

**St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary
School Council Meeting
Minutes
January 22, 2018**

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02

Attendance:

Tracey Roemmele, Lisa Boylan, Emily Bartland, Lara Manhas, Tricia Doherty, Jennifer Kudilek, Cheryle Hanna, Mark Archibald, Kathy Jones-Husch, Justina Gaudette, Lisa Boylan, Vita Holoborodko

Regrets: Tanya Koopmans, Nicole Thompson

2) Opening Prayer

3) Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Tricia Doherty Seconded: Lara Manhas Carried

4) Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2017

Motion to approve the Minutes: Tricia Doherty Seconded: Lara Manhas Carried

5) Reports from Committees (3-5 minutes; no discussion)

a) Hot Lunch: Turkey Diner went well, with good quantity. Excess food went to the Soup Kitchen. Bonduelle donation was gratefully received. Cobb's Bread donated all the buns. Save On donated all beverages. Extra water bottles and juice boxes will be used for sports day. Total expense from Al Scheer was \$1134. Numbers are increasing for participation. A slight overage from Booster Juice (Booster Juice combined our orders into Combos, saving us money after the fact) will be used to offset a slight undercharge from Boston Pizza (GST was not included). Next Hot Lunch will be Shrove Tuesday, February 13, 2018. This will be a free meal for everyone.

Public Service Announcement: MUCHO BURRITO IS OPENING SOON!!

b) School Wellness: There is a suggestion to have students log both school activity and also extra-curricular activity for points. Also, we are exploring having a conversation around sportsmanship. The student/faculty committee is looking at a very similar idea. Each class will create their own country, with flag. February 12-16, there will be age appropriate activities during the physical Education blocks. These would be in conjunction with the Winter Olympics. Mindfulness and Meditation over lunch hours has been suggested for

c) Social: Skating will be February 2. This will be offered in conjunction with the Wellness Committee. We will be looking into using a movie night as a fundraiser as well, date to be determined. We are interested in exploring a parent/child dance with a theme. . .

d) Gift: No report

e) Fundraising: Growing smiles fundraiser will be starting soon. We will be asking for the earliest delivery date possible, hopefully to coincide with Mother's Day. We will also explore non-disposable lunch containers.

6) Principal's Report:

a) See attached report.

b) Something to look at: Best Lent Ever, on www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

c) Yearbooks will be for sale again. Promotion will be forthcoming.

d) December 5/6 2018 will be the Christmas Concert. Back at the Yates!

e) African Drums were purchased from the Dueling Pianos Gala fund. There are still funds available for the purchase of instruments.

f) Question: What feedback does council have in regards to changing the format of parent/teacher interviews to a more collaborative approach celebrating what has been learned? Note that this would still be the same time frame, and age specific. We note that it can be more work for the teacher, who then has to communicate more detailed information on report cards. Attendance might drop because of group dynamics. We would like to have an update on "first impressions" from the first parent teacher interview. Communication around the rollout of this change will be very helpful.

7) New Business

a) If anyone is interested in taking home a box of costumes to launder them, we are looking for volunteers to help out in this way. Please get in touch with Tricia Doherty.

8) Date of Next Meeting – February 27, 2018

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting: Lara Manhas. Seconded: Mark Archibald

carried

St Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School
Playground and Enhancement Society Meeting
Minutes
January 22, 2018

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:36

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Tracey Roemmele. Seconded: Lisa Boylan Carried

3) Financial Report – Justina Gaudette

- a. See attached reports
- b. Balances of each ledger account are available on demand.

4) New Business:

- a. The Turkey Dinner will be charged to the Whole Lunch account.
- b. We would like to revisit the budget for Whole School Lunch in 2018/2019, in order to accommodate the Turkey Dinner again.

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6) Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Lara Manhas Seconded: Cheryle Hanna Carried.

