



Bishop David Motiuk

Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

School Advisory Council & LF Fundraising Association

Meeting Date: December 10, 2025 @ 6pm in the Library/Teams

Present: Dwayne Vodden, Chair SAC
Larissa Chenier, Vice Chair, SAC
Jessica Gordon, Secretary SAC/LFFA
Jennifer Gallant, Volunteer Coordinator SAC
Richard Carr, Treasurer LFFA
Terry Volk, Principal
John Edwards, Assistant Principal
Christine Santin, Teacher Representative

13 people present for the meeting (9 in person and 4 virtually).

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING #3 2025-2026

I. CALLED TO ORDER – 6:02 PM

- A. Opening Prayer
 - Dwayne expressed condolences to one of our own SAC members and her family on behalf of the School Council. Our thoughts and prayers are with her during this unimaginable time and we will continue to support the family however we can.
- B. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement
- C. Roll Call
- D. Previous Minutes Accepted – Aman motioned to accept, and Jenn G seconded.
- E. Matters arising from the minutes – none.

II. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

- A. **New Business:**
 - 1. **Review of Operating Procedures – Presented by D. Vodden**
 - SAC received no comments on changes needed for current Operating Procedures
 - Operating Procedures were reviewed and no amendments required
 - Dwayne put forward the motion that Operating Procedures will remain as is with no revisions. Aman accepted and Larissa seconded.
 - 2. **Possible Boundary Changes at BDM – Presented by T. Volk**
 - A video (“Big Lake Redesignation Engagement”) was posted by Educational Planning Department explaining the rationale behind the move regarding possible new boundaries for residents of Big Lake. This same video was presented to families of Annunciation and St. Thomas Moore via email with a survey attached for parents to complete.



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-The new boundaries would redesignate students from Big Lake to Bishop David School for the 2026/2027 school year.

-Lots of discussion regarding the new proposed boundaries:

- Richard brought up that we just fixed our overcrowding problem and now we are going to be overcrowded again. Terry reassured us we have space at our school to accommodate the students of Big Lake.
- Jenn G asked if these new boundaries were considered when we allowed students from Secord and Rosenthal to stay at BDM? Terry informed council that Big Lake has been lobbying to come to BDM for some time. BDM will not be allowing new students from outside our boundaries besides Big Lake.
- It is anticipated that approximately 125 students would be expected from Big Lake. Usually, projections made by ECSD are fairly accurate. Likely adding only 2 more buses than what BDM currently has.
- Keeping BDM school at (or close) to capacity increases the school's budget and allows us to keep the current number of teachers. We will have to say goodbye to teachers if our number of students decrease.
- Richard asked why BDM parents didn't receive a survey and how will this affect class sizes? Terry explained BDM school has the capacity to accommodate and we are unsure at this time what class sizes will look like, but we strive to keep class sizes small. It all depends on funding from the Province, and we are patiently waiting results from the Classroom Complexity report that BDM submitted (which took 4 days to compile).

-No final decision has been made yet on boundaries. Will wait for results of the Division survey.

3. Christmas Concert Debrief – Presented by T. Volk

- The Christmas Concert went well this year in terms of stage performances, even though we did not have as much time to prepare.
- Backstage was a different story though. Among the concerns listed by teachers:
 - The concert started late and was long.
 - Too many students in small waiting areas.
 - Students were in a different environment, outside of school hours and were not listening to instructions.
 - At the end, parents were pushing children and staff out of the way to get to their own children (stampede of parents).
 - No water available for children, who were overstimulated.



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- The teachers were almost in tears.
- Parents were yelling at the staff and banging on the windows.
- Parents dropping younger children with teachers expecting them to babysit— not even school-aged.
- Kids said they do not want to do that again. Teachers said they will do that again.

Possible Solutions

- Stop having live Christmas concerts – do a class video instead.
- Have concerts at the school, where students can wait in classrooms (sound and sightlines are not good).
- Divide concerts into two or three evenings so that students are not overcrowded (we would have to divide by grade, not student name to accommodate smaller grade groups/teachers). It is important to remember that teachers volunteer their time for Christmas concerts – they do not have to do them.
- If we had the concerts on two or three evenings, we might be able to have students in the theatre area (this would still mean limited tickets).
- Do not have parents in waiting areas after the finale – they stormed the back before students even arrived. Dismiss from the stage.
- Other considerations -during the dress rehearsal, there were a couple of incidents of vandalism (parents of students involved will pay repair costs). We do not know if we will be welcome back.
- Cost for two or three nights is expensive (\$2500 for full day and night access).
- Discussion was had about how we can make the concert a more positive experience
 - Jenn G suggested having parent volunteers to help manage students backstage. We could order volunteer vests for parents to wear.
 - Do we split the concert up and try to rent the venue for more than one night to allow for less students at a time? Pick up for the younger students was extremely unorderedly this year.
 - Discussions will continue to be had on how we can make the concert more enjoyable for all.

