

St. Michael's School, Pincher Creek, Alberta

School Council Meeting

April 1st 2025, 7 p.m

In attendance: Kathryn, Blake, Lily, Nicole, Leah, Karen

Item		Time
1. Call to order	Chair	7:04 pm
2. Prayer	Karen	
3. Land Acknowledgement	Chair	
4. Approval of March 4th minutes March 4th	Leah approved	7:08pm
5. Principal's Report a. Staffing: John Girard is on medical leave until April 17th. PSII- Miss Bonertz, and Mr Howell b. Lenten Journey- We had an Ash Wednesday Mass @ church, and the next week Fr. Marino visited the school to bless our 'Lenten Crosses'. Each staff/student was invited to take a blessed cross to keep and remind them of their own cross that they bear. c. Leadership Class has a project proposal to utilize the ideas from 'Anxious Generation' and teach the younger classes what they've learned about growing up with screens. Proposal will be approved by admin soon, and then they'll visit elem classes with strong messages warning about too much screen time and mental/physical health side effects. d. Report Cards- ELEM- should have received 'Growth as a Learner' Statement on SPACES in the past few weeks JH/SH- PowerSchool marks/comments for midterm will be available for viewing on Friday, Apr 4th. Parent Teacher Interviews- Scheduled for Thurs April 10th, 2025 e. Field trips are on the rise! Stay in the loop via website calendar, agendas, and social media for updates on your child(ren)'s upcoming field trips.	Karen	7:09 pm

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f. Basketball is officially done- badminton is going strong! g. Fundraisers- 'Friends' flower orders are in. Purdy's Chocolates for Easter- chocolates will arrive before Easter! Few hot lunches to support field trips lately too. h. 100th Anniversary Crowsnest Pass Music festival- all of French Immersion, and several students in the elementary English program entered and performed at the festival. Ellie Billington (Gr 11) was nominated to perform at the Grand Concert on Friday night, and she won the monetary scholarship and is off to provincials in Edmonton in May.		
6. Update from the Trustee a. Board meeting briefs i. Finished capital plans and submitted ii. Hired someone to evaluate the superintendent iii. New bussing distances for next year; Board approved for city of Lethbridge partnership that 1.6km will be the new distance for travel and transporting students. iv. Value scoping has happened to a few schools in the division (St. Francis is approved) v. CUPE negotiations are still going on; encouraging and positive as they move forward	Blake	
7. Update from parent rep / staff Rep a. Karen discussed UFLI in K to 3 classes and how parents could be hearing about it at home. High yield literacy resource that we've implemented in the last two years. b. French Immersion 1/2F performed their annual oral speeches; 3/4F		
8. School Council business a. Follow up from Anxious Generation event.		30 min

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b. Creating "PlayGroup" where do we go from here? i. 6 parents signed up to support 'Play group' times ii. Next steps: - 1. Bart will send out an email group 2. Set a meeting date soon to plan next steps, schedule c. Buying the book for those parents interested. Candice is ordering on our behalf, Thank you Candice! I have emailed the 8 interested letting them know we are ordering. i. Books have been ordered and are on sale!		
9. Upcoming events and meetings: a. Basketball court grand opening May 9 th at 10:40am ribbon cutting. Tree Pruning - Quote from Bart. Action needed. Gym riot will follow at 12pm. Date change to May 30th ribbon cutting @ ? food ideas Invite the outdoor court committee. Prizes Shootin the breeze etc. Division Skills comp? Minis and big guys. b. The Spring Symposium is April 26, 2025, and is being held online and the AGM is April 27, 2025, being held online. Follow the link below for more information. School Council Conference c. The Friends of St. Michaels is in need of new members, see attached meeting minutes.		

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Next Meeting is: May 6th 2025 @ 7pm		
Meeting adjournment		

Resources:

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

[Holy Spirit Board Brief](#)

Friends of St. Michaels Meeting Minutes

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

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

[FOSM JAN minutes](#)

[FOSM FEB 3rd minutes](#)

[FOSM March 10th Minutes](#)

[FOSM AGM](#)

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.

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