

**St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary
School Council Meeting
Minutes
February 27, 2018**

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Kathy Jones-Husch, Tracey Roemmele, Lisa Boylan, Tanya Koopmans, Tricia Doherty, Cathy Metzler, Emily Boutland, Nicole Thompson, Vita Holoborodko, Rhonda Waldorf, Jennifer Kudilek, Bob Spitzig

Regrets: Cheryle Hanna, Troy Taylor, Justina Gaudette

2) Opening Prayer

3) Approval of Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda: Tricia Doherty Seconded: Nicole Thompson Carried

4) Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2017

Motion to approve the Minutes: Vita Holoborodko Seconded: Lisa Boylan
Carried

5) Reports from Committees

a) Hot Lunch.

- Pancake lunch went well. Knights of Columbus did the prep and cooking. Cost was low - \$145 for the whole meal. Wholesale Club donated a \$50 gift card towards this.
- No hot lunch in March because of Lent.
- Looking at Edo for April. If that does not work out we can do Subway again. April 12 or 19 suggested dates. Tricia will check both of these.
- May 9: Boston Pizza.
- June 26: Sports Day.

b) School Wellness

- Activity log sheets were done for February.
- Awards are being handed out. Bring your sheet back in some level of completion and the students are in for a draw.
- University of Lethbridge giving a group prize for 10 kids to go rock climbing at the ULeth climbing wall. (They must go as a group together)
- 14 passes given by the City of Lethbridge for use at Lethbridge pools.
- Other organizations Vita is waiting to hear back from: Freshii, YMCA (passes), Public Library.
- Asking Sportchek and Booster Juice this week as well.
- Looking at getting an award for the top participant or top two participants.

- Potential of this becoming an annual idea. February an excellent month to repeat this in 2019.

c) Social.

- Potential ideas
 - Movie Mill Saturday morning (April 28, May 5)
 - Nicolas Sheran pool – Friday 7:00PM? 7:30? May 4 potential date.
 - Social Committee will follow up with these options to check on availability and cost and choose one.

d) Gift

- Cathy is getting a gift for Mrs. Wall – baby gift. She is due mid-April.

e) Fundraising

- Growing Smiles fundraiser running from April 11-19. May 9 delivery date. (Ahead of Mother's Day) Emily will look at the possibility of doing this through School Cash Online. We can set our own pricing, but will most likely go with suggested amounts. Fundraising will need help with the delivery of the flowers at the school – be sure to get lots of volunteers. Delivery from Growing Smiles around 1:00pm worked well in years past.
- Future possibility – reusable bags – 40% kickback to the school.

6) Principal's Report

See attached report

- Opportunity for parents to give feedback though the Thought Exchange program online – info on this will be passed along through the upcoming school newsletter.
- Bob Spitzig:
 - Spoke highly of the Thought Exchange program as a great way to get involved and speak into your district and school.
 - School Council chairs meeting at the board office March 5.
 - April 20-22: Alberta School Council Association meeting in Edmonton. School Board has passes for 5 in each district to attend. For members of School Councils. Excellent sessions and workshops. Point of contact is Anisha at the board office.
 - Terry Fox program raised over \$9000 through the 9 Holy Spirit Schools.
 - Greatness in Leadership – March 22– each school gets 8 passes (4 students and parents). We need a way to distribute these. Looking at the possibility of a draw. 5:00-6:15 is the time commitment for this.

7) New Business

- None

8) Date of Next Meeting – Monday, March 19

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting: Tricia Doherty Seconded: Cathy Metzler carried

St Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School
Playground and Enhancement Society Meeting
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Meeting was called to order at 8:26 PM

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Cathy Metzler Seconded: Tracey Roemmele Carried

3) New Business

We need a cheque distribution system.

- If a cheque is going to a parent, the second person signing contacts the Chair of School Council and the chair notifies the parent. It is the parent's responsibility to come to the school and pick up the cheque
- If a cheque is going to a business, the second signer makes sure the cheque is mailed to the business through Darlene in the school office. School provides the postage.

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Motion to adjourn: Cathy Metzler Seconded: Rhonda Waldorf Carried.

