

St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council

Annual General Meeting

September 18, 2024

In Attendance: Kathy Jones Husch, Becca Innes, Catherine Furakawa, Amanda Kada, Tracy Bozzi, Samantha Wilk,
Tejumola (TJ) Oladokon, Mo Abimbola, Loan Cao-Dutch, Patty Wright, Robin Kaufman

- 1) Call to Order - Meeting was called to order
- 2) Opening Prayer - a Parent's Prayer - lead by Catherine Furakawa
- 3) Approval of Agenda - Approval of Agenda by Robin Kaufman, seconded by Patty Wright Carried
- 4) Introductions -
- 5) Reading and Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2023 - Approval of the amended September 20, 2023 AGM minutes by Becca Innes seconded by Samantha Wilk. Carried
- 6) Review of Parent Council Activities for the 2023-2024 School Year **Please see attached paper**
- 7) Report on last year's expenses and income - Report given by Samantha Wilk - **MOTION BY Samatha Wilk: To carry over \$1000.00 for the General fund with the remainder \$4432.00, to go towards our two large purchases (The gym floor mats and The New School Sign). Seconded by Loan Cao-Dutch. Carried**
- 8) Principal's Report - **Please see attached report**
- 9) Elections of Council Executive and Committee Chairs. Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer were voted on on June 5, 2024.
 - a) Chair – Catherine Furukawa accepted by acclamation
 - b) Vice Chair – Becca Innes accepted by acclamation
 - c) Treasurer – Samantha Wilk accepted by acclamation
 - d) Secretary – Tracy Bozzi accepted by acclamation
- 10) Business Needing Immediate Action
 - a) Volunteers for Classroom Representatives
 - b) Volunteers for Committees We will join Social and Wellness into one committee
 - Hot Lunch Chair - Loan Coa-Dutch
 - Fundraising Chair - Becca Innes
 - Social/Wellness Chair - Becca Innes
 - Gift Chair - Kristen Campbell
- 10) Next meeting for the Regular School Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:30
- 11) Adjournment motion by Samantha to adjourn at 8:21

St Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School Council
2023-2024 Review

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

Chair: Catherine Furukawa
Secretary: Tracy Bozzi

Vice Chair: Becca Innes
Treasurer: Samantha Wilk

COMMITTEE COORDINATORS:

Hot Lunch: Becca Innes
Fundraising: Becca Innes
School Wellness: Tracy Bozzi

Social: Samantha Wilk
Gift: Lisa Boylan

SPFAE School Council met 10 times during the school year, including the Annual General Meeting. The Council's primary objective was and continues to be to enrich the school community by providing support to classroom teachers and to administrators and by organizing events that encourage a sense of community for all students, parents, staff and other stakeholders.

We strived to encourage parental involvement by:

- submitting Council updates, news and highlights in the school's monthly newsletter
- continued use of our e-mail contact system via classroom representatives by which we ensured frequent and effective communication with each of our SPFAE families
- using our St Patrick FAE Facebook and Instagram page to announce events throughout the school community

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Our Chair attended one meeting of the School Council Chairs and the Board of Trustees
- Organized staff appreciation
- Contributed financially to the Grade Six Year End celebrations
- Hosted a Math Games event in cooperation with the U of L, using funds from ASCA
- Used funds to purchase recess and gym equipment as well as classroom games
- Started saving for proposed signage on the school
- Supported the AMA School Patrollers letter to the city, LPS and AMA which resulted in measures to ensure a safer cross walk for students, their families and staff.

Fundraising Committee:

- Raised \$2534.30 through our Bacon Box Fundraiser
- Raised \$1819.29 through spring BBQ Fundraiser

School Council AGM Notes - Kathy Jones-Husch, Principal

Welcome back!

