

Blessed John Paul I School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting (2024-2025)

School councils play a vital advisory role within schools, ensuring that the voices of parents and the community are included in the school's decision-making processes. They also serve as a key communication link, sharing important school information with the broader community. They make decisions about their own operations; they act as a consultative bridge between the school and its community, helping to generate a strong community spirit.

Date: April 16, 2025 5:45pm (in person)
 Meeting: #5
 Location: Blessed John Paul 1
 Attendance:
 Meeting chaired by: Brandi Sochr – Chair

Discussion Items	Comments	Follow-up by
1.0 Call to Order	Meeting called to order at	5:46 pm
2.0 Prayer	_____ to share a prayer	Teresa
3.0 Land acknowledgment	_____ to share the land acknowledgment	Teresa
4.0 Adopt Prev. Minutes	February Minutes	Approved by Holly and 2 nd by Brandi
5.0 Chair Report	School Events for the 24/25 school year: - Christmas Movie (December 10th) - The Nutcracker and the 4 realms - Students were charged \$10.00 to cover the \$6.00 snack and a portion of the ticket cost - PAC approved \$2000 towards the cost of this field trip - Alien Inline March 31 - April 14th - Fit Set Ninja during Apple Day in June - Booked for May 27 & 28 - Teacher Appreciation?? Other: - Dissolution with the government - SAC received their revival certificate via email. It was granted on March 10, 2025	*No more events planned for the 2024/25 school year. *Students and teachers had a great time with Alien Inline! It was a success with the schedule making sure each class received enough time. The feed back was that the first week instructor was amazing and engaged with the students. A parent voiced concerns over the instructor for the second week. Admin took down the concerns along with the positives. Admin will reach out to Alien Inline and deal with feedback. Council agreed it would be a great thing to bring them back again for next year. *Fit Set Ninja will still run for the students on May 27 and 28th. Apple Day and having parent volunteers. New Admin, Rosanne Boutin will be planning something in the future. This date did not line up for having an Apple Day. *Brandi put forth for the PAC to vote on a Teacher appreciation gift like we have done over the past years. Either a lunch for the teachers or gift cards. Average about \$20 per employee. There are 34 staff members currently so putting for a budget of \$700 which would have to come from the general account as the casino account does not allow for such purchases.

	- Next year's executive? Alberta School Councils/School Trustee Information: - ASCA is pleased to confirm that the \$500.00 ASCE Grant provided by Alberta Education (page 105-106 of the Funding Manual for School Authorities) will be available to school councils once again for the 2024-2025 school year and can be used to pay for the majority of ASCA Learning Opportunities (whether virtual or in-person) and support services. Meeting Dates for 2023/2024: - June 4th	*March 10th, 2025 a new certificate from the Government of Alberta was issues. It has been uploaded and saved on the SAC folder on Drive. *Next year the following Chairs will be open and up for voting at the 2025/26 School year, Parent Council AGM (to be determined at a later date); Chair is open, Secretary is open and Casino Chair is open. Courses MUST be taken through the Alberta School Council Association. Requirements for Parent Council rules and regulations for Executive Chairs. Also, must be able to attend ASCA Parent engagement nights planned through the school board. It was discussed to use the ASCA \$500 grant money to help pay for Fit Set Ninja since we would be also having Apple Day. But now that Apple Day has been postponed, Rosanne has advised that because she has only taken over less than two weeks ago, she will be meeting with Teresa to discuss the Students Summer Fun Day that is held at the school every year. It was discussed having parent volunteers run the outdoor games and stations like last year. Rosanne will decide if the \$500 can be used to purchase hot dogs which can be served to the students and parent volunteers. The grant money has to be used to bring in more attention and participation to the parent council and has to be spent on parents. If it is not used for the Summer Fun Day for students, Roseanne will discuss with Teresa if there will be time to have a speaker come in and discuss how parent councils run and regulations. Going into next year prepared with a new council. Next and last meeting for 2024/25 will be held on June 4th in person.
6.0 Woodvale Report		No report was provided by Woodvale. Brandi advised that the Big Bin Event is being held at the Hillview Baptist Church on May 24th and they are looking for people in the Woodvale area to volunteer. If someone from our school does volunteer on behalf of the school, if they could please let the school and Woodvale know that you are there on behalf of BJPI so we get credit towards the \$5,000 matching grant. The upcoming Bingos, dates and times are also on the website. The website lists who to contact if anyone wishes to work the bingos for Woodvale Community league. Again, if anyone works a bingo on behalf of BJPI, please let Woodvale and the school know so it can go towards the 10 volunteers we need a year to obtain the entire \$5,000.00

		Brandi will reach out to Woodvale to find out about the \$1,500 we have in volunteer credits/grant monies and ask if it can be used towards furniture that was purchased for the classrooms that was denied by AGLC to use casino funds for.
7.0 Principal Report	Faith & Community Life • We began April with Holy Week reflections in our classrooms, and our students participated in a beautiful Stations of the Cross liturgy with parish staff weekly. • We will have our Easter Liturgy on Wednesday, April 23 with Father Ben. • We had a spring assembly on Wednesday, April 16 • School will be closed on April 18 and 21 for Good Friday and Easter Monday. We wish all families a blessed Easter season. • Spring Jazz Concert for Class 3/4C, Grades 4, 5, and 6 students at 6:30pm on April 30. Eventbrite will be used for tickets. • Drama Production starring Hamlet and Little Prince on May 1 at 6:00pm. Eventbrite will be used for tickets. • Federal Election - we are not a voting site on April 28. Student Learning & Activities • Teachers continue to focus on literacy and numeracy goals. We've implemented targeted interventions in reading groups and are seeing encouraging progress. Reading groups will start to come to a close at the end of April to make way for assessments. Support will continue when assessments are complete. • Spanish Bilingual Programming and FSL in Grades 4, 5, 6 next school year: We are looking to increase our minutes in Spanish Literacy next year to support deepening of language learning. There will be no disadvantage to students who wish to take FSL in Grade 7 as students can enter into the FSL pathway at any grade. • Spanish Bilingual Parent Engagement Surveys have gone out to our community.	Discussion on how students in the Spanish program at BJPI may no longer be taking French in grades 4, 5 and 6. That extra time will be put into the Spanish Language Arts teaching hours.

