

**St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council**

**October 2, 2024**

**In Attendance:** Kathy Jones Husch, Catherine Furukawa, Amanda Kada, Tracy Bozzi, Patty Wright, Loan Cao-Dutch, Samantha Wilk,

**Online:** Robin Kaufman, Mo Abimbola

- 1) Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at by 6:37pm
- 2) Opening Prayer - a Opening Prayer - lead by Catherine Furukawa
- 3) Approval of Agenda - Approval of amended Agenda by Samantha Wilk, seconded by Patty Wright. Carried.
- 4) Introductions:
- 5) Reading and Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2024 - Approval of the amended June 5, 2024 minutes by Patty Wright seconded by Samantha Wilk. Carried
- 6) Business Needing Immediate Action
  - a) Review of Class Rep responsibilities - Still requiring Class reps for Mon/Wed Kindergarten, 1T, 4SF, 5M - we have found one for 4SF, Tanya in the office will send out the form for her to sign
  - b) Motion to purchase mats for gym - Kathy brought forward the cost of the mats, if ordered now they should arrive early December for 5 mats would be about \$2500.00. Motion by Loan Cao-Dutch that we purchase the five mats at a cost of about 2500.00. Seconded by Samantha Wilk. Carried.
- 7) Principal's Report - **Please see attached report**
- 8) Financial Report
  - a) Motion to approve 2024/2025 - Discussion of the projected budget for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion by Samantha Wilk to adopt the budget as noted. Seconded by Robin Kaufman. Carried.
- 9) 2024 Report and Brainstorming
  - a) Hot Lunch - Meeting will be happening next week to transfer information to the new committee leader
    - a) Christmas meal -possible date Dec 18
    - b) Regular Dates - **please see Principal's report**
  - b) Social and Wellness - will be booking skating Nov 8, 2024, Winter Gathering in December second week, Kathy mentioned about a bingo night hosted by the iSWAG group. Will look into dates that would be available in January or February.
  - c) Fundraising - no report at this time
  - d) Gifts - Card signed for Rena
  - e) Any new ideas? - thoughts that were brought to council members
    - a) grocery cards

b) meat fundraiser please keep really well received

c) Gala Night is there something that we need to do a large fundraiser for?

10) Date of 2024-2025 regular meetings

a) November 13, 2024, December 11, 2024, January 8, 2025, February 5, 2025, March 12, 2025, April 2, 2025, May 7, 2025, June 4, 2025 at 6:30

11) Adjournment motion by Pa tty Wright to adjourn at 8:23.

minutes prepared by Tracy Bozzi

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### October 2024 Principal's Report



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

- **Division Program Parenting Workshops/Gatherings** - our iSWAG ((Indigenous Student Wellness Access Guide) hosted parent nights and had great growth in participation as the year went on. *Feedback for them? New topics to explore?* This team is continuing this year. There is also a resource hub available to families [here](#), in the hopes of taking out the confusion that comes with trying to navigate various supports in our Holy Spirit communities.

- they are offering a family bingo night, including supplies and prizes. What date is good for us?

- **ASCA is looking for input from School Councils** around how to best use ASCE grant funds. The deadline is Oct. 28. Can we complete this together?

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- as of 'count day' on September 30, we **have 292 students**, a great number to start the year! Thank you for promoting our school in the community!

- we have **15.9 FTE teaching staff** - this is up 0.4 FTE from last year. We welcomed Alison Alma-North to our staff in September to support students in grades 2 and 3.

- we welcomed a new EA - Laureen Whiting - to our team in September, bringing our **EA total to 4 FTE of regular staff plus 1.5 FTE in Jordan's Principle EAs**. These paraprofessionals are huge in us carrying out our goals for the year.

- we have set **pizza lunch dates** for the year and Hot Lunch can work around these. We decided that hot lunch could offer 'healthier' choices in Lent in case kids were not enjoying junk food.

- October 23, November 13, December 4, January 8, January 29, February 26, Apr 30, May 21 and June 11

- please keep hot lunch dates to Wednesdays (except for Shrove Tuesday)

- Shrove Tuesday is March 4 and Christmas dinner could be December 18.

