

St. Michael's School Pincher Creek, AB

Parent Council Agenda of March 4th, 2025

In attendance: Karen Schmidt, Leah Oyortey, Bart Denie, Megan Metheral, Blake Dolan, Lily Ingram

Item		Time
1. Call to order	Megan	7:02
2. Prayer	Karen	
3. Land Acknowledgement	Megan	
4. Approval of February 2025 minutes	Megan	
5. Principals Report a) Staff update – welcoming another EA Substitute teacher to St. Michaels b) Practicum placement of 2 students from University of Lethbridge. c) Midterm in March - 2 students in work experience at the Pincher Creek Hospital d) Winding up Basketball e) Badminton starts with Mark Wynder as Head coach. f) April communication - Division Collab day/spiritual development day for March 17 -18. - Hosting parent teacher interview and report cards April 9 - Livingstone Range School Division not moving towards a 4-day school week. Voted to maintain 5 day week- our bussing etc. is not affected. - Open House for Grade 1 registration on March 9, 2025	Karen	
6. Update from the Trustee a. School Council of Councils - 92% of the budget comes from Provincial funds. - 8% Federal funds - 75% goes to wages. - 15% Operations and Maintenance - 10% remaining - Emphasis on increasing resources for mental health and focus on literacy and numeracy. - Does the budget meet the needs of the taxpayer?	Blake	

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- Labour negotiations ongoing - Budget vote on February 27, 2025 - 3-year weighted average has now been moved to 2-year weighted average for per pupil grant - Concerns about the amount of money spent to pay Carbon tax which is becoming a greater expense than actual utility consumption. - <u>Action to advertise for funding survey.</u>	Karen	
7. School Council Business a. Anxious Generation – March 11th at 6:30 - Introducing how it came to light. - Where we can go as a school community - If parents are interested in the book? And create a parent book study. - Take ideas from TED talk and discuss in groups. - Leadership class talking about taking accountability with screen time. - Teaching parents on how to do a better job and children feeling the effects of a distracted parent. - Placemat activity to answer questions and discuss points of the topic. - Parent council to provide juice and small snack. b. Update from Friends of St. Michaels - End of March will start the flower order. - Purdy order for Easter - No Gala will be held this year. c. Basketball court grand opening scheduled for May 9th at 10:40am ribbon cutting. Gym riot will follow at 12pm. - Bart will contact Vitae about tree pruning. d. Follow up on clothing price list to be available soon. Thoughts on starting pre order for bulk order. Have some samples for people to see design and different styles. e. Next meeting April 1st at 7pm.		
8. Meeting adjournment	Megan	8:01

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Resources:

[Alberta School Councils' Association: Home](#)

<https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/documents/fe6aa059-6cc0-4d3f-9706-80b45c73d788/February%202025%20Board%20Meeting%20Brief.pdf>

Friends of St. Michaels Meeting Minutes

[Copy of FOSM-Nov6/24 minutes](#)

[Copy of FOSM minutes, December11, 2024](#)

Land Acknowledgement:

St. Michael's School acknowledges the ground beneath our feet; the place that we are grounded on and gifted to call home.

We acknowledge the Treaty 7 Territory -the ancestral and traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy: Kainai, Piikani and Siiksika, as well as the Tsuu T'ina First Nation and the Stoney Nakoda First Nation.

We show much gratitude for this land on which we gather- the traditional land of the Piikani Nation and Metis people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta