

St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council

Meeting Agenda October 2, 2025

In Attendance: Kathy Jones-Husch, Carmen Mombourquette, Becca Innes, Samantha Wilk,
Rennie Arik, Brenda Forrest,

Online: Tracy Bozzi, Loan Cao-Dutch, Amanda Kada, Anna Mammo, Robin Kaufman,
Adam Campbell, Gena Nelis, Makenzie Baker-Casurella

- 1) Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 6:35pm
- 2) Opening Prayer - lead by Becca Innes
- 3) Introductions: What are you looking forward to this fall?
- 4) Approval of Agenda - Approval of the amended agenda by Adam Campbell seconded by Brenda Forrest. Carried.
- 5) Reading and Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2025 - Approval of the June 12, 2025 minutes by Adam Campbell seconded by Loan Cao-Dutch. Carried.
- 6) Business from the minutes
- 7) Principal's Report - Please see the attached Principal report
- 8) School Board Report: Carmen Mombourquette
- 9) Reports

a) Hot Lunch:

Loan Cao-Dutch (first hot lunch of the year), Nov 12, 2025, will be D spot - with the same options as last time.

Becca and Loan are working on a Hot Lunch binder for future hot lunch coordinators

Christmas full school turkey lunch: Becca Innes this has all been ordered for 335 meals from Prime Catering for December 18, 2025. We will need to ask for more volunteers as we get closer to the date

b) Social & Wellness:

Fall Festival - Saturday Nov 15, 2025. Wondering what we can spend for the festival. Wagon rides, face painting are some suggestions.

c) Fundraising:

Looking at replacing the tire swings, looking to do a bacon fundraiser to start to cover the cost of replacement swings. Delivery for the bacon just before the Christmas break

d) Gift:

Kristin said that there is nothing to report at this time. There will be some purchases in the spring for any upcoming sacraments.

e) Finance:

Monthly Report, Budget for 2025-2026 - report from Samantha Wilk

Motion from Becca Innes: to add a new line to the budget for council appreciation, for the upcoming year. The amount to be \$150.00. Carried.

Motion by Samantha Wilk to increase the gifts expense to \$300.00. Carried.

Motion by Samantha Wilk to increase the staff appreciation expense to \$1200.00. Carried.

Motion by Robin Kaufmann to add \$700.00 (14 classrooms x 50.00) for the classroom gifts for each classroom. Carried.

For next month we will bring some ideas of what to use with the Beautification Fundraiser monies.

10) Date of next Meeting: November 6, 2025 at 7PM

11) Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at Robin by 7:56 pm.

Minutes prepared by Tracy Bozzi

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September 2025 Principal's Report

Offered by Kathy Jones-Husch on behalf of the Staff of St. Patrick Fine Arts School



General Information to Share

- Please welcome Dr. Carmen Mombourquette to our meeting tonight. He is our school division's Board Chair and will come anytime he is invited.
- we have a new approved Faith Plan for 2025-2028 - Open the Doors; lots of content comes out via our monthly newsletter. If you have ideas as to how it could be fleshed out to engage parents, please let us know.
- we have decided to try having all students, gr. 1-6, use the playground at the same time with the tire swings being the only regulated part. So far so good, but kids do need to be aware, make safe choices, and the older kids have been asked to be especially thoughtful about sharing space with younger ones. We'll try it for a few weeks and reassess.
- all grade 1-3 students have completed mandatory literacy and numeracy screening assessments to provide benchmark data for the beginning of the year. That data determines if intervention funding is available to the division and/or to our school. To support teachers, the division has hired a teacher for 0.5 FTE (Louise Knodel - highly regarded and experienced).
- congratulations to 4 students whose designs were chosen to be on the City of Lethbridge 'I voted' stickers for residents to wear after they vote in the municipal election. We just told them today! Congrats to Isla (gr. 3), Ivana (gr. 5), Alisa (gr. 4) and Luise (gr. 4).
- Terry Fox run raised \$1345.50 this year, with some big fundraisers leading the charge! Gwen in gr. 6 will be Principal for a Day very soon, and others won Terry Fox run t-shirts. A great day outside!
- we welcome a U of L Nursing student cohort on Thursdays and Fridays to present health-related content lessons and to create presentation/info content for parents as well. They are with us until early December; one activity is a Health Fair on Nov. 27 and 28 during the school day.
- We have 1 PS III student from the U of L - Britney Pack - who is teaching with Mrs. Forrest in gr. 2 this year.
- our Christmas concert is on Thursday, Dec. 4 at Southminster United Church, both afternoon and evening. To support student success, our Kindergarten students will have their own concert on Thursday, Dec. 11 instead of joining in the big production. Info on ticketing will come out soon, but please save the date.

- Formed.org sign up is possible as members of our school community. There are many great family and personal resources there for faith formation. Go to www.formed.org and use the code 3FT2YD to log in.

- GrACE stands for *Graceful Advocates for Catholic Education* and is a hub for capturing Catholic Education happenings and priorities in our province. We must stand up loudly for the difference Catholic Education makes. Please consider following their work on Social Media. They have a new website, too: <https://www.gracealberta.org/home>.

Feedback and Engagement

- Alberta Health Community Education continues to offer sessions (and a lot of recorded ones on YouTube) [here](#). There are invitations to some research projects via the U of C as well.

- During this time leading into teacher job action, we are grateful for the support notes and words, as well as any civic action you can take to tell your child's story in public education. Our teaching staff is very aware of the impact this action has on our families, and are hopeful that while difficult, a resolution will lead to lasting change in the quality of public education in Alberta.

- during job action days, the school is closed, but our support staff are still working. Should any parent need something from the school (pickup child's item, for example), they should call the school at 403-327-4386 to make pick up plans.

- all questions about job action should be addressed to Superintendent Chantel Axani at the board office - 403-327-9555 or to Board Chair Carmen Mombourquette (mombourquettcec@holyspirit.ab.ca) or at the same number.

- when school resumes, parents will be notified via School Messenger e-mails.

- parents should not reach out to teachers during this time and any communication that is sent will be responded to upon a full return to work. Thank you for understanding.

- teachers will not provide learning materials while in job action and school-directed learning will resume when we return to school.

- parents are encouraged to engage with reliable media outlet content and reach out to their MLAs. Engagement rallies will be held during the job action, and if interested, families are welcome to attend to show their support. The first is on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 1 pm at Henderson Lake (Mayor Magrath side).

Upcoming Events this Month and Beyond

October 5 - World Teachers' Day; there is a rally to support public education at Henderson Lake (by Nikka Yuko Garden) at 1 pm. All are welcome to show support for public schools, teachers, and quality education.

October 6 - Scheduled teacher strike action to proceed unless otherwise indicated. We will hopefully be back to school very soon once an acceptable settlement is reached.

TENTATIVE DATES AHEAD:

Tuesday, Oct. 14 - Spiritual Development Day for division staff - no school for students

Wednesday, Oct. 15 - PD Day - no school for students

Friday, Oct. 17 - grade 6 triple ball jamboree (afternoon)

Monday, Oct. 20 - municipal election day, including mayor, councillors and school board trustees

Wednesday, Oct. 22 - Pizza day

Thursday, Oct. 23 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (evening)

Friday, Oct. 24 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (afternoon)

Monday, Oct. 27 - Photo retake day

- School Spirit Day - Halloween colour day

Friday, Oct. 31 - Halloween parade and class parties....kids can come in their costumes to celebrate the day

Monday, Nov. 3 - PD Day - no school for students

Thursday, Nov. 6 - next School Council Meeting at 7 pm (note new time)

Friday, Nov. 7 - Remembrance Day Service at 11 am