

## St. Joseph High School

### Catholic School Community Council

#### Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2026

**Present:** Rebecca Berg (Chair), David Sumner (Secretary), Tania Hawat (Member-at-Large), Jason Benson (Principal), Diane Murza (Member-at-Large), Erin Lockert (Vice-Chair), Ana Crespo-Martin (Member-at-Large), Janine Tine (Member-at-Large), Janelle Wist (Member-at-Large)

**Regrets:** Laressa Sander (Treasurer)

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1. Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer and Welcome (Jason Benson)
3. Approval of Minutes (February 2, 2026): Moved by Erin Lockert, Seconded by Ana Crespo-Martin, Carried
4. Additions to Agenda (none)
5. Reports

- a. Chair's Report (Rebecca Berg)

We are still waiting for additional information on the trustee meeting on May, 20, 2026, at BJM High School.

The byelection for school board trustee is on April 15, 2026, with advance poll on April 8, 2026.

The name of the new high school in Holmwood has been announced as St. Pier Giorgio Frassati.

- b. Principal's Report (Jason Benson)

**Graduation:** Some funds from the parent council carry over may be needed to cover the costs of facility rental, AV, cap and gown, grad retreat, etc., for the Grade 12 graduation. The school will charge a \$65 graduation fee this year. Six hundred St. Joseph medallions were purchased at 80 cents/medallion.

**Project Enrollment:** Last year, the school planned for an enrollment of 1700 students; our actual enrollment is 1620 as of March 3, 2026. Our adjusted projected enrollment for 2026-2027 is 1670 students.

**Feast of St. Joseph:** This celebration was a very special event. The school livestreamed the blessing of the bread.

c. Other Reports

**Parish Report:** Diane Murza

A desire is expressed to celebrate more of Holy Week within the school. Good feedback received about the Alpha Course.

There was a brief discussion of the programming at the Academy of Our Lady, which offers “classical education” opportunities for home schooled students. Could we offer elective courses at St. Joseph High School that might have similar aims, to enrich our children’s minds, such as logic, critical thinking, debate, etc.?

6. Guardian Legacy Scholarship

Money from the CSCC parent fund has traditionally been used to fund this scholarship. Two Grade 12 scholarships of \$500 are proposed, one male student and one female student. The award is based on volunteer hours, preferably in an area of mercy, based on CAP hours. Catholic Studies teachers can nominate students or students can submit applications directly. Rebecca will circulate information on this scholarship.

**Motion:** Two Guardian Legacy Scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded annually to one male Grade 12 graduate and one female Grade 12 graduate. Moved: Erin Lockert, Seconded: Diane Murza, Carried.

**Motion:** To support the scholarship for the next three years, \$3,000 from the school-based parent carryover fund will be transferred to the GSCS Foundation. Moved: David Sumner; Seconded: Janelle Wist, Carried.

7. StJ CSCC \$1,000 Operating Grant

At the November 5, 2026, meeting, \$778 of expenses related to the Carlo Acutis outreach event were approved. The reimbursement of \$593 for the food expenses has not yet been paid out. Once this is paid, there will be \$222 remaining in the 2025-2026 Operating Grant to be spent this year on community engagement. One suggestion was to use these funds to meet some of the needs of the school chapel. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

8. CSCC Invitation: Saskatchewan Student Assessment Reports Feedback Session

The Province is looking for feedback from CSCC members on the reporting information (for math and English) from a new assessment platform being developed. More information to come.

9. Time Capsule Challenge – Leaving a Message for the Future

Information has been sent to students and teachers. Discussions will take place in Period 1 classes. Proposals will be submitted by mid April and then compiled, reviewed, and the final items selected. The CSCC has been asked to have some ideas to discuss at the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m., Home Economics Room

Meetings are held in the Home Economics Room on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting dates for 2025-2026: October 1, 2025; November 5, 2025; December 3, 2025; January 7, 2026; February 2, 2026; March 4, 2026; April 1, 2026; May 6, 2026; June 3, 2026

The meeting agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting will normally be sent out on the Sunday before the meeting.

11. Adjournment: 8:22 p.m.