

St. Joseph High School

Catholic School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2026

Present: Rebecca Berg (Chair), David Sumner (Secretary), Jason Benson (Principal), Diane Murza (Member-at-Large), Erin Lockert (Vice-Chair), Laressa Sander (Treasurer), Janelle Wist (Member-at-Large), Tania Hawat (Member-at-Large), Ana Crespo-Martin (Member-at-Large), Dean Willenborg

Regrets: Janine Tine (Member-at-Large)

1. Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer and Welcome (Jason Benson)
3. Approval of Minutes (May 6, 2026): Moved by Laressa Sander, Seconded by Janelle Wist, Carried
4. Additions to Agenda (none)
5. Reports

- a. Chair's Report (Rebecca Berg)

The Rural Catechist Coordinator for the Diocese of Saskatoon briefly attended the meeting to report on his use of the eucharistic miracles exhibit during the month of April. He visited 12 communities, gave 20 presentations, and went to three schools, and more than 900 people were able to see the Saint Carlo Acutis exhibit. People were very appreciative of the St. Joseph CSCC's endeavour to put together the exhibit and allow others to use it. A thank you card and booklet was presented to the committee.

Thank you to the committee members for their service this past year.

Rebecca attended the May 20, 2026, trustees meeting at BJM High School. The theme was walking together. A budget update was provided.

- b. Principal's Report (Jason Benson)

Parent Information Night: Wednesday, September 16, 2026, is the Grade 9 parent information night and the St. Joseph CSCC Annual General Meeting. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 2, 2026; like usual, the morning will be for Grade 9 students and the afternoon for the remaining grades. Remembrance Day on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, will be followed by two school holidays.

Time Capsule: The new time capsule's contents are nearly ready. The contents will be displayed and recorded on video, and the time capsule will be filled and sealed at the end of June. These activities will be posted on the school social media feeds.

Guardian Legacy Scholarship: Four nominees's applications have been forwarded to the CSCC.

Graduation: Students have picked up their gowns and attended the grad retreat. School fees had to have been paid. Honour cords will be given out soon.

There is a request for \$1500 from the school-based carryover fund to cover additional costs for graduation.

Motion: To approve \$1500 from the school-based carryover fund to cover additional costs for graduation. (Moved by Janelle Wist, Seconded by Anna Crespo-Martin, Carried)

Staff Retirements and Departures: Four teachers are retiring this year, and there will be some departures and new teachers next year.

Extension Classroom: The new extension classroom and classroom complexity teacher have been a positive experience and helped several students

Senior Skip Day: This is not a school-sanctioned activity.

School Fees: There was a general discussion on school fees, lunchtime supervision fees, the ways fees are assessed and collected, and how the school helps families who cannot pay all of the school fees. No-cost timetables are possible with careful selection of elective classes (except for purchasing a phys-ed uniform). This was followed by a short discussion on school budget and expenses.

c. Other Reports

Parish Report: Diane Murza

There was a brief discussion on the recent trend of more young people attending church.

6. Guardian Legacy Scholarship

The school's scholarship committee recommended three male students and three female students for the two Guardian Legacy Scholarships.

The committee discussed the level of detail they would like to see in future nominations and applications, so that the background information on each candidate is more consistent.

The committee reviewed the recommendations and voted to determine the scholarship winners for 2026. The committee selected Student A (female) and Student F (male).

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

The CSCC presented their contribution to the time capsule, which included a paragraph on the role of the CSCC, its current membership, and some of the events that were organised in 2025-2026. A news item about the Saint Carlo Acutis event was included, plus the menu for the school lunch, the cost of the lunch, and the number of teachers attending. A school newsletter was also added to the contribution.

8. Other Business
 - a. Land Acknowledgments: What normally comes first at school events: a land acknowledgment or an opening prayer? Is there a policy on this? There was a sense that the prayer should probably come first.
9. Next Meeting: The CSCC Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Several members will have completed two years on the committee. Rebecca is completing her two-year term as the committee chair. Open positions on the CSCC will be announced in the fall.
10. Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.