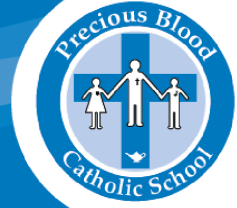




# PRECIOUS BLOOD

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL



### Catholic School Advisory Agenda & Minutes

September 23, 2025 | 5:30 pm | School Library

**Present:** Kerri Lyn Courtney, Amy Wilhelm, Brenyn Hodge, Sarah Sadler, Jessica Bickell, Jamie Lamoureux, Caroline Hill

**Regrets:**

#### **AGENDA:**

##### **1. Welcome Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that might affect the students, staff, and friends of Precious Blood School. We ask these things in your name, Amen.*

##### **2. Review of Spring 2025 Minutes**

##### **3. Principal Update**

- a. Health & Safety Update
  - i. School Drills & Fire Inspection Complete
  - ii. Facilities Inspection and Ongoing Projects
  - iii. Yard Work - Needed a Facelift! Looks as good outside as it feels inside now!
    1. Ongoing support to maintain them!? Jessica Bickle will connect with her inlaws to see if they are interested in volunteering to do some maintenance
- b. Safe & Healthy School Team
  - i. Formation stage of this team - will be confirmed by the end of September
  - ii. Will consist of the principal, office Assistant, Teacher, Support Staff, and two intermediate students
  - iii. Provide insight into how to improve inclusive education within the school community, bullying prevention, and positive mental health and well-being for all students
  - iv. Student leadership committee - opportunities for assemblies, guest speakers, and programs offered by the community to support students - Rural Response Growing Resilience Program and Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- c. Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes Update
  - i. Ongoing communication in the Weekly Family Memo
  - ii. First School Mass on Friday - led by Grade 7/8 students
  - iii. Sacrament information is now available - registration is now open
- d. September Success - New routines, expectations, and adjustments
  - i. Dismissal - success! Going very smoothly!
  - ii. New Routines - firm expectations on recess, hat wearing, technology, and working in halls
- e. School Improvement Plan
  - i. EQAO - waiting for results from the Ministry
  - ii. Working on finalizing plans for this year (collecting data and gathering information about students to ensure goals are appropriately made / students are focused)
  - iii. On Fire with the Spirit (scripture related to Pentecost) - Year 2 - Illuminate
- f. Open House

- i. Awesome initiative - Thursday, September 25, 4:00-5:30 pm
  - ii. Thank you for contributing and paying for the pizza to support the event (35 pizzas)
  - iii. Book Fair has been moved to November (Progress Report Interview Week)- date of Business Gala may make it difficult for families to attend
- g. Hot Lunch Program
  - i. Schedule description
    - 1. All pizza Wednesdays (Dominos, Godfathers)
    - 2. Alternating Monday options (Dairy Queen x 2, Subway, and Pita Pit)
  - ii. Price increase and how funds will be used (offset costs throughout the year that would normally have parents using School Cash multiple times a month - sporting events, bussing, field trips, etc).
  - iii. Funds will also be used to support families that are not able to access these programs
  - iv. Delivery is being looked into as an option where possible, but not every vendor offers delivery - we will be looking for volunteer drivers to make this possible
  - v. Rearranging pizza for extracurricular activities, where possible. We are typically safe on Mondays - it will likely only affect Wednesdays for Pizza Days
- h. Terry Fox Run
  - i. The Online Donation Link is still open until September 25th
  - ii. It was an inclusive event that allowed all K-8 students to participate
  - iii. It was a wonderful way to start the year together!
- i. Healthy Food Program
  - i. Jess Bickell continues to be the lead on this
  - ii. Snacks are usually handled through the front office - a variety of snacks available - cheese strings, fruit, and granola bars.
  - iii. Donations to the snack program are welcome and help us - supply does not match our demand in the school
  - iv. Continue with Hansens muffins and veggies, and try to lower the amount of food per class to see if it can be done monthly, instead of bi-monthly.
- j. Invitation for CPIC - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
  - i. [CPIC Invitation Letter 2025](#)
  - ii. October 21, 6:00-7:30 in Dublin at the Catholic Education Centre/option to join virtually
  - iii. Interest was shared in someone potentially being able to attend
- k. Playground and Recess at Precious Blood
  - i. Purchasing of materials to continue to engage in recess activities
  - ii. Intramurals - exploring options
  - iii. Fun recesses leading to positive learning experiences
    - 1. Greater flexibility for students to engage positively with others - clubs, intramurals, and indoor activities to support social development
- l. PRO Grant Opportunity
  - i. The Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant helps school boards partner with their parent involvement committees (CSACs) to lead projects that meet local school needs. The goal is to remove barriers that prevent parents from fully participating in their children's education and faith formation.
  - ii. Example discussed;
    - 1. Purchasing of resources to assist families with engaging in learning activities at home - math, literacy, the arts
    - 2. Engaging parents/families in a volunteer program and purchasing of materials to assist in organizing this
  - iii. Application process - open until February 27, 2026
  - iv. Past applications have been approved - \$1,500
- m. New Initiatives & Feedback
  - i. Total School Population - 240
  - ii. 10 Classrooms, EA Team of 5, New French Teacher - Tori Gavin, New Arts Teacher Pending

- iii. Food/Coat Drives - 3 per year - Thanksgiving Coat Drive, Lenten Food Drive, and Catholic Education Week Food Drive
- iv. Fall Fun Fair - Student Leadership Team & United Way - October 31
- v. St. Andre Bessette Trust Fund - application process, how to advocate, get support
- vi. Christmas Dinner Tradition
  - 1. Catered and Christmas celebration as a school community (currently sourcing potential vendors)
  - 2. Buy One, Give One campaign
- vii. Christmas Hampers for families

#### **4. Budget Update**

- a. Opening Balance for the year \$2,255.40 (less approximately \$750 for pizza for Open House)

#### **5. Fundraising Goals**

- a. Working with PBS staff to better understand our fundraising goals and items that would be positively contribute to the school. When we better understand our goals, then we can plan a fundraiser accordingly.
- b. Considerations - Large / Small
  - i. Domino's pizza - selling \$10 pizza cards (in-store discounts), Pizza Nights and funds being sent to the school.
  - ii. Chocolate Factory - Christmas and Easter
  - iii. Huron Ridge - Christmas Decor/Gift Cards
  - iv. RICCO & MacMillians
  - v. Spaghetti Dinner / Car Wash
- c. Plan on following up with a schedule of when it would make sense to host certain fundraisers, to not put too much pressure on families and spread them out throughout the year.

#### **6. CSAC Chair Nominations/Election**

- a. Nominations: Jamie Lamoureux, Caroline Hill
- b. Votes indicate: Jamie Lamoureux & Caroline Hill will Co-Chair for the 2025-26 School Year

#### **7. Communication & Next Meeting**

- a. Question - Before/After School Care Update
  - i. Unfortunately, at this time, a new vendor has not come forward to replace this service. The program will end on Friday, September 26. If the situation changes, we will share the communication.
- b. All agendas and minutes will be posted in the Weekly Update
- c. Advertising for all fundraising events will include goals
- d. All purchased items will be shared with CSAC
- e. November 22, 2025, at 5:30 pm