

St. John XXIII Catholic School
School Council Meeting Minutes
9526 89 St, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

November 18, 2024 6:30pm

In Attendance:

Kristine Willis-Dengler (Principal)
Erin Croft (Assistant Principal)
Candice Kalyn - (Chair)
Marc Dzura (Co-Chair)
Christi McTaggart (Treasurer)
Linsey Demontigny (Vice-Chair)
Korinne Walsh (Secretary)
Michelle McCarthy (Fundraising Coordinator)
Brandy Leach (Hot Lunch Coordinator)
Paige Zuk - Parent
Nicole Kelly - Parent
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Michelle McCartney - Parent
Jenn Dechaine - Parent

ACTION ITEMS

BUDGET FINANCIAL DECISIONS

1) Call to Order at 6:30pm: Chair Candice Kalyn

- Called to order at 6:30pm

2) Prayer: Erin Croft

3) Land Acknowledgement: Marc D

4) Approval of Agenda

- 1st - Michelle M
- 2nd - Linsey D
 - All in Favour

5) Approval of October Minutes

- 1st - Michelle M
- 2nd - Marc D
 - All in Favour

6) School/Teacher Report

Korinne Walsh, Grade One Teacher, reports the following updates and highlights from our Grade One classrooms during November and December.

In November, we will have the opportunity to engage with the Zoo2You program. This interactive experience allowed our children to learn about various animals, and their habitats. The hands-on activities sparked curiosity and fostered a deeper appreciation for wildlife, enriching our science curriculum.

We are looking ahead to December, and our upcoming field trip to Fort Edmonton. This visit will provide our students with a glimpse into the past, helping them understand the history of our community. It's a wonderful way to bring our social studies lessons to life, and we look forward to the students making lasting memories.

In our classrooms, we have been focusing on representing numbers up to 100. Our students are developing their mathematical skills through various engaging activities that promote understanding and confidence. Additionally, we are making progress in phonemic awareness. The children are learning to identify sounds in words, which is foundational for their reading development.

We are grateful for the involvement of our parent volunteers in literacy groups and various classroom events. Your support has been invaluable in enhancing our students' learning experiences. We invite all parents to continue participating as we believe that collaboration between home and school plays a crucial role in student success.

As we move into the holiday season, we thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We are excited about the progress our students are making and look forward to an enriching end to the year.

7) Administration Report

PSC Admin Report November 2024

1. Any feedback on Evidence of Learning Portfolios/ interviews?
 - Michelle McCarthy was very pleased and impressed with the Evidence of Learning portfolios this year.

- Parents liked that it was broken down by core subjects and to see the progression in their child's work.
2. Cultural Awareness Presentations on Thursday
 - Busayo Disu is a Nigerian Canadian, a wife and a mother of three, president of the African Society of Strathcona County, and a pharmacist-turned-data scientist. She is passionate about sharing her experiences, as well as those of her children, as they navigated adapting to Canadian culture and continue to live as members of the Sherwood Park community. Her goal is to educate with the intent of building cultural empathy. Grade threes and fours will also be having a presentation.
 3. Advent starts December 2 - First Advent Celebration led by Kindergarten and their buddies.
 4. Christmas Concert - Students have started preparing their songs
 5. Social Justice projects in December - Sock Toss and Baskets for Lurana Shelter
 6. [Christmas Countdown](#) - School Elf, St. Nicholas Day, Bingo, Toboggan and Hot Chocolate Day, Advent Mass, Christmas Concert, Christmas Sweater Day, PJ and Movie Day. We have planned several fun activities for our students to enjoy in the days leading up to Christmas break. More details will be in the S'more.

Wednesday, Dec. 4th - [Christmas Spirit Wear/Buddy Bingo](#)

Friday, Dec. 6 - [St. Nicholas Day](#)

Tuesday, December 10th - [School Christmas Concert Day!](#) Dress in your best wear for our Christmas Concert. There will be an afternoon show (1:00 pm) and an evening show (6:00 pm). Don't forget to bring money to buy raffle tickets for our Christmas Basket Fundraiser for Lurana Shelter.

Monday, December 16th - [Sock Toss](#) - St. John XXIII students will be participating in a Sock Toss on Monday, Dec. 16th. The Student Leadership Teams are organizing this event, and all socks will be donated to the less

fortunate/shelters in Edmonton and distributed where they are needed most. Please send new men's, women's or children's socks to school with your child anytime starting this week and up to Friday, Dec.13th if you wish to participate. Children will have an opportunity to win a small prize for participating. However, everyone wins when we are giving to others in need.

Tuesday, Dec 17th – **School Mass (am)** We will celebrate mass as a school at OLA church at 10 am. Our grade 2 classes will be leading. Families are welcome!

Wednesday, Dec.18th - **Toboggan and Hot Chocolate Day!** We will spend parts of the day outside having fun in the snow (if there is snow!). We will be tobogganing and having hot chocolate. Students must bring their own toboggans (No Crazy Carpets) and helmets! Check with your bus drivers for rules for transporting toboggans on this day. Please let your child's teacher know if you do not want your child to toboggan! Please ensure your child has snow pants and proper gear to spend extended time outside.

