



## Regular School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8th, 2025

**Attendees:** Robert Dumanowski, Edlyn Murphy, Brianna MacPherson, Cassie Donnelly, Aleise Entem, Jordyn Moore, Melanie Irving, Coralee Barton, Marieta Wingenbach

**Called to Order: 6:01pm**

### 1. Prayer

### 2. Adoption of Minutes

Aleise motions to adopt the March 13th, 2025 Minutes. Jordyn seconds. All in favour.

### 3. Principal Report:

- Robert says there have been questions about grade configurations for next year along with staffing. Right now, they are working on a severe case profile review of current students and looking towards support staff and learning services for next year.
- There will be changes in programming and licensing for the Early Learning Program next year. More clarity will be coming from the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education. Everyone who registers for ELP will be listed as a five-day program student and staffing decisions will be made accordingly.
- The groundbreaking for Holy Trinity Academy will take place on World Catholic Education Day on May 29<sup>th</sup>
- There's been a recommendation made to head office to reconsider the wording of the "human sexuality" component of student registration. There was lots of confusion regarding that portion of student registration from schools across the division.
- Vice Principal Edlyn Murphy says Learning Support Services is working on Executive Functioning with students at the school. It's to help students with day-to-day life at the school. Executive Functioning refers to a set of cognitive processes that enable students to plan, organize, regulate emotions and manage time effectively.

### 4. Teacher Report:

- **Classroom Spending**
  - There's a request from Grade One French for an extra \$15 in classroom funding. Everyone was in favour of providing the class with the extra \$15.
- **Yearbook**
  - Sales are low. Teachers will plan to put up posters around the school to encourage sales. Cassie suggested council possibly helping to cover costs if not enough books are sold.

### 5. Parent Association Report:

- **First Responders Academy**
  - It will start in September at McCoy, coordinating with a collegiate program. There will be a simulation room for practicing and students will graduate with a Class 3 License.

- **ASCA Grant**

- Schools are still looking at possibilities to support Catholic Education with the grant. Marieta discussed the possibility of collaborating with local parishes to book a speaker.

- **Fundraising Ideas**

- Numerous fundraising ideas from other schools were discussed including yoga classes for parents, bingo, Easter basket raffle, 50/50 squares, and open gym for different types of sports.

- **Grants**

- There are different grants available including the Education Foundation, the McCoy Fund and Knights of Columbus to help school councils pay for different activities.

## **6. Financials:**

Update from Aleise:

- Current account is approximately \$19,000. If we factor in approved budgeted items, we are sitting around \$8,500.
- We started the 2024/2025 school year with \$8100. We would like to have at least \$7000 carried forward for next year.

## **7. New Business:**

- **Swimming**

- Bussing costs for swimming are expensive. It will cost approximately \$2268 to send each classroom swimming twice. Some of the younger grades are opting to go to a water park for one of the bus trips.

- We've already budgeted \$1000 towards swimming. Marieta mentioned the possibility of students taking city busses swimming, but Robert said they aren't listed as approved transportation. Proceeds from the school's Read-A-Thon will help cover the difference.

- **Hot Lunch**

- McDonald's is booked for Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Swirls "cool treat" is booked for Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

- **Fun Day**

- Cassie has booked Fun Timez Entertainment for the bouncy house/obstacle course this year. They will also provide a bubble station with hula hoops that day at a cost of \$600.

- The Knights of Columbus will BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers. Melanie suggested we pop popcorn to go with the BBQ instead of buying chips and everyone agreed that was a fantastic idea. We will also provide slushes from RJ's.

- A \$2 donation will be put up on School Cash Online to help with Fun Day costs.

Coralee motions to spend up to \$2000 on Fun Day expenses. Melanie seconds. All in Favour.

- **Fencing**

- Concern was brought up about the fencing around the school and how the alleyway is super busy with vehicle traffic and unsafe for students. Robert said that in the initial school plans that area was left open because the laneway would be heavily used as a corridor to the school. Robert said he would take our concerns to the Operations/Facility Manager as well as to the Superintendent.

## **8. General:**

- **Art Club**

- Concern was brought forward on how students were chosen for Art Club. Students were surveyed ahead of time as the club could only accommodate a few kids. Teachers looked at participation, skill, interest in art and commitment. There are limitations because the club is so popular.

- **Meet the Teacher**

- Will pick a date at May's meeting for Meet the Teacher/Food Truck night at the school in September.

Motion to adjourn by Coralee. Melanie seconds. All in favour.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm. Next meeting May 9th, 2025 at 11:30am.**



# École St. John Paul II School Society

## School Council Fundraising Meeting Minutes

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**Called to Order: 7:24pm**

### 1. Adoption of Minutes

Aleise motions to adopt the March 13th, 2025 Minutes. Jordyn seconds. All in favour.

### 2. Budget Report/Current accounts:

- Discussed at Regular School Council Meeting.

### 3. New Business / Fundraising & Events:

- **RJ's Day**
  - Booked for May 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5% of their daily sales (excluding lottery, fuel and tobacco sales) will go to SJPII Parent Council
- **Spring Event**
  - We've moved the date to Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Melanie suggested we look at doing an Outdoor Movie Night or Bingo Night instead of a dance, but the majority felt like it would be too tough to plan a new event for the time of the year. We will look at doing an outdoor movie night at the Meet the Teacher event in the fall.
  - It was decided that we would go forward with a Spring Dance. Cassie will book DJ Steve. Brianna suggests we do a "Spring Formal" dance and mini farewell to the Grade 6's.

Melanie motions to spend around \$600 on dance supplies. Coralee seconds. All in favour.

- **Pie in the Face Fundraiser on Fun Day**
  - Going ahead with Pie in the Face fundraiser again this year.
  - We will need to purchase shower caps and goggles for the teachers to wear.

Motion to adjourn by Coralee, Melanie seconds. All in favour.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm. Next meeting May 9th, 2025 at 11:30am.**