School Council Principal's Report

January 2018

Presented by Kathy Jones-Husch for the staff

- Thank you so much to our hot lunch committee and volunteers as well as classroom reps and volunteers who keep things going so smoothly at school! We are so blessed to work with you!
- Please welcome new staff to our school – Kelsey Martin is our new grade 4 homeroom teacher covering for Mrs. Wall until her return or until the end of her original contract; thank you so much, parents, for your support in these staff changes. The teachers and I welcome your thoughts on your individual children's needs.
 - o Steve Payne is our new casual caretaker; no word yet on when a permanent replacement will be hired
 - o 2 PS III students are working mostly with grade 5s until April – Kyle Masson (Mrs. Meyer's class) and Morgan Jenkin (Mrs. Ens' class). With their teaching freed up, the teachers will be developing multi-strand math units for grade 5 and exploring Google Classroom and Apps for education.
 - o 6 ED 2500 (pre-faculty) students will be starting with us on Jan. 29; this group does not do any direct instruction but can be a great support to student learning
- Mrs. Hanna's retirement announcement; Congratulations!
- There are just 32 students looking to enroll in Kindergarten next year; there is still room for any families who believed that our program was full, so spread the word
- Grade 6 basketball is up and running – play through to March 16. We have 3 home games and 3 away games prior to for each team.
- In-house Grade 6 PAT dates have been set and shared with grade 6 families. We had flexibility this year, and teachers set dates with students in mind. Each school can pick own dates this year.
- Accountability Pillar Survey – grade 4 students, parents and teachers – due to Edmonton for Feb. 23 at latest
- Tell Them From Me Survey – grade 4,5 and 6 students will complete before mid-Feb.
- New Clubs – Lego club for grades 1,2 starts next Monday (Mrs. Mikuliak), Sign Language (grade 5 for 2 months, then grade 6 for 2 months with Mrs. Beaudin), Wellness Club (begin prep for Olympics and more with Mrs. Meyer).
- Grade 4 Toy Sale on Tuesday, Feb. 6 – all families are invited to donate gently used toys, books, games and stuffed toys that will be repriced between \$0.25 and \$10. All classes go through the sale to purchase items and proceeds are going to the Lethbridge Humane Society and Ronald McDonald Houses in Alberta.
- 7 Grade 5 students have joined Safety Patrol and have started shadowing the grade 6 leaders. Grade 6s go to Skate with the Hurricanes on Tuesday, Jan. 30.
- FNMI workers from the two junior highs have begun weekly meetings with our self-identified FNMI students to ensure they are aware of supports available to them and to make sure they are feeling confident about the transition to junior high.
- Preparation has begun for Choral Speech and Music performances; we will host the speech event at school again. Grades 1 and 5 are performing in music categories.
- Gala funds went to African drums and there is still more than \$3300 to go to instruments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- March 21-22 from 4:30 to 7:30 – Celebration of Learning in lieu of traditional interviews. Likely to allow multi-family booking where students will show what they have been learning and perhaps walk parents through hands-on learning themselves. What would you like to see there?

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

- Wed. Jan 24 – Booster Juice hot lunch – deliver in the gym with kids eating in the gym, too, orders or not.
- Wed. Jan. 31- p. 8 (1:41 pm) Crusaders’ assembly and kickoff to Olympics homeroom challenge where all will create their own country and flag/anthem.
- Thursday, Feb. 1 – Grade 5/6 ski trip – 72 students and about 20 adults are going
- Friday, Feb. 2 – Staff Professional Learning Day – some going to Google Summit in Taber, 2 going to EverActive Schools Conference in Lake Louise, and rest learning about Autism Spectrum Disorder with Allison Lux from Alberta Mental Health as well as exploring our FNMI literature/non-fiction collection, among other self-declared PD pursuits.
- Tuesday, Feb. 6 – toy sale and Father Salvador visit
- Thursday, Feb. 8 – 5M hosts pizza lunch
- Friday, Feb. 9 – last day of LAUNCH round 2
- Tuesday, Feb. 13 – Shrove Tuesday hot lunch (pancakes); Valentine’s Day parties in per. 9/10
- LENT BEGINS Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday Mass with Children of St. Martha @ 11 am; no basketball today
- Thursday, Feb. 15 – Superintendent classroom visits and board provided staff luncheon
- Monday, Feb. 19-Friday, Feb. 23 – No school for students; support staff PD Tuesday and teacher PD at Convention Thursday/Friday
- Monday, Feb. 26 – next School Council meeting
- Tuesday Feb. 27 – grade 6s will visit St. Francis and then on March 6 will visit FLVT