

**St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary
School Council Meeting
Minutes
March 19, 2018**

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm

Attendance:

Tricia Doherty, Emily Boutland, Lara Manhas, Lisa Boylan, Mark Archibald, Nicole Thompson, Troy Taylor, Kathy Jones-Husch, Cheryle Hanna, Justina Gaudette

Regrets: Tracey Roemmele, Cathy Metzler

2) Opening Prayer

3) Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Troy Taylor Seconded: Mark Archibald Carried

4) Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2018

Motion to approve the Minutes: Lara Manhas Seconded: Nicole Thompson Carried

5) New Business

a)

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

a) **Hot Lunch:** No hot lunch in March due to Lent. Next hot lunch will be Edo. It is available on School Cash Online currently.

b) **School Wellness:** Prizes for the Olympic Activity logs have been collected, and will be distributed on Wednesday during assembly.

a. March 28th will be a lunch meeting between students, faculty and School Wellness committee members to begin planing School Wellness Day, April 27.

c) **Social:** Our last Social Committee event until June will be at the Movie Mill for a morning movie with our parents and families. Here is the information given to us by the Movie Mill about rentals.

- Small theatres are \$220.50 to book (up to 120 people)
- Large theatres are \$298.50 to book (up to 163 people)
- we can pre-order snacks ahead of time at a deal rate - small snack combos are \$4, medium \$8.25
- We can provide our own movie if we wish. I believe they can play DVD and blu ray.
- I have scheduled us in for Saturday, April 28 at 10:00am.

At this time we are booking one large theatre. We hope to be able to use a movie showing at the Mill, but will also pick one ahead of time in case Mill options are ones we would not want to use. As a committee we have also agreed

on a \$3 admission fee per person. This will be available through School Cash Online as well. Any additional funds raised will be used to help offset future Social Committee events.

- d) Gift:** we need gifts for First Communion gifts. There are 16 students to this point. Kathy will have final numbers soon.
 - a.** Motion to purchase a gift for office staff for administrator appreciation day. Lara Manhas. Second: Nicole Thompson. Carried.
- e) Fundraising:** School Cash Online will be used for Growing Smiles campaign.
 - a.** We can add the Fall Mums to School Cash Online as well. Emily will research minimum orders to determine what we want to pursue.

7) Principal's Report

- a) See attached report

8) New Business:

- a) Report from Meeting of School Council Chairpersons and Board of Trustees — Tracey Roemmele:** See attached report.
- b)** Bus loop and traffic concerns are still an issue. Incidences have and near misses have been observed recently. Kathy will look into having the bus loop designated for bus parking instead of private vehicles.

9) Date of Next Meeting – April 30, 2018

10) Adjournment

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

St Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School
Playground and Enhancement Society Meeting
Minutes
March 19, 2018

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 8:47 pm.

2) Approval of Agenda

- a. Date error noted. Date changed too April 30, 2018 for the next meeting.

Motion to approve agenda as amended: Lara Manhas Seconded: Justina Gaudette

Carried

3) New Business

- a. Budget Update. Accounts are up to date.

4) Date of Next Meeting – April 30, 2018

5) Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Lara Manhas

Seconded: Mark Archibald

Carried.

Council of School Council Board Meeting

March 5th, 2018

I attended the meeting along with chairs/vice chairs from St. Martha, St. Joseph, FLVT, St. Catherine, St. Michael Bow Island, St. Mary, and St. Teresa of Calcutta. Other chairs requested the minutes of the meeting be available on the School Boards website so they can be found here:

[https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/cabinet/2/168/COSC_Meeting_Notes_\(March_2018\).pdf](https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/cabinet/2/168/COSC_Meeting_Notes_(March_2018).pdf)

Take away items:

