

St. Patrick Fine Arts School Council

October 4, 2023

Attendance: Samantha Wilk, Carla Ferrari, Catherine Furukawa, Jackie Machacek, Valerie Archibald,
Becca Innes, Bonnie Whelphey, Lisa Boylan, Sean Vickery, Tracy Bozzi

Online: Breanne Fuller, Lani Carpenter, Patty Wright, Carmen Mombourquette

Regrets: Kathy Jones-Husch

- 1) Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Catherine Furukawa
- 2) Opening Prayer lead by Catherine Furukawa
- 3) Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jackie Machacek to approve the agenda, seconded by Samantha Wilk. Carried
- 4) Reading and Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2023. Motion by Jackie Machacek to approve the minutes, seconded by Lisa Boylan. Carried
- 5) Business Needing Immediate Action
 - a) Review of Class Rep responsibilities
 - b) Review of Committee Chair Responsibilities
 - c) Class Rep and Chair remaining sign-up
- 6) Principal's Report – see attached report
- 7) Board Report – by Carmen Mombourquette – significant jump in school enrollment in almost all of the schools.
- 8) Finance report – Motion by Valerie Archibald to approve the adjusted budget seconded by Jackie Machacek. Carried
- 9) 2023-2024 Brainstorming
 - a) Hot Lunch -
 - Christmas meal
 - Regular dates
 - b) Social - Movie night Oct 20th, Free Skate Nov 10.

- c) Wellness - We are working on some ideas
- d) Fundraising - Bacon was a hit last year looking into other ideas as well
- e) Gift -
- f) Any new ideas?

10) Date of 2023-2024 Regular Meetings

- a) November 1, 2023, December 6, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 7, 2024, March 6, 2024, April 10, 2024, May 1, 2024, June 5, 2024, **New start time of 6:30 pm**

11) Adjournment by Lisa Boylan to adjourn at 8:13pm.

Minutes prepared by Tracy Bozzi

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October 2023 Principal's Report

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



- **Initial Feedback request** - without agendas, how is come and go communication going?

- **Newsletter highlight** - 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.

- **Question** - 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.

- **Wishlist items** - teachers have been asked for wishlist items in the hopes of School Council delegating funds sooner in the year.

- **Advocacy works!** The 2024 PAT schedule is out and all exams will be between June 12 and 20, freeing up time at the end of the year for social activities, field trips and farewells. Thank you for your role in letting Ab Ed know what is important for our students.

- Ab Ed has a public survey open until Oct. 16 on revamping the proposed Social Studies curriculum (again). All stakeholders are invited to participate at www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say. Please consider participating.

- 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.

- Transportation update - routes were ready before the school year began and all students needing bussing have been riding with ease. Buses are not overly full at all, and route times seem to be working thus far.

- Staff PD - we held our annual retreat early this year and visited the labyrinth in the river bottom for some reflection time on the land as well as participated in a drama studies workshop led by Dave Mikuliak from the Ed faculty at the U of L. Other PD on the go includes 'Layers of Reading' for gr. 4-6, 'Learn, Build, Go' Indigenous Studies workshops and ongoing SpacesEDU learning.

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

Oct. 5 - Trish Mangone from our Mental Health Capacity Building team will begin 6 weeks of lessons for gr. 1-4 on the Worry Woos program (emotional regulation learning)

Oct. 11 - Grade 6 will begin Food Bank Drive for the remainder of the month

Oct. 11 - Info will come home inviting families to buy Christmas wreaths as part of a grade 6 fundraiser for year end trip. Great profit margins on this new product out of Nova Scotia.

Oct. 12 - First traveling art exhibit opens at our school. We host 2 of these annually to celebrate art!

Oct. 20 - First gr. 6 Volleyball Jamboree in 4 schools. SPFA hosts 4 girls' teams. Boys will play at St. Paul's. Gr. 6 kids running a canteen fundraiser for year end trip.

Oct. 20 - Family Movie Night at school sponsored by School Council. Movie to be determined, but the start time is set at 6:30 pm. A parent should be attending with students. Bring pillows and blankets!

Oct. 23 - Division PD Day (no school for students)

Oct. 25-26 - Parent/Teacher Interviews - traditional style with times booked via Conference Manager after Thanksgiving. Focus on goal-setting and ways parents can support at-home learning and practice.

Oct. 27 - Spirit Day - Halloween colours with team points collected; at the end of year, the winning team will have a pizza party!

Oct. 31 - Halloween Tuesday - parade and school dance performance to start the day at 8:45. Parents are invited to attend! Classes may have parties at different times in the day...this is because of existing switches in the timetable that we want to see go ahead as usual.

Nov. 1- Next pizza lunch date; there are 8 in the school year this year total and all are on Wednesdays. Pizza lunches are only for gr. 1-6 students.