

School Council Meeting Summary

Date: September 15, 2025 @ 6 pm in the library

Present: Kristen Ferguson, Stephanie Adams, Kent Jones, Heather Keung, Scott Barons, Gillian Kajganich

Attendance & Roles

- Low parent turnout (5 attendees out of ~2300 guardians).
- Heather elected as Chair
- Treasurer role: Kristen
- Secretary duties will rotate
- Staff representative: Rae-Ann Camirand
- Community representative- absent-

School Updates

- Over 800 secondary students enrolled.
- No reorganization needed due to balanced class sizes.
- 4 new intermediate teachers including a music teacher.
- New hairstyling teacher hired with trade qualifications.

Facilities & Infrastructure

- Partial repairs to front entry stairs completed.
- Electrical upgrades nearly finished; tech wing delayed slightly.
- Track and field irrigation system remain unfixed.
- Outdoor complex needs roof; not ministry-funded.
- School now operates its own vending machines for revenue- there will be an avenue for additional funds.

Upcoming Events

- Football game and pep rally on Friday afternoon for the whole school.
- Secondary Girls Basketball tournament same day.
- Photo Day on Monday.
- Canned Food Drive on September 26. Last year we raised 11,000 lbs of food
- Parent-Teacher Night: Secondary - October 16 and March 25; Intermediate - November 13 (evening) and 14th during the day.

Food Programs

- Intermediate pizza days under review for monthly ordering. Goal is to get it started in October.
- Toppers Pizza chosen for compliance and taste.
- Hot lunches to begin soon.

Technology & Communication

- Cell phone use restricted: K-8 no phones; high school only during breaks/lunch.
- Exploring better communication via TV screens and AI-generated announcements.
- Parents encouraged to monitor tech use at home.
- We spoke about the sessions that we held for families last year and the year before around this.

Student Well-being & Equity

- Mindframe Fair likely to return. We will put a PRO grant to support this again.
- Equity and inclusion efforts ongoing with campaigns and coaching.
- New role Well-being staff and student champions who will work with our jack.org positivity committee.
- Planet Youth data used to inform programming.

Funding & Grants

- Vending machine profits to support student activities and equity.
- Grant ideas include Mindframe Fair, outdoor seating, and refreshments for partners.
- Challenges with capital projects due to ministry restrictions. This is a topic we will look at more in our next meeting.

Ideas & Suggestions

- More outdoor seating/hangout spaces to keep students on campus.
- Better communication for non-social media users.
- Targeted engagement for different grade levels.
- Consideration for honor roll updates and academic recognition.

Next meeting: Monday, November 17th @ 6 pm in the library