

St. Agnes Jr. High School
School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 27, 2025

Attending

- **Chair:** Jessica Newman
- **Vice Chair:** Allana Mills
- **Principal:** Nancy Martin
- **Secretary:** Cathy Chiasson
- **Community Representative:** Ian Shawcross
- **Community Representative:** Ann Giffin
- **Parent Representative:** Joana Cardoso
- **Student Representative:** Em Swanson

Regrets

- **Staff Representative:** Peter Ryan
- **Vice-Principal:** Sara Bonin
- **Parent Representative:** Tara Wight
- **Parent Representative:** Corinne Strangward

Minutes

1. Welcome & Call to Order – 11:45 a.m.

- Roundtable introductions
- Confirmation of Vice Chair role: **Allana Mills** will serve as Vice Chair for the **2025–2026** school year.

2. Student Council Update

Em provided an update on student council activities:

- Halloween Dance, Christmas Dance, and Candy Grams planning – Halloween Dance was very successful
- Best Buddies program: students paired with children from the Learning Centre – initiative really going well. -Open to students in grades 7, 8, and 9

3. Principal's Report

i. Remembrance Day Ceremony

- Ceremony held November 7th with guest speaker **Captain Brian Seidel**, who discussed contributions of Indigenous military members
- Student council played a major role in organizing and leading the event
- Ceremony was well received

ii. Transgender Day of Remembrance

- Observed November 20th
- GSA organized activities to honour transgender and gender-diverse individuals lost to anti-trans violence
- Posters and murals were created and displayed throughout the school

iii. Lunch Program

- Program launched October 6th
- Approximately **70 meals per day** being provided

iv. Peer Tutoring

- New peer tutoring initiative: grade nine students tutoring grade seven students
- Aims to support struggling students and increase engagement
- Expected to expand as participation grows

v. Student Success Planning

- A math coach will begin working with teachers and students on **December 1st**
- Focus on improving math language and confidence
- Initiative informed by assessment data and designed to provide targeted support

vi. Guidance

- A youth outreach program is being developed to address concerns including human trafficking

- RCMP previously placed informational leaflets and stickers in washrooms for safe reporting; may be reinstated
- **Denisha Provo**, former professional basketball player, is planning a speaking series
 - Two assemblies planned to improve student engagement and comfort
 - School is working to book dates

vii. Pre-Service Teachers

- Three pre-service teachers beginning this month
- Programs now vary in length, resulting in staggered placement schedules

viii. Sports and Clubs

- Male-identifying soccer team reached the semifinals
- Girls' soccer team is rebuilding but had a positive season
- Cross-country team performed strongly, with several students advancing to provincials
- **New Tech Club** established using previous fundraising funds
 - Students creating projects such as t-shirts and cutting boards
 - Club encourages skill-building in creativity and technology
- **Dungeons & Dragons Club** meets weekly with separate beginner and experienced groups

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2025