

St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council

February 12, 2025

In Attendance: Kathy Jones-Husch, Becca Innes, Amanda Kada , Samantha Wilk, Catherine Furukawa, Patty Wright,

Robin Kaufman

Online: Tracy Bozzi

Regrets: Loan Cao-Dutch

- 1) Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 6:35pm
- 2) Opening Prayer - lead by Catherine Furukawa
- 3) Introductions -
- 4) Approval of Agenda - Approval of agenda by Samantha Wilk, seconded by Amanda Kada. Carried.
- 5) Reading and Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2025 - Approval of the amended minutes from the January 8, 2025 meeting by Samantha Wilk, seconded by Patty Wright. Carried.
- 6) Business from the Minutes
- 7) Principal's Report - [see attached principal's report](#)
- 8) Finance report - Samantha shared the financial report
- 9) Reports
 - a) Hot Lunch - Booster juice there were 183 orders, a few issues but they were all worked out. Hot lunch was Feb 12, with 142 orders. Our next hot lunch will be for Shrove Tuesday with OJ's donation. We will have D spot for an April Hot Lunch.
 - b) Social and Wellness - Family skate this Friday February 14th, at Nicholas Sheran, whole school swimming on March 9th (6:30-8:30), with a \$2.00 per swimmer charge and a spring dance in April. Wellness Day was well received. Bingo with the iSWAGG team had positive comments
 - c) Fundraising - no report at this time
 - d) Gift - no report at this time
 - e) Spring Fundraiser - Location, menu and entertainment are set. More details to come as planning continues
- 10) Date of 2024-2025 Regular Meetings
 - a) March 12, 2025, April 2, 2025, May 7, 2025, June 4, 2025
- 11) Adjournment - motion by Patty Wright to adjourn at 7:42.

Minutes prepared by Tracy Bozzi

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February 2025 Principal's Report

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



General Information to Share

- The Spring Gala date is set! May 24 it is. Please mark your calendars to attend and hopefully to help out on this busy but super fun evening. Look for promotional material soon, and consider how you might contribute a silent or live auction item. A donation letter will be shared with all families.
- 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>.
- registration for all students (current and new) is now open. Please complete your registration form so that we can plan well for next year. As a school of choice, it is important that we plan ahead to help the other west side schools gauge their enrollment, too.

Feedback and Engagement

- Feb. 17 is the deadline to do the [Boundary survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cz54i25olwVErtr2SZCJD0IMNloSeM569w8nzQx_Jus/viewform?ts=678537b5&edit_requested=true) for the Board. Please consider completing it. We can provide devices for parents to complete it at school anytime, too.
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- the board is seeking feedback on things you feel the board should be prioritizing when it comes to budget. We will do an exercise tonight to explore things that you feel are important to us at our school.
- The Our School survey is completed by students in grade 4-12 each year, and we use the results to help shape the future of our learning focus for staff, to build supports as needed and to make decisions for Artist Workshop classes and timetables. We'll look at some of the highlights from this year's results.

Upcoming Events this Month and Beyond

February 13 - Blackfoot Family Night at CCH, 5 pm

February 14 - Valentine's Day; Free family skate for SPFA at Cavendish arena, 1 - 3 pm

February 17 -21 - School closed for Family Day and Teachers' Convention. Monday and Tuesday are days in lieu for teacher time invested elsewhere in the calendar. If support is needed, the office is open between 8 and 4 Tuesday - Thursday or 8 and 12 Friday.

Feb 24 - Guest presenter Marco Corbo here for g. 4-6. Parents could come as well - 9 am start. He speaks about reducing the stigma of mental health, building empathy and resilience. Highly recommended presenter.

Feb. 26- 28 - Artist in Residence - Der'Ric Starlight - Blackfoot puppeteer with international experience and regular work with CBC's Fraggles Rock. Kids will do small group workshops and build a show for families to come to see on Friday. There will hopefully be a community show on Tuesday, Feb. 25 as well. Watch for details to come! Made possible through iSWAG Grant funds.

Mar. 4 - Shrove Tuesday hot lunch for the community. Thank you to OJ's for their generosity.

Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday (first day of Lent)- all students attend mass at 9 am at St. Martha's and then return to school to work on Service in Action projects. You'll hear about the different things on the go in the coming days. Please talk to your child about ways that your family can help others in need, even through kindness, through donating their usable items, or through learning about people from other places around the world and their experiences as children.

- last day of Artist Workshop round 1

Mar 7 - Basketball Jamboree - both teams will compete in mini tournaments in city schools. We host our boys and 3 other teams. The kids have been doing well representing their school!

Mar 10 - grade 6 students go to tour St. Francis; parent evening at 6 pm

Mar 12 -Grades 2-6 go to St. Francis to watch 'Newsies' live (musical theatre)>

- next School Council meeting

Mar 14 - Teachers will post updated 'Growth as a Learner' feedback for students to Spaces this weekend.

Mar 19-20- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (gr. 1-6) - 10 minute time slots to check in with teachers. Kids are encouraged to attend. Some teachers will seek to book ISP time with you as well on these evenings. There will also be a **Scholastic Book Fair** at this time; volunteers will be appreciated and the school gets generous kick-backs to buy more books for our library.