

St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council

May 8, 2024, 6:30 pm

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

Online:

Regrets: Carmen Mombourquette

- 1) Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.
- 2) Opening Prayer: Prayer lead by Catherine Furukawa
- 3) Introductions
- 4) Approval of Agenda: Approval of the agenda by Samantha Wilk, seconded by Becca Innes. Carried.
- 5) Reading and Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2024: Approval of the amended minutes from April 10, 2024 by Samantha Wilk, seconded by Valerie Archibald. Carried.
- 6) Business from the Minutes
 - a) Math Night update: is now on May 23, 2024, time TBD. Kathy will meet with the University to set up who will come to the math night and if there is anything they need from us.
 - b) Signage Quotes: Becca will check in with another supplier to get a few quotes from different vendors.
 - c) Mats for gym updates: Kathy is still working on the mats.
- 7) New Business
- 8) Principal's Report - [Please see the attached report](#)
- 9) Board Report- No report at this time
- 10) Finance report: Income statement presented by Samantha Wilk
- 11) Committee Reports
 - a) Hot Lunch: will be from chopped leaf, which will be the last one for the year. Year end sports day will be ordered, still waiting to find out about chips. For Year End Social will be suggested to have people bring their own plates. Sports Day staff planning is in the works.

- b) Social: Snack and rock painting on the clean up day -Saturday June 1, 2024 from 9am-noon, this will also be sidewalk touch up day as well. Teacher Appreciation for lunch the week of May 6-10.
- c) Wellness: No report
- d) Fundraising: Sold lots of BBQ food, made just over \$1900.00. Deliver for May 14, 4-7 pm.
- e) Gift: Card and gift for Fran Calfrobe, we will also send something to Laurie Lewis and something for Jessica Ens. **Motion by Samantha Wilk to move \$50.00 from the whole school lunch budget to the gift budget. Seconded Becca Innes. Carried.**

12) Date of 2023-2024 Regular Meetings

- a) June 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

13) Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm by Valerie Archibald .

Minutes prepared by Tracy Bozzi

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May 2024 Principal's Report

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



- **Departing Staff in May/June** - Caretaker Laurie Lewis is taking a position at St. Teresa of Calcutta School starting May 27. Good luck to Laurie! A 4 hour caretaker is being hired to replace her (loss of 4 hours per week).

- Jessica Ens has decided to move to Catholic Central for the new year, and so leaves us in December after 10 years at St. Pat's. She will be missed as she has been instrumental in advancing our dance program. Going forward, Sydney Macrae will take the lead in dance instruction.

- **New staff for 24/25** - please welcome Daniel Wyton to our staff in grade 5 homeroom for 24/25. Daniel has been teaching for 9 years at Children of St. Martha and most recently at St. Teresa of Calcutta School. He is excited to join our staff!

- **Staffing Update for 24/25** - We will keep our same classroom configuration next year, with a multiage classroom in 2/3. Decisions around which students will join that group will be made in June. We continue to advocate for more staff and if numbers warrant an addition, we will adjust to welcome another teacher.

- Ab Ed has cancelled PATs for new curriculum in Mathematics and ELA & Lit for May/June. Social and Science will have exams in June. Schools are being asked to pilot the new Social Studies curriculum in 24/25. We have yet to decide if we are interested in this.

- **Learning Through the Arts Night May 1** - a huge success. Thank you to everyone who championed this project!

- **Build-fest event May 1,2** - We had performances and static art in this division-wide event. Plans have begun to hold another of its kind next year, too. Great participation from our students!

- **Spaces Parent Survey** - congratulations to the Nakama family who won the \$50 gift card to Boston pizza for a night out.

- **Division Program Parenting Workshops** - 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 (and last) event this year is on May 14 focused on Digital Detox.

- **Running Club update** - 108 students have 'joined' run club although not everyone runs at school. We have 7 times a week where kids can get their mileage in at school and great staff/parent volunteers helping them out. Little Souls Marathon is on Wednesday, May 29 at 6 pm.

- we are looking for regular **library volunteers** to help with shelving books, building bulletin boards and other projects (times can be super flexible). Please contact Ms. Turcotte if you can help (turcotted@holyspirit.ab.ca).

- **School Council Engagement Grant Fund Event update** - DATE CHANGE - Family Math Night is Wednesday, May 22 (corrected after event - advertisements suggested May 23) with the U of L Faculty of Education team. Kathy will meet with Richelle Marynowski from the U of L Friday afternoon to start planning.

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. There is an engagement event for anyone interested to join on April 18 from 6-8 at St. Basil's Catholic Education Centre. All are welcome!

- 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://www.ccssa.ca)

- 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.

Upcoming Events this Month

May 14 - FLVT Parent Orientation evening - for incoming grade 7 parents

May 20 - Victoria Day - no school

May 21 - PD Day - no school for students

May 22 - Safety Patrollers thank you party at the U of L (STEM themed) 10:00 to 1:45.

~~May 23~~ May 22 - Family Math Night event with U of L

May 27 - Spiritual Development Day for division - no school for students

May 29 - Little Souls Marathon, 6 pm at Chinook HS

May 30 - grade 6 trip to Waterton

June 1 - Garden Day from 9 am - 12 pm - come to clean up our garden and sidewalk paint, enjoy Kona Ice and paint garden rocks to beautify our school grounds.

June 5 - last School Council Meeting this year starting with volunteer appreciation from 5:30 to 6:30

FUTURE DATES TO NOTE:

June 21 - closing mass and grade 6 Farewell assembly/lunch/party

June 24 - Family BBQ (evening)

June 25 - Sports Day with kids' hot dog lunch (daytime)

June 27 - last day of school for students; 11:30 dismissal time that day