



Bishop David Motiuk

Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

School Advisory Council & LF Fundraising Association

Meeting Date: May 28, 2025

Next Meeting: September 24, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Present: Aman Rana, Chair SAC
Dwayne Vodden, Vice Chair SAC
Jennifer Pino-Willock, Secretary SAC/LFFA
Jenn Krawchuk, Chair LFFA
Terry Volk, Principal
John Edwards, Assistant Principal
Karen Germaine, Assistant Principal
Lyndsy Panizzon, IB and Teacher Rep

A total of 15 people were present - 14 people in person and one online.

A quorum was reached with the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and the Principal being present.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I. CALLED TO ORDER – 6:03 PM

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement
- C. Roll Call
- D. Previous Minutes Accepted – Jen G motioned to accept, and Dwayne V seconded

II. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

A. New Business & Admin Report: Presented by Principal Volk

- Introduction of the new assistant principal, Mr. Joe Estephan
- **School Central Mobile App** – Click here for instructions:
<https://bishopdavidmotiuk.ecsd.net/documents/41cd5c49-b9d9-4518-929b-9a582b0bb2f6/SchoolCentral-App-Guide-2-QR.pdf>
- **Student Code of Conduct** – This is reviewed annually, and no changes will be made at this time.
- **Webber Greens Vision Zero Street Lab Installation** – The following were installed to solve many traffic safety concerns in the area in and around the school:
 - Asphalt Speed Tables and Hump
 - Adaptable Curb Extensions
 - Pavement Markings



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- **School plan for Continuous Improvement** – The school is in the third year of a three year plan, so many of their goals and strategies remain in place with some adjustments as necessary.

- **Living Our Faith** – This was the first priority, but the school didn't make as much headway as they would have liked with building connections with Annunciation Parish. That goal will remain in place.

A considerable amount of professional development was offered to staff this year and will continue to offer the same in the upcoming year. BDM will be refocusing on their mission and charism, ensuring that the school policies are mission focused and that BDM is a welcoming place for everyone.

- **Learning Excellence** - Most of the school's goals under this priority remain the same, but the focus will be on providing students with meaningful and timely feedback plus on-data analysis so BDM can have more targeted instruction with students.
- **Organizational Excellence** - The key strategy identified by the division here is the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. BDM has made great strides, but they will keep their current goals in place. They would like to make more progress in terms of having members of the FNMI community, which they will coordinate through Indigenous Learning Services to visit the classrooms and provide meaningful staff professional development.
- **Embracing Diversity** – BDM's goals and strategies in this area are ongoing. They will continue to focus on celebrating and valuing the gifts that each person brings to our community, but they are doing so in a more targeted way.

One of the areas they typically scored poorly in is celebrating diversity. When the survey was written (in November) they only had Orange Shirt Day. They also recognized Black History Month and this year, added Asian History Month. BDM will also be adding more events and activities that highlight many different cultures and backgrounds.

- **School Opening BBQ** – Volunteers are needed to help with BDM's School Opening BBQ.
- **School Supply Orders** – No School supply orders have been posted, and supplies can be purchased through School Start or at local stores.



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- **School Fees** - School fees will be submitted to ECSD this week. They will be posted to BDM's website as soon as final approval is received. School fees remain the same except for Foods. The fee will be reduced to \$50 (as not as many expensive items will be purchased).

- **Enrolment Update –**

<u>Grade 2025-2026</u>	<u>Enrolment</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Class Size</u>
Kindergarten	76	4	19
Grade 1	56	3	19
Grade 2	73	3	24
Grade 3	79	3	26
Grade 4	82	3	27
Grade 5	83	3	28
Grade 6	108	4	27
Grade 7	99	3	33
Grade 8	104	4	26
Grade 9	118	4	30
<u>Total:</u>	<u>878</u>	<u>34</u>	

Numbers are still fluctuating a little, so these are not the final numbers. Overall, BDM is down six classes and approximately 218 students, which means the Learning Commons will be a library again and classes won't be spaces like the Foods Lab. Also, the maker's spaces will be back again.

The good news is that they have been able to maintain reasonable class sizes, so far, but some difficult staffing decisions were made because BDM (and most schools) are really feeling the pinch with budgets this year and no longer have a very large surplus to draw from. They are also not allowed to run in a deficit so school sizes will remain between 20 and 30 except in younger elementary.