	More information to follow once the survey closes and data has been collated. Staffing & Enrollment - We are beginning to plan for the 2025–2026 school year. Projections look stable, and we are evaluating class configurations accordingly. Field Trips - Reviewing the costs for field trips this year. Looking Ahead - Planning has started for year-end celebrations, Fun Day, Grade 6 farewell field trips, and grade transitions. Budget for next year - support the same activities? Field Trips, Alien In-Line, Technology, August 28 Meet the Teacher Night	*Rosanne confirmed with parent council what the \$2,000 for year end filed trips entail if some classrooms do not decide to use buses and leave the school. Parent Council confirmed that the \$2,000 was to be spit between kindergarten classes to grade 6. Approximately \$160 per classroom. If a classroom decides not to book a bus, it can be used towards another activity. *Student Fun Day will be discussed between Rosanne and Teresa and a day will be set. Looking at renting items and games from the City of Edmonton. *Grade 6B's will be attending Louis St. Laurent on May 6th. The students will be receiving their Spanish Bilingual Certificates for completing grade 6. Grades 9 and 12 will also be apart of the ceremony. *May 9th the grade 6 students will be attending Corpus Christi Parish for Carousel. *May 15th will be the grade 6 camp day at Camp Yowochas. *Grade 6 farewell will be June 24th. Chairs have been ordered. *Rosanne asked about a bill she has for \$12,700. Brandi explained how one detailed invoice needs to be provided to parent council WITH supporting invoices/receipts for all the items on the wish list and items school council agreed to pay for. One large cheque will be written to the school to cover all 2024/25 school year costs. \$12,700 invoice will be paid but more items need to be added and provided by the middle of June.
8.0 Next Meeting	June 4th	5:45 in person
9.0 Adjournment	Adjourned at	6:40pm

Blessed John Paul I School Parent Association Committee (PAC) Meeting (2024-2025)

A School Fundraising Society (Association) is an incorporated legal entity whose purpose is to raise casino and non-gaming revenues. It has bylaws, is subject to an annual audit, and must complete an annual filing. Its activities are governed by the Society's Bylaws and the [Societies Act \(Alberta\)](#).

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Discussion Items	Comments	Follow-up by
1.0 Call to Order	Meeting called to order at	6:40 pm
2.0 Adopt Prev. Minutes	February Minutes (see above meeting)	
3.0 Treasurer Report	General Account: Casino Account: Has all banking information been changed from Brian to Holly?	\$15,522.82 \$70,709.10 \$6,112. Stawnichy's deposit. \$220.38 was made from the Papa John's pizza fundraiser. Flyers to go out for the last one. \$151.19KFC \$296.91 Carls Jr. All banking has been transferred. Heather and Holly are signing authority
4.0 Chair Report	Insurance: - policy - invoice Fundraising (24/25): - Healthy Hunger - started on October 25th, will continue to run all year. - Papa Johns - December 14&15, March 8&9, May 24& 25 December weekend brought in a profit of \$128.44 (17 orders) March profit - \$91.91 (15 orders) - Popcorn - Ended Dec. 6th. Total profit - \$700.00 - Bottle Drive - Jan 6th - 10th. Bottles (receipt) - \$339.55, Change - \$165.87 Total Profit - \$505.42 (will confirm	

	exact number once Holly returns and does final count and deposit) - Prize for most participation was given to 6B (ice cream) - Stawnitchy's - Ran from March 19th - April 7th. Orders go home April 29th Grade 6 Fundraising: has this been discussed with the students/staff and set up through Healthy Hunger? Meeting Dates for 2023/2024: - June 4th	Estimated profit is around \$1,581.45 Teachers have had discussions about the fundraising. The camp was booked early this year. It did not have a lot of time to run. They may still run it to help pay for year end party.
5.0 Casino	No casino for the 2024/2025 school year Casino Chair for next year??	Casino Chair is open. Paper work with AGLC needs to be updated and kept up to date. We do not want to lose our casino spot for 2026.
6.0 School Wish List	Chromebooks \$12500 (voted approved Sept. 2024) 2 Projector Bulbs \$ (approved) Bus to Mass \$1300 (paused) AMA Patrol picnic bus \$238 (approved) Gr. 6 Bus to camp \$600 (approved) Artist in Residencies: - Alien Inline \$6500 (approved) Christmas Movie Field Trip (\$2000 approved) Year End Field Trips \$2000 - 1 bus for each grade (approved)	Council voted on a budget of \$700 for year end staff appreciation. Brandi will look into lunch options over gift cards. Lunch is planned for June 19th at 12 pm. Staff meeting to follow at 1 pm. Item was missed at meeting for a wish list item. Brandi sent out email to parent council advising that the bus for the Spanish students to attend the ISA Ceremony will be covered as it has always been in the past. It will come from casino funds for transportation.
7.0 Next Meeting	June 4th	In person at school
8.0 Adjournment	Adjourned at	7:26 pm

Minutes by: Heather Gaymer, Secretary