Thursday, December 19th - **Christmas Sweater Day, Buddy Bingo, Christmas Sing-along**

Friday, Dec 20th – **PJ and Christmas Movie Day!** Wear your PJs for the day, and bring your favourite stuffed animal. We have some cleaning to do in the morning, and then we will spend the afternoon enjoying a movie. Students can bring ONE sandwich-size Ziploc bag full of a snack of their choice to enjoy during the movie.

December 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 First week of Advent: Hope (Kinder and buddies lead)	3	4 Early Out Dress with Christmas Spirit	5 *leave shoes on desks	6 St. Nicholas Day

School Elf arrives		Buddies- Bingo		
9 Second week of Advent: Peace (Grade 2A leads) Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal	10 Christmas Concert 1:00pm 6:00pm	11	12	13
16 Third week of Advent: Joy Sock Toss	17 Advent Mass 10am Families Welcome	18 Toboggan and Hot Chocolate Day (weather permitting)	19 Christmas Singalong (am) Buddies - Bingo Christmas Sweater Day	20 PJ/MovieDay

7. Volunteer Requests:

- Creating St. Nicholas Day bags
- Wrapping Baskets for the raffle
- Making Hot Chocolate and distributing it to classes
- Bringing socks from Sock Toss to
- Taping socks for Sock Toss

WISHLIST

Faith	Learners and Learning	Wellness	Community Engagement
Bussing to church (Advent trip is coming up)			Christmas Concert Recording \$300

8) Treasurer's Report

- We have \$1650 to earmark to a school initiative.
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9) Fundraising Update

- Noel Fundraiser - Profit was \$2,361.51 - the class that made the most was 2A at \$1628! Congratulations to Mrs. Anderson's Class.
 - Poinsettias Fundraiser - Poinsettias 13 sold so far (as of November 18). Cost is \$17.64 each.
 - Yearbook - the new yearbook members are looking to get some information/specific instructions from previous Yearbook leaders, Dawn P and Shannon D. This connection will be made, and a google drive will be created to share photos on. A cover contest will likely begin in the new year.
- Sold 6 Big Box of Cards so far. There are approx 45 boxes left.

10) New Business

- Community Engagement Grant** - ASCE Grant ideas - ideas for how we can use this grant money include:
 - books to create a parent resource library,
 - family nights (I think some used the money for an advent wreath building evening for parents, others may have used it for literacy/numeracy family nights),
 - parent information sessions (google classroom, AI, mental health and wellness, faith focused, how to support learning at home).
 - Conference registrations
 - Communication tools for parent council to engage parents (website development, newsletter tools)
 - If your council needed extra insurance for a fundraising society, the funds could go towards that.
- Mission Statement Update** - Jenn D has shared a mission statement which is part of a bigger document, that includes roles as per the school act and school council ASCA website. We will

continue to work on this document. There was a discussion about the fundraising society and the pros and cons, we remain to be a school council without the added fundraising society.

c. Christmas Baskets - this is already arranged

d. Christmas Concert Recording - valuable service to our community with family living afar.

Motion to cover \$300 for the recording of the Christmas Concert

First - Marc

Second - Linsey

All in favour - yes

e. MunchaLunch Fees - every transaction has a fee - flat fee of 30 cents per transaction - we are working through the various requirements of Muncha Lunch, but overall it is going smoothly. MunchaLunch Orders profit so far - \$182

f. Hot Lunch sponsorship - we do not have access to names as of November 18.

11. Old Business

a. Review Halloween Dance Survey Responses

- Parental supervision issues - parents must supervise their own children at the dance to ensure the enjoyment of all attending.
 - There were instances where children were left unattended (even when parents attending) which led to wandering/running/hiding in the hallways, bathroom loitering, and unexpected behaviours in the gym.
 - It is important for parents to reinforce with their children that school rules/expectations apply, even during the dance.
- Concession
 - we could look into pizza or hotdog sales - but a discussion about seating throughout the gym to ensure there are enough places to sit was had.
- Need more hallway supervision next year
 - school rules/expectations apply even during the dance.
- We also discussed the possibility of a sensory friendly timeslot, and/or sensory friendly seating area.

Items that were not on the agenda:

- **SHED Discussion** - Jenn D shared that we are looking to gather a number of able bodied volunteers to move and organize the shed. This will require a committee to clean out and determine what can be transferred to other schools, and be potentially sold. Jenn Deshaine will be taking the lead to help the school in this project.
 - **STENCILS** - JENN D also proposed using various stencils (that she has) for our walkways - it would cost approx. \$300 in paint (special paint from Fastline). We talked about how the city owns surrounding trails, but in other instances the city was supportive of painting these.
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12. Adjournment - 8:16pm

Next Meeting is Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6:30pm