

St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council

January 8, 2025

In Attendance: Kathy Jones-Husch, Becca Innes, Samantha Wilk, Loan Cao-Dutch,
Catherine Furukawa, Carmen Mombourque e, Pa y Wright,
Rennie Arik, Amanda Kada

Online: Tracy Bozzi, Robin Kaufman

- 1) Call to Order – meeting was called to order at 6:35
- 2) Opening Prayer - Lead by Catherine Furukawa
- 3) Introductions -
- 4) Approval of Agenda - Approval of the amended agenda by Samantha Wilk, seconded by Becca Innes. Carried
- 5) Reading and Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2024 - Approval of the amended minutes from the December 11, 2024 meeting by Patty Wright, seconded by Samantha Wilk. Carried
- 6) Business from the Minutes
 - a) Spring Fundraiser - Catherine has reached out to entertainment and catering options to start getting quotes and availability. We are still looking for more people to help. (Will get the volunteer opportunities sent out to the school parents) We will need to send a letter to the superintendent to get permission to use the school, to check about insurance as well as for a liquor license.

If we want to do any gambling we will need to make a separate society. If we do a silent auction then we will not need to create the extra society.

[A thought might be to ask someone associated with the Knights of Columbus and have them run the “gambling” and they donate the monies back to the school. Kathy to look into this.](#)

The date that was suggested was May 24th (the week after the long weekend)
- 7) Board Report - Carmen Mombourquette -
 - a) Item one -Looking to have a few meetings in the spring with all schools hopefully to have a few representatives from the school council, principal, trustee reps, parish priests and parish council representative and the superintendent, regarding what is working at other schools.

- b) Item two - Regarding budget - what would our parent council see as a priority for the schools (teachers, EA support, family support liaison time help etc, class sizes), bring ideas to Carmen at the February
 - c) Item three - Boundary conversations - Sept 2026 please attend the upcoming meetings
- 8) Principal's Report - [See attached principal's report](#)
- 9) Finance report - Samantha shared her financial report
- 10) Reports
- a) Hot Lunch - Christmas dinner was well received. This month is booster juice.
 - b) Social and Wellness - Bingo night date changed to January 16th. Will check with Billy to see what is needed. Looking for parent volunteers for the January Wellness Day, looking for 12 people. Winter Wonderland was well received, we had fire pits brought in that really welcomed with the cooler weather we had that day
 - c) Fundraising - We sold 97 boxes of bacon, raising over \$2000.00
 - d) Gift - no report at this time. The gift for Mrs Mohr was purchased.
- 11) Date of 2024-2025 Regular Meetings
- a) February 5, 2025, March 12, 2025, April 2, 2025, May 7, 2025, June 4, 2025
- 12) Adjournment - motion by Robin Kaufman to adjourn at 8:02.

Minutes prepared by Tracy Bozzi

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January 2025 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 welcome new staff Bernadette Pankoski as a gr. 1-6 EA and our PSIII student from the U of L, Kennedy Koshuta.
- This month, 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'. This is between Jan 13-31.
- 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>

Feedback and Engagement

- 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.
- first public consultation for changing school boundaries to accommodate a new elementary school in The Crossings is on **Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7 pm at FLVT**. Please consider attending as these changes will impact our school community.
- 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?

Upcoming Events this Month and Beyond

Jan 13 - Mental Health Capacity Building Team begin Social Emotional Learning lessons in all grades using established programs (Worry Woos, Kids Have Stress, too, etc.)

Jan 16 - Booster Juice hot lunch day

Jan. 16 (new date) - iSWAG team presents Bingo to our families. All are invited to bring in a 'regift' as prizes to make it more fun

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. 21 - first of 4 weeks with U of L's Destination Exploration 'Science Sizzle' program for gr. 6 (after school)

Jan 29 - Pizza Lunch

Jan 30 - Wellness Day (6 sessions across various areas) and Jump Rope for Heart Day (afternoon)
- Skate with the Hurricanes for patrollers in PM

Jan 30 - Tech Talk presented by Building Better Communities (City of Lethbridge) for parents at CSM from 6-7:30. There is a registration element (see poster e-mailed to parents).