

St. Joseph School Council
Minutes, November 30/15

FFT:

“Mercy is the force that awakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”

Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Attendance

Name	Present	Regrets	Name	Present	Regrets
Chair - Corinne Sampson	X		Parent Liaison – Susan Olsen		X
Vice Chair – Laura Bachmeier	X		Community Liaison – Diane Vienneau		X
Secretary – Sharon Gurr	X		Members at Large – Jennifer Heith-Lodge Tanya Gayowski Cheryl Allen		X X X
Principal – Val Leahy	X		Trustee – Frances Cote		X
FOSJ Liaison - Sheryl-Ann Giacchetta	X		Grade 7 parent rep – Rochelle Wiebe		X

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Opening Prayer	The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm and opening prayer was led by Corinne	
2. Welcome		
3. Review Agenda	Motion to approve amended agenda moved by Sheryl-Ann, seconded	Carried
4. Approval of Minutes –	Motion to approve the Sept. 28, 2015 minutes moved by Sharon, seconded	Carried
5. Trustee Report	<p>Presented by Corinne on behalf of Frances</p> <p>Had a great ACSTA general meeting. Our speaker talked about our future young generations. What is important to them, how they think. I thought this would be handy for confirmation formation....</p> <p>ASBA was interesting. We voted against putting LGBQ on the agenda due to the fact that the information has to be out for 35 days prior to the general meeting. Holyspirit is ready to embrace and support anyone, and everyone. This was a very touchy subject, and some schoolboards wanted it on the agenda. ASBA is there for supporting our boards, not necessarily to write our policies. Edmonton public felt differently, and the press to that and ran with it. I do believe holyspirit is well on it's way, and we let our MLA's know our position. This policy HAS to be in place no later than March, 2016.</p> <p>ASBA had a great speaker on Tuesday morning. He is a writer, and described the circumstances that the residential schools literally changed the face of our first nations people. (hope that is grammatically correct??) How the candy they gave them made diabetic but also how they lost their first language and the ability to communicate with their parents. How it left them on a totally different road. A very rough road, where alcohol would change many lives. It took 7 generations to take the native out of them, and it will take 7 generations for them to heal. Very powerful.</p> <p>I will be attending the ATA Christmas party on Dec 2, and of course be at the</p>	

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	school for St. Joes Christmas party, and mass and lunch on Dec 17.	
6. Chairperson Report	<p>From Jolaine Kochisarli, ASCA on Nov. 6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A warm welcome as Jacquie Hansen takes over as the new Executive Director. 2. Submit an "issue for change" in education to be considered by association members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) April 24, 2016. Deadline to submit an Issue Resolution to the provincial office is December 17, 2015. 3. Webinar Wednesdays - Online learning for school councils with a different topic each week. One hour webinars are available on Wednesdays - offered in the morning and evening. A range of instructional topics and helpful information is available. 4. Current School Council Contact Form<http://bit.ly/1uoWldJ> Please help us keep our records up to date with current school council contact information. 5. Workshops - Over 35 topics in three focus areas are available to choose from. 6. School Councils Conference & AGM<http://bit.ly/1MCZyN4> is April 22-24, 2016 at the Delta Edmonton South. <p>I feel very fortunate to work with all of you and I want to wish each of you and your families a very blessed Christmas, with nothing but the best in 2016.</p>	
7. Principal Report	Val presented and discussion held. Report is attached.	
8. Liaison Reports 8.1 Friends – Sheryl-Ann 8.2 Parent – Susan (Corinne advised nothing to report)	<p>8.1 Second meeting of the year tomorrow at 6:30. Fundraising has been successful thus far: Coaldale Food Market gift cards, coupons, poinsettias/wreath sales. Upcoming is the One Stop Christmas Shop on Dec. 4/5, and the School Christmas dinner on Dec. 17. Volunteers are still needed for the 2 upcoming events. Hot lunches are going well.</p> <p>8.2 Nothing to report</p>	<p>Sign up sheet will be in the office and email going out to ask for volunteers</p>

