

St. Boniface Catholic Elementary School
11810 40 Avenue

Student Advisory Council

September 24, 2025

Sign In Attendance

Kathy Voth

Nicole Lamoureux

Leanne Brooks

Cressida Raffin

Louise Boychuk

Stephanie Sit

Kristen Demers

Katrina McNaughton

Lisa Cushman

Rima Tabet

Virginia Pow

Lisa Curial

Opening

- Call to order 6:06pm
- Treaty 6 acknowledgement
- Opening prayer

Approvals

- Motion to approve today's agenda, Kristin approves, Stephanie seconds
- Motion to approve minutes from June 11, 2025, Louise approves, Kristina seconds

School Admin Report

- Weekly circuits about 286 views – great success
- Back to school BBQ went very well – ran out of hot dogs! Lots of burgers left over
 - Gym different next year. Ran out of seating
- Deacon Gordon came to our opening celebration as well as Lisa Turchanksi. Kids were singing as well and did a great job
- Running club started. Other clubs are starting during the day so that more kids can be involved! Other clubs include art, 'lets talk about it' club (mental health club), dance, green team (recycling), soccer, theatre club. Clubs will be included in announcements and in weekly circuits.
- ECSD cross country run on Monday for grades 5 and 6
- STEAM jobs in the community – volunteers have been reached out in weekly circuit. No parent responses yet. Reached out to U of A and have some people who will come from there.

- STEAM certificates will continue at assemblies
- Assemblies will be changed slightly, to align what we are doing as a school
- Meeting with other STEAM schools in the city – to plan things and do things together. Working on something that would unify all of ECSD EX. Being a collaborator or critical thinker.
- Enrollment – projected 242 and are at 219. Grade 1 decreased quite a bit. 13 and 14 in each class. Division is supporting them as the school will be in a deficit. Money will be tight. Staff will be kept the same. Grade 1 AM will be in small groups and in PM grade 1's will come together for science, social, art, phys. Ed. One teacher will stay with the students and the other teacher will support the combined grades as well as reading intervention.
- Terry Fox Run September 29 at 1pm
- EDIAR (Equity Diversity Inclusion Anti Racism) – a division principal and goal is to create communities of belonging. On October 24, the consultants will come to do presentations in class (small group vs. whole school) based on creating communities of belonging. They will also come again in February and in the spring and focus on different topics each time.
 - Parent night focusing on EDIAR – TBD. We would come together with other elementary schools in the area.
 - Behaviour guidelines in agenda well received. Perhaps use this as a foundation for a parent night?
- Parent Yearbook Committee – have a parent or committee to help with the yearbook? Teachers have suggested this to enhance the yearbook. Possible to collaborate with students on this as well.
- New signage for the school – the rooms are mislabeled. New signage for the entire school with teacher's name on it. Using stickers from printing services
- Repurposed the dance room with a 'calming cove.' A gross motor space which includes gymnastics equipment. For all students who might feel dysregulated throughout the day. As an addition to recess time.

Old Business

- Bricks and drainage in the playground
 - Pathway has been replaced at the front
 - The sump pit that drains the water from the park to sewer isn't completed. Some problems were found when inspected. They are evaluating the sump's controls and functionality. Trying to fix this before winter
 - Potholes in the parking lot have been repaired
 - Plywood next to the fenced off area is just covering dirt. Kathy will follow up with custodian on this
 - Paving and bricks to be removed
- St Boniface sign outside still says "fine arts" – needs to be changed at some point. Even a sticker?

New Business

- 6:45
- Leah is stepping down as chair. Virginia Pow is stepping up! Cressida motions to vote Virginia in as chair. Cressida to be vice chair. All in favor and motion passed.
- Update banking signing authorities – remove Teri Kantor and add in Kristin Demers. Remove Leah and add Virginia for signing privilege for checks.
- Budget / spending plan for the year
 - Financial ask list will be emailed out and will be talked about at the next meeting
- Grade reps – new group chats needed with split classes. Send out some guidelines to the chats as to what they are for and appropriate topics to talk about.
 - Plan is to do a quick bullet point summary of what was talked about at the SAC meeting. This will be included in the weekly circuit.
- Cleaning up shrubs in playground
 - Custodian goes a check every morning for safety, garbage etc.
 - Do we prune it in the fall or spring? Kids are playing in them and they are getting broken. Volunteers to help clean the shrubs in the fall?
- Teacher interest survey – another one will go out. Nick will do this
- Field trip schedule communication with parents
 - Parents want to volunteer but would like more notice as to when field trips are to they can make themselves available
 - SAC provides \$50 per student for field trips. Consensus was that teachers can spend on how they see fit to enhance their program. As long as each class is going on at least 1.
- Frozen burgers for BBQ
 - They were vacuum sealed (the leftovers) – use for the remainders? Possibly use them at a Halloween dance?

Adjournment

- 7:35

Fundraising Society Meeting

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Call to Order

- 7:35

Approvals

- Move to pass today's agenda, Leanne approves, Louise seconds
- Minutes from last meeting Kristin approves, Louise seconds

School Report

- Financial Asks

- Currently 197 Chromebooks in the school that are working
- 40 ipads between k and 1
- 23 Chromebooks end of life in 2027
- Teachers are feeling that the 1:1 tech isn't as important except for grade 6. They are able to share a cart, especially in lower elementary.
- Would like to get a 3D printer – about \$1000
- Carousel TV screen software in entrance – will allow us to post things about the school. \$800
- \$100 per class for discretionary money – increase to \$150 per class. Motion to increase it to \$150, Rima approves, Leanne seconds
- Jube school for grade 1 \$1000 – yes to support. Need bussing for this
- Grade 6 Telus World of Science – just grade 6 to go to Telus in January for a week! Yes to support. Need bussing for this
- Document cameras for classes - \$800. Not all classes have them. 6 classes are missing this. \$800 for all.
- STEAM supplies \$4500 – more equipment needed to implement more STEAM hands on investigation activities. About \$500 per class needed.
- Sensory tools / carpets – in classrooms. Teachers want larger carpets (many of them went away with COVID) for kids to sit on. Sensory spaces in classrooms (calm down corners).
- Tinkerspace in Learning Commons – have a space during library or indoor recess where you can tinker with loose parts, explore light tables etc. that are linked with STEAM. More visible STEAM learning in the Learning Commons.

New/Old Business

- 7:59
- Voting in new chair of fundraising, Kristin. All agreed upon. Rima Tabet to be vice chair of fundraising.
 - Fundraising plan: apples (delivery October 16) ; Purdy's (before Christmas) ; Casino (December 13, 14) ; Christmas market (December 15, 16) ; beef raffle (February / March) ; Growing Smiles (May) ; or nothing after April? It's a busy time and just keep Healthy Hunger ; Glow Dance
- Glow dance – by donation and money will go towards sensory spaces in classrooms
- Pantry at St. Thomas More is empty – timing food donations with church visits? Having kids bring something on their Mass days.
- Cash handling policy – Louise put something together. Executive of the event is in charge of the float. Count of how much money before the event and then after. Adults should be in charge of the money.
- Casino funds – TBD
- Halloween Dance – decided to do a valentine's day / Glow dance – February 6, 2026
- Possible to set up a square account to tap for fundraiser payments?
- Reimbursements – google form spreadsheet for receipts? So they're all in one place and can be done in bulk

Treasurer Update

- Final balance in casino account \$52,000. Cow raffle not included yet

Adjournment

- 8:53