- 1) It was very clear that the Trustees are invested in keeping Catholic education within the public school system and are keeping abreast of all events happening in both SK and AB
- 2) Chris Smeaton said he'd love to be invited to Council meetings – thoughts? Anyone want us to formally invite Chris to a meeting? If so let me know and we can invite him, not just Bob Spitzig.
- 3) We spent quite a bit of time talking about how our schools promoted school council and catholic education. Some neat ideas were presented, especially (I thought) the idea by St. Josephs to use passports to get the students involved and meeting not just teachers and school council members but their parish representatives as well. I thought this might be something we could incorporate into the back to school social/dessert night. I can share more details on this if necessary in April or we can contact the Chair of st. Josephs and she can send us more info and a passport for a template. I mentioned our dessert social and the new school yearbook. Other schools were quite interested in the yearbook idea as well.
- 4) They reminded us of the upcoming school council association conference April 20-22 in Edmonton (<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference>), and that there were 5 free registrations available (registration costs \$485) not just to chair/vice chairs but any council members that are interested in attending. I checked my schedule and I for sure cannot attend but I encourage anyone interested in going to let Kathy know. If someone is interested but the travel/accommodation costs are stopping them perhaps school council can allocate some budget money for them to attend? We have done that in the past for council members, I believe we gave around \$200 to offset costs.
- 5) Capital projects include renos to St. Francis and Our lady of assumption, and a new catholic school on the west side.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Roemmele

School Council Principal's Report

March 2018

Presented by Kathy Jones-Husch for the staff



- Ms. Kelsey Martin is now on a temporary contract until June 29 as Mrs. Ferrari has decided to take a personal leave until August 30, 2018.
- Mr. Mick Pariseau has decided to take a personal leave through to the end of the school year. We have posted his teaching position today and hope to fill it around Easter break.
- There is still room in PM Kindergarten next year; if any families believed that our program was full, please help to spread the word that we have space. AM Kindergarten is full and confirmations are going home to parents this week.
- 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.
- 10 Students won 2 tickets each to Greatness in Leadership event featuring Dr. Robert Ballard on Thursday, March 22. 14 students entered.
- Jump Rope for Heart kickoff is Wednesday, March 21 in period 7. All students will bring pledge packages home. Our school was the highest donation collector in all of Southern Alberta last year. Our Wellness Day/Jump Day is on Friday, April 27. That is the last day for student donation collection, too.
- Grade 4,5,6 students will learn the sexual health component of Health/Religion after Easter, with an information letter going home to parents prior. The teaching team meets in advance to ensure adherence to Catholic teachings and knowledge of our Catholic curriculum.
- We are hosting a music for non-majors workshop on April 16 where Mrs. Packham and Mrs. Ens will walk other district teachers through our best practices for music instruction. This is part of an ongoing commitment to improving teacher confidence in music instruction district-wide.
- Thank You's for Hot Lunch (Shrove Tuesday) are going out this week. Thank you to 5E for making those.
- We gifted green and white gum pack baskets to our west side schools for St. Patrick's Day – a great tradition!
- Grade 3 and 4 classes were nominated to Provincials for Choral Speech. We are very proud of all of our student groups both for Choral Speech and for Choir categories. We are looking at being able to post the recorded events on our YouTube channel.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- First Eucharist gifts....16 St. Patrick Students are receiving on April 14. There will be more from All Saints, just on a different day. Is School Council still supporting this?
- ThoughtExchange – no data has been compiled yet, but the lead thoughts are visible at the same link you would have entered your ideas into.

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS AT ST. PATRICK FINE ARTS

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

March 23 – Grade 4s leading Lenten Reflection @12:45 pm

March 29 – Grade 3s leading Holy Thursday service @ 1:30 pm

April 11 – 25 – Growing Smiles fundraiser window

April 12 – Hot Lunch – Edo Japan

April 27 – Wellness Day/Jump Day

April 30 – next School Council meeting

May 7 – Music Monday and Choral Showcase (evening)

May 8 – Grade 6 Variety Show (afternoon and evening)

May 9 – proposed plant delivery day (Growing Smiles)

May 11 – Grade 6 English Language Arts PAT

May 30 – visiting production of *We Are Treaty People* and school Blackfoot Heritage Day

June 6 – proposed date for Grade 6 Calgary trip (no laser tag this year)

New faith formation item – view Pope Francis’ monthly prayer intention focus and past ones at www.thepopevideo.org. You’ll love them!