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<p>8.3 Parish - Shelley</p> <p>8.4 Community – Diane (Sharon shared Diane’s email)</p>	<p>8.3 Parish highlights: Octoberfest was successful Garage and covered walkway will be built Advent Mission is upcoming Dec. 6-8 Book study on the Lamb’s Supper – one session left. Reconciliation is done Father Ian Gagne is replacing Father Newton Christmas Eve mass will be at 8 pm CWL Banquest served 579 people. Suggested that the volleyball teams help serve and work at this. Year of Mercy is upcoming</p> <p>8.4 Christmas skate from 12 - 2pm at the arena and then a movie at the community centre from 2 - 4pm on December 12th. Admission is donation for the food bank. December 19th 10:30am family programming, admission \$2.</p>	<p>Val to investigate about volleyball team participation</p>
<p>9. Old Business 9.1 Horizon of Hope: Handouts and Discussion</p>	<p>a) A Horizon of Hope, HSSB Newsletter http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/_cabinet/2/41/November_2015_Insert.pdf b) The Eight Beatitudes of Jesus c) The Works of Mercy Explained</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>a) Points taken from Pope Francis’ address to UN, Sept. 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the sustainable development movement is a sign of hope in our world today o in today’s society there is a quietly growing CULTURE OF WASTE o the misuse of creation begins when we see nothing above ourselves <p>b) Form a committee to create and implement 2 campaigns in support of this</p>	<p>Val to consider ideas and can</p>

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9.2 Nutritional Breaks	<p style="text-align: center;">theme (Lent campaign, Pentecost or post-Easter campaign).</p> <p>Nutritional Breaks presentation will be forthcoming in 2016</p>	<p>discuss at next meeting</p> <p>Val to stay in touch with Norah</p>
<p>10. New Business</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">10.1 School fees – online payment</p>	<p>Sharon asked if it is possible for school fees to be payable online. Discussion held that thus far the programs involved to recognize each other. Val and Pat are attending a session to learn more about part of this.</p>	<p>Val will pursue this idea in hopes that it could be implemented in the Fall of 2016</p>
11. Mail	none	
12. Next Meeting	January 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Library. Susan will be the hostess	
13. Closing Prayer	Led by Corinne	
14. Meeting Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Sharon, seconded and carried.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm</p>	<p>Respectfully Submitted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sharon Gurr</p> <p>Sharon Gurr Secretary, SJSC</p>

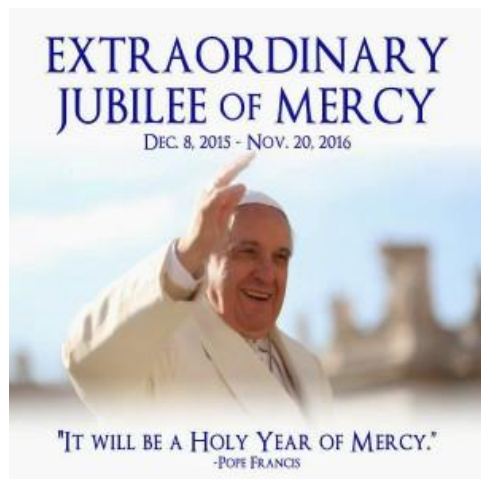
St. Joseph School applied for and received a \$6,500.00 grant from Breakfast for Learning. This grant was also funded by McCain's through their McCain's Kids Table program. We have purchased Healthy food items and snacks for students who have either forgotten theirs or do not have snacks or lunches.

Principal's Report

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Dec 8, 2015 – Nov 20, 2016

- ✓ Jubilee Banner (Gathering Space)
- ✓ Jubilee Prayers in classrooms
- ✓ Teach students about the Works of Mercy
- ✓ Poster over the door of each classroom



School Resource Officer Met with the Town of Coaldale, the RCMP and Palliser School Division in early November to discuss the SRO Position. Since then, the RCMP have appointed a dedicated School Resource Office. He will be training with Constable Wickend in the next few weeks.

