

St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council

November 8, 2023

Attendance: Kathy Jones-Husch, Valarie Archibald, Becca Innes, Samantha Wilk,
Catherine Furukawa, Tracy Bozzi, Patty Wright

Online: Jenna Johnson, Jackie Machacek, Simone Nygrang

Regrets: Carla Ferrari

- 1) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:51 by Catherine Furukawa.
- 2) Opening Prayer: Prayer lead by Catherine Furukawa
- 3) Introductions:
- 4) Approval of Agenda: Motion by Samantha Wilk to approve the agenda, seconded by Valarie Archibald. Carried.
- 5) Reading and Approval of Minutes as of October 4, 2023: Motion by Becca Innes to approve the adjusted minutes, seconded by Samantha Wilk. Carried.
- 6) Business from the Minutes
 - a) Teacher's wish-list – Have a sign name made for the outside of the school. The only place the name is listed right now is on the sign at the loop. Kathy will check with the Holy Spirit building maintenance department to see what we do to get this possibly started.

Additional recess supplies.

Board games for within the classroom.

- 7) New Business: No new Business to be brought up
- 8) Principal's Report: Please see attached report
- 9) Board Report: No report at this time
- 10) Finance report: Discussion on Finance report
- 11) Committee Reports:

- a) Hot Lunch: Edo has been pushed out and the Christmas Hot Lunch has also been pushed out to the parents. All the other ones in the rest of the school year are set up with the office.
- b) Social: Skating on Friday Nov 10th, Dec 15th there will be a wagon rides. There is a cost to this event, maybe about \$2.00 per person to go for a ride.

Looking into a “grandparent” special person tea with at the school during school hours, Kathy to check with the teachers regarding this.

- c) Wellness: We have a beginning of the “BINGO” for the students to complete by Jan 15th and the prize to be awarded by the end of January. Still working out what the prizes should be but try to be something that is family/wellness oriented and not just ‘candy prizes’
- d) Fundraising: The bacon box is ongoing via Cash Online. If we still wanted another fundraising it would be in the spring, maybe a BBQ pack.
- e) Gift: No report at this time

2) Date of 2023-2024 Regular Meetings

- b) December 6, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 7, 2024, March 6, 2024, April 10, 2024, May 8, 2024, June 5, 2024

3) Adjournment by motion to adjourn by Valerie Archibald at 8:25.

Minutes prepared by Tracy Bozzi

At our next meeting let's all bring a Christmas snack tradition from your family to the meeting. Maybe bring a school friend to the next meeting too.

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November 2023 Principal's Report

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



Item to Share - School-based budget overview - presentation

Division Team Reminder - our iSWAG ((Indigenous) Student Wellness Access Guide)

has parent nights at the Sandman Signature Hotel with free supper and learning.

Check out the topic list [here](#). 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. The next event is on *November 16 - "How Do We Support Our Children When They Might Not be Okay?"*

- **Question carry over from last month...** would parents appreciate the school creating grade contact directories that will let parents share contact names/phone numbers for the purposes of play dates, birthday party planning, etc? We have created these in the past and want to see if there is interest again.

- Our division was successful in its Jordan's Principle application, which resulted in funds to hire several new staff for student supports. We are welcoming back Mrs. Olena Kuchar to our team as a 28 hour per week EA to support literacy and numeracy skill needs. This position is in place until at least June 27.

- do your kids achieve exceptional levels of success in outside activities or community involvement? Please pass the details on to our office (spfaoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca) so we can make sure our Superintendent hears about it. He writes the kids a letter of commendation for their achievements.

- **Current Challenges** - parking in the loop, reversing in the loop and parking in the staff parking lot. *Suggestions for building more support from parents who continue to make these choices?*

- student self-management - using time effectively, accepting responsibility, completing tasks in a timely way, being aware of volume, movement, etc. How can parents help to reinforce positive behaviours and practice expectations at home?

- there are lots of charitable ways for students to get involved in the community for Christmas: kids will talk about making stockings of hope, cards for the elderly, etc. through various partners in the city. Please encourage your kids to help out where they can through their creativity and kindness.

- standardized testing continues - your kids in gr. 3-6 will talk about doing Fountas & Pinnell reading assessments to determine their best-fit level. This is one way teachers determine what direction to take next with your child's learning.

- we have 1 PS I student (Carsen Rafuse) from the U of L helping in grade 2 until the Christmas Break. Welcome!

General Information to Share

- 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 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
- 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

Nov. 9 - Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 start. All are invited to attend. Brought to you by 6D class.

- first day of GameOn! program for select gr. 5,6 boys to learn about healthy habits, communication and decision making skills. Delivered by Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Nov. 10 - Day off in lieu of Remembrance Day (collective agreement requirement)

- School Council Skate at Cavendish 1:30 to 3:00 pm; parents should attend with kids and kids should be in helmets

Nov. 13 - non-operational day for city elementary and jr. high schools in Holy Spirit

Nov. 15 - City of Lethbridge and Leth Public/Holy Spirit event at Yates 7-8 pm called "The Truth About Youth: Cultivating Digital Wellness" - no cost to attend.

Nov. 16 - iSWAG event noted above

Nov. 17 - Gr. 6 girls and boys jamboree games. Boys at FLVT, Girls at CCH West

Nov. 21 - Spaces parent session at 6 pm; register [here](#) to get the link for at-home or join us at school for a more social setting

Nov. 23 - Hot Lunch day from Edo Japan

Nov. 24 - Creative Hair Spirit Day

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 - Kindergarten Interviews to review EYE Assessment Data with parents

Dec 6 - Next School Council meeting

Dec. 13 - Christmas Concert date - kids will be at Southminster United for the day (dress rehearsal in AM, matinee show in PM), home for supper and then back for 6:30 performance. Ticket sale info is coming your way ASAP. Parent volunteers will be welcome, too.