Thank you, teachers, for all your hard work with the concert – it really was a beautiful gift!

4. Numeracy Instruction Strategies – presented by T. Volk

-Mrs. Winter is working on putting together a “math kit” for all students. The goal of these kids is to assist students in building their math skills.

B. Admin Report: Presented by Principal Volk



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1) PAT Results 2024-2025

- Overall, we are very pleased with our PAT results this year. Our students scored above both the division and the province in all subject areas except grade six math for the acceptable standard. They scored above both the division and the province in all subject areas except grade six and nine math for the standard of excellence.
- When we compare results from other neighbourhood schools, BDM is above in all subject areas for both the acceptable standard and the standard of excellence. We are significantly above in grade six math.
- These results are based on the number of students writing.

2) Assurance Results 2024-2025

- In terms of our assurance results, we scored above the province in all measures except Student Learning Engagement, where we were on par, and Access to Supports and Services. Interestingly, for each of these measures, parent and teacher responses are high, but student responses are low.
- With all of that in mind, we are renewing our focus on mathematics instruction. We suspect that students do not always understand what they are being asked when they are doing surveys, so we will have the same people administering those and providing examples of what the question means before students make their responses.

3) ECSD Surveys

- ECSD Surveys will be written in January this year.

4) Learner profile attribute focus for the month of December: Open-minded

5) Approaches to learning focus is Self-management skills

C. IB Report: Presented by Principal Volk

New evaluation dates

- Preliminary review March 15, 2026
- Self-study questionnaire June 1 (We will be looking for input from parent community prior to this date so stay tuned)
- Visit October 7-9



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- IB offered our school a Programme Development Consultancy-an opportunity to work with a Senior IB Consultant to help us further develop our programmes (free of charge; regular \$1000USD)

Recent IB PDs:

- Staff continued work and reflections on our IB programme development plans which include our school policies, Approaches to learning skills, action, and service learning, as well as implementing new curriculum
- Staff continue process work, documentation, and paperwork for the preliminary review due date in March
- We have updated the program pages of our website and added our updated IB required policies:
 - BDM Academic Integrity Policy 2025_2026
 - BDM Admissions Policy 2025_2026
 - BDM Assessment Policy 2025_2026
 - BDM Inclusion Policy 2025_2026
 - BDM Language Policy 2025_2026

IB Gallery Walk date Thursday, April 30, 2026

D. Calendar Of Events: Presented by Principal Volk

Notable November

- November 19 -Grade 4 Bible Ceremony was wonderful
- November 24-27 -Scholastic Book Fair – we raised \$7500 which goes back in to buying books for the school. Special thank you to our volunteers (6 volunteers did 9 shifts).
- November 27 -Conferences went well and had a great turnout
- November 28- Dream Builders Movie afternoon for the Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation, Dream Builders campaign – we raised \$2016.

December

- Throughout the month of December each day is dedicated to fun school wide activities or promoting school spirit (e.g. wear red/white, make a Christmas ornament)
- December 3 – Christmas Concert. Some revisions will be made with logistics and student supervision next year.



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- December 10 - Volleyball Season: Boys played their Semi-Final match up today... Girls played their quarter-final matchup December 9 and if needed, the championship will be on December 17.
- December 16 Advent mass at 10am @ St. Thomas More Catholic Church
- December 18 Full Day of classes (Thursday) – Christmas Fun Day
- December 19 Half-day of classes. Celebration and Christmas Caroling at 9am in the gym.
- December 20 – January 4 -Christmas Break (returning January 5)

January

- January 5 – IB Learner Profile – Risk-takers
- January 13 – Bishop David's Birthday
- January 19 – Bishop David's Birthday Celebration
- January 23 – Archbishop MacDonald High School visit for interested Grade 9 students. 9:40am
- January 23 – St. Rose Gr 6 visit
- January 27 – MYP Winter Concert at West Meadows Baptist Church

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM – Dwayne V motioned to accept, and Richard seconded.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Library/Teams online.

LEWIS FARMS (LF) FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION MEETING 2025-2026

I. CALLED TO ORDER – 7:22 PM

II. Business of the Meeting – Presented by R. Carr

- There are 2 bank accounts now open. The balance for the Casino account is \$83,315. The balance in the other account is \$53.00.
- Funds were received from the Babysitter course fundraiser for roughly \$700-800 which will be deposited in the "other" account.
- Christmas concert fees paid by the LFFA
- New Epson boards are on the list of needs for the school. Please let the LFFA know of any other requests for BDM

III. Adjournment – 7:26PM

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Library/Teams online following the SAC meeting.