Father Newton is leaving, although he will celebrate Christmas Mass with SJS. Father Ian Gagne, from Hanna will be replacing him.

Updates

Christmas Projects

- Sock it to em and Gently Used Toy Drive
- 4 Christmas Hampers
 - o Donations gladly Accepted
- Santa's Anonymous – 2 Hampers (Not families registered with the Food Band, but families we believe could use help.)

Calendar

- What is happening:
 - December
 - o 1 to 14 Gently Used Toy Drive & Operation Sock-It-To-Em Begins
 - o 1 Awards Assembly (Cross Country & Volleyball) - P. 4 in Gym
 - o 3 Subway Lunch served to those who ordered by Nov. 26
 - o 4 Poinsettias will be delivered
 - o 4-5 Jr. Boys & Girls Little Storm BBall Tournament at St. Mary, Taber
 - o 4-5 Friends of SJS One Stop Christmas
 - o 7, 8, 9 Curling: Gr. 6 & 7 and 8 & 9
 - o 9 CIP Review with Chris and Michelle
 - o 10 Christmas Concert
 - o 11 Pajama Day
 - o 11 Leroy Crazy Boy taking Gr. 7-9 FNMI to Lethbridge College
 - o 14 Gently Used Toy Drive & Operation Sock-It-To-Em ENDS
 - o 14 Taco-in-a-Bag Lunch for Mission Mexico
 - o 15 HAWAII DAY – Leadership Event
 - o 16 Learning Clicks Presentation: Grade 8 – Period 1 & 2;
Grade 7 – Period 4 & 5; Grade 9 – Period 6 & 7
 - o 16 Cupcake Sale – Grade 6 providing
 - o 17 Annual Christmas Dinner
 - o 18 UGLY SWEATER DAY – Leadership Event
 - o 18 Grade 3 – 5 Skating at Coaldale Skating Rink
 - o 18 Grade 6 – 9 Dance (during school)
 - o 18 to 31 Christmas Holidays

January

- 1 to 3 Christmas Holidays
- 7 K-Gr. 6 New West Theatre presentation in Gym ‘Three Little Pigs’
- 8 to 9 SV BBall Tourney at FLVT
- 12 UFA Farm Safety Presentation
- 14 McDonald’s Lunch served
- 15 Kindergarten Skating
- 22 Kindergarten Skating
- 22 to 23 Cats Classic Basketball Tourney
- 25 School Council Meeting
- 27 Cupcake Sale – gr 5 providing
- 28 Dilo’s Lunch served
- 29 to 30 JV BBall Tourney at Senator Gershaw
- 29 to 30 SV BBall Tourney @ SMS Taber

Happenings

- Gr 3 Peru / Tango Presentation - Nov 25th
 - Connie Gross and Sue Bodie presented to Mrs. Brodie’s grade 3 class. Grade 3 studies Peru.
- Canteen – still looking for someone to take it over any thoughts or ideas?

Professional Development

- Nov 30 – Staff Retreat Day
 - Deacon Ray and Ellen leading
 - Joann Bartley – 6 Strands of Catechesis
 - Prayer
 - Lindsey Currie – PS III Presentation

Feedback

- Parent Teacher Interviews

Other

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES OF JESUS

1. Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the Kingdom of God. (Remember that your heart is where your treasure is.)
2. Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be comforted. (Be compassionate to the suffering of others and share your own hurts.)
3. Blessed are the **meek**, for they shall inherit the earth. (Be tender and gentle, not always needing to be in control or the winner.)
4. Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for justice**, for they shall be satisfied. (Forgive always and seek God's will in your life.)
5. Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall obtain mercy. (Do not be judgmental or condemning.)
6. Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they shall see God. (A pure life is marked with openness, honesty and integrity.)
7. Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called the sons of God. (Seek to resolve your own anger and conflict, and help others to do the same.)
8. Blessed are those who are **persecuted because they are good**, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. (Be willing always to do what is right, even if you stand alone.)

