

St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council

December 11, 2024

In Attendance: Catherine Furukawa, Amanda Kada, Tracy Bozzi, Loan Cao-Dutch,
Becca Innes, Kathy Jones-Husch, Patty Wright

Online: Robyn Kaufman, Mo Abimbola

Regrets: Samantha Wilk

- 1) Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 6:41
- 2) Opening Prayer - Prayer lead by Catherine Furukawa
- 3) Approval of Agenda - Approval of the agenda by Becca Innes, seconded by Loan Cao-Dutch. Carried.
- 4) Reading and Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2024 - Approval of the minutes from the November 13, 2024 meeting by Becca Innes, seconded by Patty Wright. Carried.
- 5) Business from the Minutes - Potential Gala Fund ideas - School beautification, school signage, more school identity, new score clock for gym, new student desks, funds for future artist in residence - in dramatic arts, field trips, "Michelangelo" art area (change to a projector to put student art up instead), sheds for more storage, more collapsible tables for the gym, Lighting for the Drama room **MOTION: TO call for a sub committee for a spring GALA for the 2024-2025 school year. made by Becca Innes, seconded by Patty Wright. Carried.**
- 6) Principal's Report - Please see attached report - Also went over the Alberta Assurance Statement for Administration 2023-2024 School year - St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School
- 7) Finance report - Samantha Wilk submitted her report via email
- 8) Reports
 - a) Hot Lunch - Christmas Turkey lunch Dec 18, volunteers are set up, January will be Booster Juice on Jan 16th.
 - b) Social and Wellness - Changed sleigh ride from Dec 13 it will now be Dec 18th with two wagons. iSWAG bingo night in January, Wellness Day on January 30th in the morning, at the school, still looking for parent volunteers. Movie went well and lots of people were able to make it out.
 - c) Fundraising - We have 97 boxes of bacon sold, we don't have the final total yet. Delivery Dec 17 from 3:30-5:30.

- d) Gift - No Report at this time - Will need to get a gift for Cynthia Mohr.
- 9) Date of 2024-2025 Regular Meetings
 - a) January 8, 2025, February 5, 2025, March 12, 2025, April 2, 2025, May 7, 2025, June 4, 2025
- 10) Adjournment - motion by Loan Cao-Dutch to adjourn at 8:29.

minutes prepared by Tracy Bozzi

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December 2024 Principal's Report

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



General Information to Share

- please help us celebrate one of our EAs, Cynthia Mohr, who will begin her retirement after Friday this week. Cynthia has been with us for 4 ½ years, and has made a real difference to many of the students in building their learning confidence. We are hiring a new EA for January.
- parent contact info sharing will be put together and rolled out before this week is out. Sorry for the delay...it should have gone out sooner.
- we still may send out a Spaces survey...we are doing work internally to continue to develop our skills in sharing information with you in the platform. A notice about how to set up notifications is coming home tomorrow.
- in January, all K-3 students will be tested or re-tested using the Provincial Assessment materials. This will give us some indication as to whether or not instruction, interventions, home support and age are seeing students grow, especially those who were identified as 'at risk'.
- thank you for your generous support of Angel Tree and Streets Alive. We have gathered so many toys for the kids this year!
- first Principals' meeting around boundary reconfiguration plans will be on Jan. 10. From there, the public consultation process will begin.
- we will hopefully welcome a Blackfoot teacher to bring some learning to all of our students, with more concentrated time during round 2 of the Artist Workshop options for gr. 4-6 kids. This is a great opportunity for all students to learn some elements of a new and vibrant language.
- 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>
- learning time - we reviewed the Alberta Education Assurance Measures summary for our school. We had 9 teacher respondents, 11 parent respondents and 44 grade 4 student respondents (target group). The link to the summary report on our website is [here](#). Please contact Kathy with any questions.

Feedback and Engagement

- concert feedback? Could be about what you kids have said, ticket sales, volunteer opportunities....please share your thoughts.

- Feb. 4 is the consultation date for the new 3 year faith plan. We would love to have at least 1 parent from our community join in the conversation to ensure the focus is suitable for our kids and their faith needs.

- I would like to invite our new Superintendent to one of our meetings in the Spring. She is very excited to learn more about our school and you are great ambassadors for all we do. Would that be all right?

- fundraising focus - there are some options that staff came up with....we'll discuss

Upcoming Events this Month and Beyond

Dec. 17 - Bacon fundraiser pickup

Dec. 18 - Winter Sleigh Ride night...bring the family to have fun and do something unique at school!

Dec. 18 - School Turkey Dinner today! Thank you in advance for our hot lunch team

Dec. 19 - Advent Mass at St. Martha's at 9 am - all are welcome. Social time with the St. Martha's kids to follow before returning home to St. Pat's.

Dec. 16 - 20 - Spirit Week - info in newsletter and shared home. Will send a reminder note out later this evening.

Dec. 20 - last day of classes; caretaking staff will work some days of the break.

January - grade 6 basketball begins (schedule to be made Dec. 12)

Jan. 6 - first day back!

Jan. 8 - first day of Artist Workshop options for our div II students; pick sheets are going out to them tomorrow.

Jan. 8 - pizza lunch

Jan. 8 - School Council Meeting

Jan 16 - Booster Juice hot lunch day

Jan. 20 + 21 - first day of Go Girl and Game On programs offered by Big Brothers/Big Sisters for identified students who could use support in managing social skills and friendships. No cost to those students and lunch is included.

Jan. 23 - iSWAG team presents Bingo to our families