School Council Principal's Report
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Presented by Kathy Jones-Husch for the staff

- Kelsey Martin is now on a temporary contract until at least April 30 as a grade 4 homeroom teacher; Mrs. Wall will remain off work until her baby's arrival. We wish her all the best as she prepared to welcome her little one into the world.
 - o Jeff Chan will join our staff as our second permanent caretaker effective March 5; he is a long-time Holy Spirit employee
- Olympic activities were well received by staff and students and hopefully a number of students embraced opportunity to add to their activity logs and to cheer for Canada. We are taking log sheets in until end of Wednesday and will draw for prizes afterwards
- Staff are doing a voluntary Lenten Wellness Challenge with a new focus each week. This is a great way to check in on how we are caring for our bodies in preparation for Jesus, and by extension, how we are caring for those in our lives.
- There is still room in Kindergarten next year; if any families believed that our program was full, please help to spread the word that we have space
- Getting reading for Jesus Hammock of Hope – all families are encouraged to donate to our collection of personal hygiene items so that our most vulnerable are supported.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Lent letter from Bishop McGratten (attached)
- Lent Celebrations letter sent home

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS AT ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS

March 5 – Conference Manager will open for parents to book times for March 21/22

March 8 – whole school attends St. Francis' production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* in the morning

March 12 – Division PD Day focused on First Nations, Metis and Inuit education; no school for students

March 13 – We host Choral Speech Arts Festival at St. Pat's; times are:

9:00 AM - Kindergarten

9:25 AM - Gr. 3

9:50 AM - Gr. 2

10:15 AM - Gr. 4

10: 40 AM - Gr. 6

March 14 - Choral and Classroom Music Festival event at Southminster United Church

9:30 AM - Gr. 1

9:45 AM - Gr. 2

10:00 AM - Gr. 4-6 Choir

10:20 AM - Gr. 5 Classroom Music

March 15 – Immanuel Christian School coming for Blacklight Theatre performance 12:30 pm

March 19 – Report cards and LAUNCH rd. 2 evaluations will come home with kids
- School Council meeting tonight @ 7 pm

March 21/22 – Evening Celebration of Learning at St. Patrick Fine Arts. Format will be multi-family with teachers spending some dedicated time with you and your child. Child will have guidance to share evidence of their learning with you as well.

March 20 (all day)/21 (night) – Kindergarten student/parent/teacher interviews

March 22 – grade 2 retreat at St. Martha's Parish – focus on the Eucharist

Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary



February 13, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

THE SEASON OF LENT begins on Ash Wednesday as we gather to receive the “mark of ashes,” an exterior sign of our desire for interior change and renewal. The time period of Lent mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, the 40 years the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness – a biblical number reflecting the passage of a generation and the emergence of a new one. Lent is an annual opportunity in the liturgical year to engage in a spiritual renewal and to prepare for Easter by returning to the Lord in every aspect of our lives through the practices of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

PRAYER

Daily life can be occupied with many distractions which impact upon the peace in our hearts and draw us away from the practices of prayer. Lent is a time in our faith lives that invites a return to solitude, silence and prayer. Lent resounds with the words of the psalmist calling us to “be still and know that I am God.” (Ps. 46) Pope Francis has described the experience of prayer in this way, “In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness.”

ALMSGIVING

The pace of life sometimes isolates those who live in poverty or with underemployment. This isolation reduces our personal contact with people living with insufficiency and those who could help can become disconnected from the needs of others. The time of Lent echoes with the exclamation, “for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mt. 25: 35) It is this reconnection which Lent summons in our hearts. Through acts of sacrificial giving and in being truly present to the needs of others we recognize the sacred reflection of God in another person, we see their needs and our faith inspires us to respond generously.

FASTING

When speaking of fasting, the third penitential practice of Lent, Pope Francis says, “Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.” This penitential practice helps us to control our desires and to be freely attentive and open to the love of God.

This is indeed a holy season in the liturgical year. May this season of prayer, almsgiving and fasting be a time of true spiritual conversion for all of us which in preparing our hearts to rejoice with the Risen Christ at Easter!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William T. McGrattan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name below.

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