Gospel of St. Matthew 5:3-10

For Agenda Item 9a.1 (Nov. 30/15)

The Works of Mercy Explained

The “Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy” is the fancy Catholic name for helping others. Mercy is a virtue. It compels us to alleviate the suffering of another. The Church presents us with 7 spiritual and 7 corporal works of mercy. These are ways in which we can practice charity to others and thus bring about tremendous good in the world. The practice of these works is required of all of us. These works are binding. Though it may not always be possible to practice them, as the situation does not present itself to perform these works at all times, we should always take the opportunities to live by these works when possible.

Catholictothemax.com - \$20 laminated 18x24 poster explanations of Corporal and Spiritual Works

The Corporal Works of Mercy

1 Feed the Hungry

2 Give drink to the thirsty

3 Clothe the naked

4 Shelter the homeless

5 Comfort the imprisoned

6 Visit the sick

7 Bury the dead

Hands-on, soup kitchens, donate, fundraise, take time to learn about and understand worldwide needs, exercise educated lobbying and voting

Volunteering for international charitable organizations, learning about the issues and needs, voting for socially just policies *

Criminals are punished and deterred with imprisonment; they are redeemed by friendship in the name of Jesus. Sick refers to medical & spiritual sickness. Visiting the homebound, elderly and terminally ill is no easy task. And cooperating with modern volunteer requirements makes it more difficult.

Be aware of the needs of those who are grieving: struggling to "bury their dead" emotionally. Grieving can be a long and arduous process; shedding tears at a funeral rarely completes it. We need to help one another to truly bury our lost loved ones by letting go of them, entrusting them to the hands of our merciful Creator and Savior. That takes friendship — a patient friendship that keeps on visiting the bereaved, keeps on helping them dry their tears, even when the grieving process takes many months or even years. This is a precious work of mercy: to help one another emotionally "bury the dead," entrusting them finally to the merciful Heart of the Redeemer.

*** Remember:** those of you who are working hard each day to earn the money to provide food and drink, clothing and shelter for your own families, and those of you who cook and clean at home, are already practicing these corporal works of mercy, at least *outwardly*. Why not practice them *inwardly* now as well, from the heart, not grudgingly or merely out of routine, but with compassion and love for your spouse and children, doing all to the glory of God and giving thanks to God the Father for providing for all your needs .

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The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- 1 To instruct the ignorant: **This requires us to know the faith and be bold enough to share it in all circumstances, even when it is being taught erroneously.**
- 2 To counsel the doubtful: **When our loved ones are suffering loss, persecution, or anger, and their faith is in doubt, we must stand by them and offer show them the way. We must show them the ultimate source of strength, Jesus.**
- 3 To admonish sinners: **If the truth is not made known, it will be forgotten.**
- 4 To bear wrongs patiently: **This is hard because our ego says we shouldn't let anyone take advantage of us. Truly, when others offend us, injure us, attack us, or undermine us, we are called to "Turn the other cheek".**
- 5 To forgive offenses willingly: **Forgiveness requires heroic virtue at times. Mercy dictates that we forgive others' faults and wrongs, even when it pains us greatly and gives us no temporal satisfaction. Heroism requires sacrifice. Sometimes the greatest heroism stems from**

the sacrifice of pride. Forgiveness is an eternal virtue, as we will find forgiveness after death to the degree that we showed it to others in this life.

6 To comfort the afflicted: Never leave a friend in misery without some heart-felt words or loving embrace to lift them out of their suffering, whatever it may be.

7 To pray for the living and the dead: Our prayers are the most important form of mercy we can give because the Lord God can provide the greatest aid, which is spiritual.