



Bishop David Motiuk

Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

**School Advisory Council &
LF Fundraising Association**

Meeting Date: March 4, 2026 @ 6pm in the Learning Commons/Teams

Present: Larissa Chenier, Vice Chair, SAC
Jessica Gordon, Secretary SAC/LFFA
Terry Volk, Principal
John Edwards, Assistant Principal
Joseph Estephan, Assistant Principal

12 people present for the meeting (7 in person and 5 virtually).

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING #4 2025-2026

I. CALLED TO ORDER – 6:07 PM

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement
- C. Roll Call
- D. Previous Minutes Accepted – Larissa motioned to accept, and Jessica seconded.
- E. Matters arising from the minutes – None.

II. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

A. IB Report: Presented by Principal Volk

- No official report this meeting. Grade 5s and 9s working hard on Exhibition and Community Projects.

B. Admin Report: Presented by Principal Volk

1. Staffing Update

For this year, Caitlin Boyd has started her maternity leave. We had a difficult time securing a teacher for her class for the next few months. We are pleased to welcome Sarah Murphy from Annunciation School who will start with us on



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March 21 when her contract at Annunciation ends. Thank you to all the teachers/support staff who filled in in between, especially Mrs. Sharrock, Ms. Abraham and Mrs. Winter!

2. School Inclusive Teams

The provincial government announced that they were providing School Inclusive Teams to help with classroom complexity for some schools. These teams would be made up of one teacher and two EAs. There were 42 of these teams designated for ECSD. BDM was not one of the schools that received a team. The teachers and EAs provided come from the 1000 teachers and EAs promised by the government in their imposed settlement, so this is not new funding. It is anticipated that these teams will be hard to staff right now, so schools who received a team will be able to carry funding forward.

3. Enrolment Update

Next year, we anticipate enrolment to be right around 950 students. We hope to maintain current staffing levels, but it is likely that class sizes will be a little larger than this year, since we do not have a surplus to draw on and allocations will be reduced. Our focus is always on what is best for students, so we will do our best to provide for optimal learning conditions.

Pre-enrolments through the division will be completed at the end of next week. New enrolments continue to come in (and likely will until September). As of today:

Grade 2026-2027	Enrol	Transfer	New Enrol	Estimated	Total
Kindergarten		2	37		39
Grade 1	53	11	1	19	84
Grade 2	43	13		12	68
Grade 3	56	14		17	87
Grade 4	57	21		19	97
Grade 5	53	25		29	107
Grade 6	60	12		26	98



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Grade 7	63	25		36	124
Grade 8	56	2		35	93
Grade 9	58	1		43	102
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4. Budget Update

Administrators had a preliminary look at the projected division inclusive budget for next year and it looks like our inclusive funding will be reduced. That would have a serious impact on operations at BDM (and all schools), since we still have to provide support for our neurodiverse students. We should know more once the division profile has been completed by the government and actual dollars can be allocated.

5. Hours of Operation 2026-2027

We have to have 950 hours of instruction over the course of the year. We expect the calculator to open soon. We would like to try to start a few minutes earlier so we can end the day a few minutes earlier as well, but this depends on bussing schedules (we have double runs and our busses pick up at SJB and to their runs before coming to us).

C. Calendar of Events: Presented by Assistant Principal Joseph Estephan

- Basketball Season is going strong! Both teams are in the semi-final.

- **February**

2- Students in Grades 4–9 took part in an Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and AntiRacism presentation that supported meaningful learning and reflection. This was led by 2 ECSD consultants, and took place in either the gym or the classroom.

Black History Month – We wrapped up Black History Month by sharing daily facts, learning important lessons, and celebrating music from influential Black artists.

25 - Faith Development Day



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26/27 – Teachers' Convention

• **March**

2 – Our IB Learner Profile of the month is Principled.

4 – Today we had a Penitential Service led by Father Glen. The intention was to focus on **repentance, reflection, and preparing for forgiveness**. After the prayer service, we had several priests to provide confessions for our students and staff.

6 – Ski Club for Grades 6-9 at Rabbit Hill

11 – St FX and St. OR Admin teams will be coming over to register our Grade 9's for their Grade 10 courses.

12 – Division Faith Development Day

19 – Student-led Conferences (Feedback from the last meeting was taken in to consideration and MYP parents can now book 20 minute slots for 3 core subjects and can meet with 1 option teacher on top of that)

26 – Full Day of school

27 – Early Dismissal for Spring Break

Return to school on Tuesday, April 7.

• **April**

IB Learner Profile focus - Balanced

3 – Good Friday

6 – Easter Monday

10 – Spring Pictures K-9

30 - Exhibition for Grade 5 and Community Action Project for Grade 9

Questions from parents during the meeting:

1. Do we get to know choices of Big Lake families? - Aman R.



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- So far, 80 students have chosen to come to BDM next year.
- Principal Volk to give update at next meeting as pre-enrolment will be complete.
- 2. Is the Oscar Romero visit open to Grade 8 students? - Aman R.
 - No. The visit is more focussed on the Grade 9s.
 - High Schools will come out early in the 2026-27 school year to meet with the new grade 9s (St. FX and Romero as they are BDMs feeder schools).
- 3. What grades are allowed to join Art Club? - Jenn PW
 - Mrs. Volk believes it grades 6-9 as it is called "MYP Art Club". Mr. Estephan will clarify.
- 4. Are there reminders sent out to parents for pre-enrolment? - Foluso O.
 - Yes, parents who have not yet enrolled will be sent follow up emails. Once enrolled, parents will be sent another email for students to select options (grade 7-9 only).
- 5. When you had made the enrolment projections was it based on the current number plus whoever from Big Lake is enrolling? - Jenn G.
 - Yes, both were used.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm by Larissa Chenier, 2nd by Jessica Gordon.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Learning Commons/
Teams online.

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No meeting as no members present.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, immediately following the SAC meeting, in the Learning Commons/Teams online.