- We have 293 students as of today - this is what we had projected for this year, a net increase of about 20 over September last year.
- We went from 14.5 to 14.9 FTE teachers this week, taking some of the load off of the class sizes in grades 2 and 3.
- We will welcome another 28 hour EA ASAP to support student needs this year. That brings our EA count to 1 in Kindergarten, 3 full time and 1.5 FTE under Jordan's Principle.
- All grades are now teaching new Science curriculum. That is in addition to recent changes in ELA & Literature, Mathematics and Phys Ed and Wellness.
- We are piloting the draft Social Studies curriculum in grade 6. Mrs. Davey will have release time and consultation time with Alberta Ed. to help them move forward into next year's likely mandatory implementation
- Emphasis in teacher professional learning time is on supporting students' abilities to self-regulate and problem solve as well as exploring teaching strategies with arts integration and new curriculum in mind.

Upcoming Opportunities for Parents at St. Patrick Fine Arts School

- February 4 will be a consultation day for school staff and community members to provide input on the next 3 year faith plan. If you are passionate about Catholic education and might like to sit in that group, please let Kathy know.
- Hot lunch and pizza lunch dates will be shared after our first School Council meeting on October 2.
- Alberta Musical Theatre will come to perform *Rapunzel* live in our gym on November 18
- How can we help you connect with the Catholic parish? Many of our families have baptized family members, but are not seeking sacraments for their children. If we can help to connect you, we would love to!

Ways to Stay in the Know

- Subscribe to receive our monthly newsletter via e-mail. It is published at the beginning of each month, and includes calendar details along with community info
- Check our website at spfa.holyspirit.ab.ca regularly to see what is new there. The school division actively posts news stories there.
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @spfaschool to see what is going on at school; from that page, you can also see neighbourhood posts and other feeds of interest to our school from in and around Lethbridge.

St. Patrick Fine Arts School School Council Year End Reports: 2024-2025

Hot Lunch:

November: Chopped Leaf we had chicken ranch wrap and creaser wrap, chicken quesadilla and gluten free chickie bowl- 142 meals

December: Christmas Turkey lunch was catered by Prime Catering serving 335 meals to students and staff. 192 student meals were purchased and 77 plates purchased for others.

January: With Booster Juice we offered 4 different flavours in two drink sizes- 183 smoothies

February: Joey's Snack Shack; we had chicken fingers, fish & chips and gluten free pan-fried fish with fruit cup-142 meals

March: Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage donated from Original Joe's (Weeks family) serving to the whole school of 335 serving.

April: D Spot Dessert a new option for hot lunch with chicken tenders and fries, round cut sausages and large crispy chicken sandwich-168 meals

May-Opa! Another new option with chicken or shrimp, half pita bread, fries or rice- 159 meals

June: Year end BBQ: Kona ice – provided a kickback donation. Burgers provided, A-L Side dishes, M-Z Desserts

Sports day: hot dogs, chips and freezies were provided for all students and staff.

Submitted by: Loan Cao-Dutch

Gifts:

Gift	cost	#	total cost	
Departing	\$25.00	8	\$200.00	Indigo gift card

Retirement	\$50.00	2	\$100.00	Indigo gift card and fabric store gift card
Confirmation	had previously	6	\$0.00	Cross
First Communion	had previously	4	\$0.00	Cross
Cards	\$14.44		\$14.44	20 religious cards
Total Spent			\$314.44	

Submitted by: Kristen Campell

Fundraising:

Bacon Fall Fundraiser: 91 boxes Sold : Profit \$2261.49

Spring online auction: \$4058.00

Funds to be used for school beautification projects.

Submitted by: Becca Innes

Social / Wellness:

Oct: Weave a Halloween Story: not much success donated prizes for minute to win it assembly games.

Nov: Movie Night: Dr. Seuss *The Grinch*. 140 approx. attendance

Dec: Santa and Sleigh rides \$2 per ride. Great attendance.

Jan: iSWAG Bingo Night (division incentive we hosted)

Feb: Skating, only 8 parents and students attended

Mar: Nicolas Sheran Swimming, not greatly attended

Apr: Spring Dance - Neon Themed, 140 plus in attendance

May-June: Spring Garden Clean-up only 3 parents with students

Submitted by: Becca Innes