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- Staffing Update –

- Support staff – Farewells to Ms. Betty, approximately four members of our MDT, Ms. Yim and Mrs. Torres de Barquero.
 - Teaching Staff –
 - a. Returning from leave in September – Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Eugenio, Mrs. Sharrock-Wiggins.
 - b. Mrs. Germaine and Mrs. Szaszkiewicz have decided to retire. We wish them the very best as they begin this new adventure!
 - c. We welcome Mr. Joe Estephan, who will be the new assistant principal at BDM, replacing Mrs. Germaine.
 - d. Mrs. Oleksiw has been assigned as assistant principal at St. Edmund School.
 - e. Mrs. Hewko will be moving to Sr. Annata Brockman School.
 - f. Mrs. Durie will be moving to St. Josephine Bakhita School.
 - g. Mrs. Baldassarre will be moving to St. Cecilia School
 - h. Mrs. De Benedetto will be moving to St. Dominic School
 - i. Mr. Homeniuk will be moving to Christ the King School
 - j. Mr. Grey will be moving to Archbishop MacDonald High School
 - k. Contracts for Ms. Bilyj, Mr. De Santis, Mrs. Kordyban, Ms. Penny, Ms. Pozorek, Mr. Sabatier, Mr. Tejada, and Mr. Thibaudeau are ending, although we may be able to re-hire some teachers to cover leaves.
 - l. On leave - Mrs. Bilotta, Mrs. Benko Saah, Mrs. Loeppky, Mrs. McCurdy (until January), Mrs. Figiel (until January)
- The council would like to use the \$500 Grant for school council engagement to bring in a speaker, but they need to decide on a topic. If you have any ideas, please submit them to Aman via the School Council BDM website.
- Volunteers are also needed for the school BBQ on Friday, June 20th

B. **IB REPORT:** Presented by Lyndsy P

- PYP and MYP Exhibition Gallery Walk was on April 24th
 - About 300 Students Participated
 - Superintendent Lynnette Anderson was here and was impressed with all the kids and their presentations.
 - They did not want students to focus on monetary donations.
 - Lots of amazing projects this year. There was a group that did a cooking class for the Edmonton Downs Syndrome Society, one who provided toys and supplies to Underfunded Animal Shelters, and another called Bilingual Buddies who helped some Elementary EL (English Learner) students on Tuesdays for 30 mins and helped them with their English via games and literacy.



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- Many groups were making lots of important contacts within the community.
- Last Friday, 50 students from BDM went to Lumen Christi to set up a gallery walk with the other IB Schools.
- PD – Preliminary document reviews will be submitted in September
- Remember to follow us on social media:
 - *Instagram – bishopdavidmotiukecsd*
<https://www.instagram.com/bishopdavidmotiukecsd>
 - *Facebook – Bishop David Motiuk School ECSD*
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063824809078>

C. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** Presented by Karen G and John E

CLUBS, TEAMS, AND MORE AWESOMENESS

- Many clubs continue - LEGO, Numero, Choirs, D&D, Leadership, Library, Gathering Circle, Comic, Flag Football
- Badminton Team is over and two girls advanced to finals
- Track and Field meet will be on Friday and kids who qualify for zones will go next week
- Numero Challenge Tournament at St. Alphonsus on June 2nd

CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

- Wed Apr 30 – Divine Liturgy (10:00 AM Start Time, St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish)
- Thu May 29 – World Catholic Education Day
- Thu May 29 – PYP Faith Day – Choir will be presenting “NOAH’S ARK: 100% Chance Of Rain” for grades 1 to 5 that day
- Mon Jun 23 – National Indigenous Peoples Day Liturgy (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Wed Jun 25 – Year-End Liturgy (9:00 AM Start Time)

OTHER STUFF

- Wed May 28 – Grade 6 PAT: English Language Arts – Part A (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Thu May 29 – Grade 9 PAT: English Language Arts – Part A (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Fri May 20 - Track and Field Day for Grades 7 and 8 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Rollie Miles Athletic Grounds)
- Tue Jun 10 - Grade 6 and 9 Immunizations – Day 1 of 2 (All Day, Small Gym)
- Wed Jun 11 - Grade 6 and 9 Immunizations – Day 2 of 2 (All Day, Small Gym)
- Thu Jun 12 – Grade 6 & 9 PAT: English Language Arts – Part B (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Thu Jun 12 – Grade 7 & 8 Final Exam: English Language Arts (9:00 AM Start Time)



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- Fri Jun 13 – Grade 6 & 9 PAT: Math – Part A (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Sun Jun 15 – Father's Day
- Tue Jun 17 – Grade 6 & 9 PAT: Math – Part B (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Tue Jun 17 – Grade 7 & 8 Final Exam: Math (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Wed Jun 18 – Grade 6 & 9 PAT: Social Studies (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Wed Jun 18 – Grade 7 & 8 Final Exam: Social Studies (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Thu Jun 19 – Grade 6 & 9 PAT: Science (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Thu Jun 19 – Grade 7 & 8 Final Exam: Science (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Fri Jun 20 – BDM Feast Day
- Fri Jun 20 – Feast Day Liturgy (9:00 AM Start Time)
- Sat Jun 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Mon Jun 23 – Grade 9 Farewell (6:30 PM Start Time for Mass, St. Charles Parish)
- Wed Jun 25 – Last Day of School for Students
- Wed Jun 25 – Report Cards will be posted after 4pm

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM – Jenn K motioned to accept, and Jenn G seconded.

Next meeting (the AGM) will be on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM

LEWIS FARMS (LF) FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION MEETING

I. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING: Presented by Jenn K

Nothing has changed - Financials are the same. Another bank account is needed and will be opened soon.

Question: New bike racks are needed. Terry applied for a special grant and is still waiting to hear back. She will follow up.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM