

St. Joseph High School

Catholic School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2026

Present: Rebecca Berg (Chair), David Sumner (Secretary), Jason Benson (Principal), Diane Murza (Member-at-Large), Erin Lockert (Vice-Chair), Janine Tine (Member-at-Large), Laressa Sander (Treasurer)

Regrets: Ana Crespo-Martin (Member-at-Large), Janelle Wist (Member-at-Large), Tania Hawat (Member-at-Large)

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

- a. Chair's Report (Rebecca Berg)

The next trustee meeting is on May 20, 2026, at BJM High School. Sign-up information to come.

At the last meeting, we had discussed the new provincial Saskatchewan Student Assessment Program. See <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/assessment> for more information.

We voted to support the Guardian Legacy Scholarship. The nominations close on May 10, 2026, and we will vote on the award winners at the next CSCC meeting.

- b. Principal's Report (Jason Benson)

Time Capsule: Students submitted many suggestions for the time capsule: Needo, 6-7, list of colloquialisms and explanations, a cutting board made from reclaimed wood from the bleachers, maps from 1995-96 and 2025-2026, real estate numbers, demographics, cafeteria menu, grocery flyer, an article on the newness of AI and a prediction of its future, life of a student, magazine, cent and nickel, poster from musical, phys-ed t-shirt, video on USB-c flash drive. The new time capsule will be sealed at the Friday, June 5, 2026, pep rally. The new time capsule will be opened in 2045-2046.

The CSCC contribution to the time capsule could be an article on the St. Carlo Acutis event, an aerial picture of the school, CSCC membership list from the website, snapshot of the school, etc.

Graduation: Mr. Benson is continuing to monitor the costs for graduation.

CSCC Grant Money: Mr. Benson needs an invoice for the honorarium for the singers at the St. Carlo Acutis event.

Bibles from Grant Money: The \$222 remaining from the 2025-2026 Operating Grant will be used to purchase a case of bibles. The school chaplain will hand out the bibles at her discretion when meeting with students.

Senior Assassin: This is not a school event. It is a worldwide phenomenon. It started on May 1, 2026, in Saskatoon. Some students were arrested in Ontario because of confusion over whether toy water pistols were real guns. There is lots of money involved: \$20 entry fee, 200 applicants, \$4,000 pot of money to the winner.

Alternate Logo Design: An initiative is underway to design an alternate school logo with an Indigenous theme that could be used on special occasions.

Meewasin Partnership: This partnership with the school division has been terminated. The division received a \$50,000 bill from Meewasin for maintenance of land near the schools.

Awards Ceremony: The students preferred getting their awards in the classrooms last year. They felt it was more personal. The short tea was also special. Some students missed having the formal ceremony in the gymnasium. Some fine-tuning of the ceremony will take place for next year. A consistent division honour roll will be introduced soon with three tiers with averages of 80%, 85%, and 90%.

c. Other Reports

Parish Report: Diane Murza

There were some questions and concerns raised about the Legacy One presentation. Mr. Benson is waiting for feedback from those attending the event. A Catholic perspective was presented by the group but this wasn't apparent in the information provided to parents.

Some ministry announcements from the parish were shared with the CSCC members. There is a desire for more families to be engaged with the church. At St. Joseph High School, about 50% of students are Catholic, which is the lowest of the CSCC high schools, but the numbers of active Christian students is probably higher than the other schools.

There was an idea encourage students (and others) to wear your school gear to church, for Catholic Education Week (May 10-16). Another idea was to encourage

the parish to bless/pray for students and teachers at the start and end of the school year.

6. StJ CSCC \$1000 Operating Grant

See 5b Principal's Report for details.

Motion: The remaining \$222 of the operating funds will be used to purchase bibles for the school chaplain, to increase student faith engagement in our community.

Moved: Erin Lockert; Seconded: Laressa Sander. Carried.

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

See 5b Principal's Report for details.

8. Other Business

a. Cell phones – students still bring them into class, if they come late they don't have to put them in the box; teachers don't walk around the room to see if students are cheating on exams by using their cell phones.

b. Legacy One – see 5c Other Reports for details.

c. Some concerns were raised about teachers' qualifications and whether they are meeting the curriculum requirements. In these cases, written comments should be sent to Mr. Benson.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 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.

10. Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.