



School Council Annual Report

**Fort McMurray
Christian School**

Chairperson: **Mary Murley**

Date: **June 14, 2025**

This report is submitted to meet the requirements of the Education Act of the Province of Alberta and the contents are a true and accurate portrayal of the activities of the School Council:

Signature of Chairperson: *Mary Murley*

Duty to Report to the Board

The Education Act of the Province of Alberta Regulation 171/98 - School Councils Regulation requires that School Advisory Councils:

1. Provide by June 15th of each year a report:

- a) summarizing the activities of the school council in the school year; and
- b) including a financial statement relating to money handled by the school council in the school year, if any

2. A school council must retain at the school a copy of the minutes for each meeting of the school council and **make them available to the board upon request.**

3. A school council must retain the minutes for each meeting of the school council **for at least seven years**

To assist with the above requirement the Board of Trustees of Fort McMurray Public School Division has prepared the attached form for submission to the Board. Please complete and submit to the Superintendent of Schools **no later than June 15th.**

1. Summary of the activities of the School Council for the year:

You may submit your minutes if you choose to, to the Board along with this report for review OR keep copies of all of your minutes and make available to the Board at their request. Reminder that your minutes must be retained for a MINIMUM of Seven (7) years.

a) Achievements or Accomplishments:

- The School Council Chair and the Principal had regular meetings throughout the school year.
- The School Council Chair and the FMCS Society Chair had regular meetings throughout the school year.
- The School Council members helped the FMCS Society with the Welcome Back BBQ.
- The School Council had 4 meetings; whilst being mindful of the CUPE Strike.
- The School Council did 4 Work Bees; whilst being mindful of the CUPE Strike.
- The School Council initiated a “ Shirt Swap” for families to swap school merch for Pink Shirt Day, School Spirit Day, etc
- On March 24, 2025; the FMCS Society brought in guest speaker Brett Uhlman. He did a presentation in the morning for grade 5-9 students discussing social media and mental health. In the evening, he did a similar presentation aimed for parents. The School Council was able to financially contribute towards this event and are so thankful for the partnership with the FMCS Society for this event.
- The School Council members spent time in the FMCS Library, helping Librarian Mrs. Dalley; organizing, labelling, and helping with Book Fairs.
- School Council Chair attended the FMCS Education Plan presentation at the FMPD on May 14, 2025 with Principal Bishop and Vice Principal MacIntosh.
- School Council members spearheaded a Plant Project to beautify school grounds, May/June 2025.

b) Council Development Opportunities:

- Chair and/or the Networks Rep of the School Council attended the Networks Meetings in April 2025.
- School Council Chair attended the Trustee Information Session at FMPD on June 10, 2025.

c) Issues:

- Parking Lot space
- School Council members and parent volunteers struggle(d) with what was/is allowed to do at school and in the classroom; during the CUPE strike and after.

d) How can the Board better assist the operation of School Advisory Councils?

- Due to the circumstances surrounding the CUPE strike, the School Council felt a lack of support from the FMPD. The situation created challenges in communication and engagement, which impacted our ability to fulfill our role in supporting the school community. The FMCS School Council acknowledges the complexity and pressure of the circumstances and understands that many difficult decisions had to be made. We really missed those Network Meetings and connections made with other school council chairs, network reps and Trustees.

e) Other (Any items which you feel would be of interest to the Board or general public):

- The School Council members and families of FMCS are deeply grateful to the FMCS Society and the FMPD for the opportunity to be part of an alternative Christian program. For many families, a Catholic education may not feel like the right fit, and having access to a Christian-based public education is something we value tremendously. This program offers an important choice that reflects our faith and educational priorities, and we are thankful for the ongoing support that

makes it possible. As our students grow, so does our desire to see this program continue through high school. We strongly encourage the continued protection of the existing program and thoughtful investment in expanding it to include a Christian high school option within the public system.

2. Financial Statement:

Please provide an audited financial statement relating to money handled by the School Council. If no money was handled by the School Council please signify below.

This is to certify that the Fort McMurray Christian School Advisory Council **Did**
OR **Did not** handle any money.

* Fundraising Conducted By the School *

Fort McMurray Christian School

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Fee

All Fees
2024/2025

Fee Summary

A summary of all Fees at a school.

Fee Name	Std. Fee	Count	TTI Fees	All Discs	Paid	Due
Fundraising						
Fundraising - Plant Science	\$0.00	2	\$741.05	\$0.00	\$741.05	\$0.00
Fundraising - Recycling	\$0.00	2	\$569.64	\$0.00	\$569.64	\$0.00
Fundraising - Student Experience	\$0.00	2	\$1,323.99	\$0.00	\$1,323.99	\$0.00
Fundraising - Travel - Calgary	\$0.00	3	\$1,405.09	\$0.00	\$1,405.09	\$0.00
Fundraising Sub Total:			\$4,039.77	\$0.00	\$4,039.77	\$0.00
School Total:			\$4,039.77	\$0.00	\$4,039.77	\$0.00