## Hot Lunch: Krista

- No update, hot lunches are planned for November and December
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## Fundraising: Jennica

- Walk-A-Thon results update. Total raised \$14,082.35 (vs \$17,520 in 2024)
- \$10,471.85 cash & \$3,610.50 EMT
- 205 students participated (vs 262 students in 2024)
- Class participation prizes will be organized/provided by the school, will arrange these prizes with the winning classes.
- Thoughts for next year:
  - If plan to continue with the walk a thon, communications plan to encourage participation and increase by in from students to be improved.
  - Ideas- constant updating, reminding, prizes at assembly?, enticing participation prizes (principal & vice principal pied if a class returns 100% pledges?).
  - Further communicating with the school community that if fundraising goals are not met programs that are funded by the CSCC budget may be impacted (Mathletics, book vending machine and free social events will not be available)
  - Requesting if families choose to not participate in the Walkathon (or alternate fundraisers) a donation to assist with CSCC budget is encouraged.

- The Walkathon continues to be a good option for a fundraiser as small overhead costs and greatest impact for funds raised, but will work next school year to try to increase engagement.
    - Ideally, sponsorship for prizes from school community/businesses within the school community would further reduce cost overhead.
  - Ideas to increase fundraising for current school year:
    - Swirl World? Monthly punch card for frozen yogurt. Kathleen will check in with another CSCC that has done this for further details.
    - Punch pass used to purchase snacks in the school (ie popcorn). Students would purchase a card for a set amount and be able to use the card to purchase items on assigned days.
  - Ongoing discussion to continue at future meetings
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### **Social: Kathleen**

- The Halloween dance was a success
    - Good response on sign up genius for volunteers to help throughout the evening. Many of these volunteers indicated they would be willing to assist at future events.
  - Upcoming Events
    - December 7- Landmark Cinemas- Two theatres have been booked and will be showing The Polar Express. Landmark will also offer a discount on concessions.
    - Tickets will be available on Munch a Lunch, charging \$2 per ticket.
    - February 13- DJ is booked for Valentine's dance
    - May consider doing a family bingo night in January
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### **Treasurer: Breanne**

- Financial report
    - Jennica made the motion to approve the November 2025 financial report, seconded by Kelsey.
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### **Teacher Report: Vanessa**

- Recess buckets were requested and communicated, and will be distributed to the classrooms.
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### **Student Safety:**

- Yaya: At the Halloween dance a group of students went outside of the community entrance doors and were approached by an individual asking to take their photos. This was reported to a parent who went outside but the individual was not able to be located.

- Reminder that students should not be leaving the supervised area during school and extra-curricular events.
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### **Next Meetings**

- Held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month
  - Jan 14th, Feb 11th, April 15th
  - AGM- May 13th
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### **Closing Prayer**

### Work Plan 2025-26

Meeting Date	Work Plan	Responsible	Status
September	Approve prior year-end financial report (year ended Aug 31)	Breanne	Complete
September	Approve final budget for the current year – includes - Detailed budget for main fundraising activities - Detailed budget for main social activities - Playground plans	Breanne	Complete
October	Identify recess bucket needs for teachers	Stephanie	Complete
November	Approve activities and lead for Teacher Appreciation Week events	Kathleen, Breanne and Stephanie	Ongoing
January	Assess fundraising status – plan additional fundraisers if required	Jennica	
January	Purchase spiritual gifts if needed	No volunteers required	
April	Plan details for year-end windup event	Kathleen	
May	AGM - Elections - Recognize directors and volunteers - Constitution - Discuss preliminary budget for next year - Consider summer meeting to brainstorm fundraising and social activities for next year - Preliminary planning and lead for next year's welcome back event (in conjunction with school back pack drop off)	Jennica	