



## School Council Meeting

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Monday, January 19, 2026 / 6:00pm - 7:14pm / Divine Mercy School

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### In attendance:

Amy Cooper (Principal), Lindsey Fowler (Assistant Principal), Greg Hansen (Assistant Principal), Shelagh De Rossi (Chair), Stephanie Mauro (Vice Chair), Andre Santos (Casino Chair), Mena-Lee Pelkey (Secretary), Caroline Sonen (Treasurer), Ajay Bist (Parent), Sandeep Virk (Parent)

### Society Meeting

**6:00pm - Meeting Call to Order** - Chair, Shelagh De Rossi

**6:00pm - Prayer and Treaty Land Acknowledgement** - Greg Hansen

**6:03pm - Approval of Previous Minutes** - approved unanimously.

**6:03pm - Adoption of Agenda** - adopted unanimously.

**6:05pm - Treasurer's Update** - Caroline

- **General Account:** Current balance is **\$3,136.08**.
- **Casino Account:** Current balance is **\$6,345.41**.
- **Recent Income:** The "Healthy Hunger" initiative raised **\$298.54** via Tim Hortons.
- **Commitments:** Approximately **\$3,800** is set aside for the casino advisor.
- **Stage Rental:** A pending expense of **\$3,300** for the Christmas stage rental will be addressed once more funds are available.

**6:10pm - Casino Update** - Andre

- **Volunteer Status:** Key positions are filled, but more bankers and chip runners are needed for the upcoming event.
- **Action Item:** Mena to assist in recruiting volunteers through the school's advisor network.
- **Logistics:** Parking is free and security will be available to escort volunteers to their cars at night.

There being no other business, the Society meeting ended at 6:22pm and the Council meeting was called to order.

## 6:23pm - Events - Shelagh & Amy

- **Shrove Tuesday (Feb 17):**
  - **Pancake Breakfast:** Discussions held regarding the provider. Denny's provided free pancakes last year, but the council is considering alternatives like **Cobs Bread** or pre-made frozen pancakes due to the volume (approx. 1,200 pancakes needed).
  - **Volunteer Coordinator:** Mena volunteered to coordinate for Shrove Tuesday.
- **Purdy's & Spring Baskets:**
  - The council approved running both **Purdy's Chocolates** and **Creekside Spring Baskets** for Easter.
  - Spring basket orders will likely start mid-February via Google Forms.
- **Healthy Hunger:** Kindergarten has been removed from the Healthy Hunger lunch program due to scheduling conflicts with their half-day dismissals.
- **Hockey Hooky:** Scheduled for **March 11** (Oil Kings game). 310 tickets have been pre-purchased.
- **Spring Festival:**
  - Planning Meeting February 5, event will be held April 23

## 6:49pm - Principal's Report - Amy

- **Student Supervision:** Noted that supervision starts at 7:50 AM; parents are asked not to drop off children earlier as the lobby is becoming overcrowded.
- **Attendance & Punctuality:** School starts at 8:03 AM; students are marked late after 8:10 AM. Parents are reminded that late arrivals disrupt morning broadcasts.
- **Transportation:** Issues with bus driver shortages and delays continue. A text message group is being created for each bus to improve communication with parents.
- **Road Safety:** Reports of unsafe U-turns and jaywalking in the drop-off area. Local police may be present for enforcement.
- **School Growth:** Current enrollment is 573 students. The school is preparing for a transition to approximately 600 students next year.
- **Staffing:** Mrs. Becker (Grade 2) is on maternity leave; Miss Trojanowicz has returned to take over the class.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - **Jan 27:** Progress reports posted on PowerSchool.
  - **Jan 29:** FMM visiting Grade 6 students.
  - **Feb 5:** PD Day (No School) & Open House (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM).
  - **Feb 6:** Second ski day.
  - **Feb 9–13:** Multicultural Week (Potluck on Feb 10; Fashion Show on Feb 12).
  - **Feb 18:** Ash Wednesday.

There being no other business, the Council Meeting ended at 7:14pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 2, 2026.**