



*Date | Time* 11/6/2025 6:45 PM

*Location* NDC Library

*You are made for greatness. (Pope Benedict XVI)*

**Location: Notre Dame Collegiate, High River**

**Date: June 11, 2025**

**Attendees:** Lindsay Sager (Chair), Adrienne Maerz (Secretary), Cathy Dudgeon (Teacher/Faith Representative), Jodi deKlerk (Principal), Jacquie Vanderfluit (Vice Chair), Mark McDonald (Board Trustee), Melanie Vicente, Sara Jerke, Melanie Rollick

**Regrets:** Wynter Brown (Treasurer)

## I. OPENING PRAYER AND CALL TO ORDER

Notre Dame Collegiate School Council meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. on June 11, 2025. Opening prayer led by Lindsay S.

## II. ROLE OF STUDENT COUNCIL

- Forum for members of the school communities made up of parents, principals, teachers and students.
- Part of the Alberta School Act – all rules are followed on advice from our principal and consultation is available with the principal throughout the year.
- ASCA outlines how School Councils operate – Council plans engagement activities. We are an advisory role and not responsible for school governance, employment issues, school management et cetera.
- This year we as a council managed a food hamper program, fundraised for graduation trade scholarships, advised principal on divisional policies, 4-year education plan and cell phone use. We are not a fundraising society but we can designate some fundraising activities toward certain needs.

### III. AGM - VOTING ON POSITIONS

**Positions that are up for voting are:**

**Chair** – current Chair is Lindsay S. She is willing to let her name stand. **MOTION** by JD to vote on Lindsay remaining in the position. All were in Favour; **CARRIED**.

**Vice Chair** – current Vice Chair, Jacquie V. is unable to let her name stand for the 2025/2026 year. We will vote at the first Council meeting on September 10, 2025.

**Secretary** - current Secretary, Adrienne M. is unable to let her name stand for the 2025/2026 year. **MOTION** by JD to vote, Melanie R. stepping into the Secretary position, which will potentially be shared with another, vote at first Council meeting on a second candidate in September. All were in Favour; **CARRIED**.

**Treasurer** - current Treasurer Wynter B. is willing to let her name stand. **MOTION** by JD to vote on Wynter B. remaining in the position. All were in Favour; **CARRIED**.

### IV. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **Faith:** Liturgies throughout the year; Advent and Lent, every Monday. Attending Mass at least 2x a year at Frances de Sales Parish. Focus on Catholic Social Teachings and focus on human dignity. Continue with Faith activities throughout the year; we are called to love and serve. Grad retreat yearly.
- **Safe and Caring:** Spirit week throughout the year.  
Planned parent information and engagement nights throughout the year.  
Sports teams – 25 different teams this year, Fine arts program; great drama department and our music program lead by Joel Windsor organizing 7 after school bands.  
Also, we have many other programs such as, reading to dogs and therapeutic riding.
- **Learning:** Final exam preparations underway now that it is June.  
Supporting students with learning throughout the year with a variety of programs: Learning strategies/academic enrichment grades 7-12, IPP programming; life skills programming; in-class supports; reading intervention; supporting the learning of students that are high risk; EAL programming. Staff focus on foundations of a good lesson and assessment.  
Next years professional development for teachers: assessment for mastery – divisional initiative continues planning for 2025/26.

### V. CATHOLIC FAITH LESSON

Cathy D. gives her faith lesson: Last month we chatted about the sign of the cross. Some people use 3 fingers to make the sign of the cross indicating the Holy Trinity, or there are people that use 2 fingers instead. Historically the sign of the cross has been used from right to left; signifying passing salvation from the Jews to the Gentiles. Most Western churches make the sign of the cross from left to right signifying Jesus's passage from life to death. There are so

many ways to make the sign of the cross and Cathy is continuing some of her research as to other reasons there are so many variations. We will brainstorm in September on more Faith finding lessons that we can discuss during our council meetings.

**VI. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is set for September 10, 2025 at 6:45 p.m.

**VII. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT**

Closing prayer led by Cathy D. and meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.