- **School Building improvements** from Summer and into Fall:

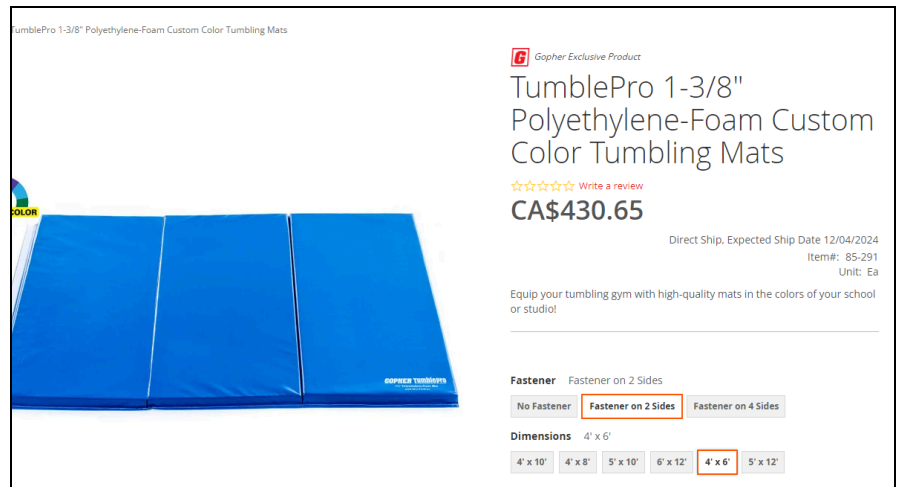
- Roadway/Signage Improvements - our loop and parking lot were resurfaced this summer. Signage and curbs were also improved; hopefully this helps us out!

- new hardy-board has been installed on the east side portable - it now matches the west side in colour and the damaged sections are gone!

- landscaping work for the front door area is coming through a private contractor - bushes will be trimmed/removed in preparation for Winter.

- The City of Lethbridge has installed a **second soccer field** on our grounds last week. The kids are enjoying a new play place.

- pricing for tri-fold gym mats much like the ones we have is about \$430.00 plus tax plus shipping. For 5 of them, the cost would be \$2577.00. Cost is less if we purchase fewer right now.



### **General Information to Share**

- early next week, we will share a Google Form invite to parents asking if they would be open to sharing their contact info with other families in their children's classes. This lets families have each other's phone numbers for the sake of party or playdate planning. As you talk with parents about this, please encourage them to sign up if they are interested in sharing this info.

- Visit the [Community Education Services page](#) from Alberta Health for some workshop info that might be appealing to you and your family.

- 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](http://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.

- GrACE Facebook address is [www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed](http://www.facebook.com/GrACE4cathed)
- Grace email is <mailto:gracedirector7@gmail.com>
- GrACE Twitter address is [@GrACE4cathed](https://twitter.com/GrACE4cathed)
- GrACE Instagram [@grace4catholiceducation](https://www.instagram.com/grace4catholiceducation)
- [Welcome to GrACE: Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta \(ccssa.ca\)](http://ccssa.ca)

### **Upcoming Events this Month and Beyond**

Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving Day; may God bless your day with loved ones!

Oct. 15 - PD Day - no school for students; BLAST in our school today

Oct. 19 - Oct. 25 - Catholic Education Week - look for more info about how we celebrate our faith at school each day!

Thursday, Oct. 31 - Halloween - costume parade and classroom party in PM (more info to come)

Wed and Thurs, Nov. 6 & 7 - Parent/Teacher/Student interviews in evenings. Conference manager will open in about 3rd week of October. Meeting times are 15 minutes long.

Thursday, Nov 7 - Remembrance Day Service offered by grade 6 students (10:45 am start). Families are welcome to attend.

Friday, Nov. 8 - Wellness Day - no school for students or staff

Monday, Nov. 1 -1 Remembrance Day, no school for students or staff

Nov. 18 - Alberta Musical Theatre performs *Rapunzel* at school (PM)....parents/younger children are welcome to attend, too.

Nov 27 - our choirs sing with the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra @ 7 pm. Tickets go on Sale Oct. 1 and will sell out quickly.

Dec. 5 - Christmas Concert at Southminster United Church - afternoon (by donation) and evening (ticketed) shows this year.