

Blessed John Paul I  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
(2025 / 2026)

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**Date:** April 29, 2026 5:45pm

**Meeting:** #3

**Location:** Blessed John Paul I

**Attendance:** Melissa Doroshenko - Vice Chair, Jennefer Guillen - Treasurer, Monica Tinajero - Secretary, Rosanne Boutine - Principal, Olivia Hernandez - Assistant Principal, Lilibeth Benitez - Chair (online)

**Meeting chaired by:** Melissa Doroshenko - Vice Chair

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**M I N U T E S**

	<b>Agenda Item</b>		<b>Time</b>
1.-	<b>Call to Order</b>	Vice Chair Melissa called the meeting to order.	5:45 pm
2.-	<b>Prayer - Treaty 6</b>	Prayer shared by Olivia. Treaty 6 shared by Rosanne.	5:46 pm
3.-	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Jen motioned to approve the agenda of today's meeting. Monica seconded. Motion carried.	5:47 pm
4.-	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	Jen motioned to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Monica seconded. Motion carried.	5:47 pm
5.-	<b>Principal Report</b>		5:48 pm

**5.1 School Updates - Principal Rosanne Boutin**

- **School Mascot Update:** Following engagement with students and staff, the school has selected a new mascot/logo: Blessed John Paul I Wolves/Lobos. Students will be invited in May to contribute to the design, with final approval to be completed through ECSD Communications. Our official launch assembly is planned for early June, the goal is to have designs approved in time to allow for the production and distribution of student T-shirts. Work is also underway on developing an acronym aligned with the new mascot. More to come!
- **Student Clubs:** Two student clubs are taking place in April:
  - 1) **Student-Led Club** where students can organize and plan their very own club. We have the Wellness Club, Beading Club and Handball Club so far.
  - 2) **Student Badminton Club** is underway for Grades 5 and 6. Thank you to Mr. Valdez for organizing this opportunity for students.
- **PE Collaborative Games with Ms. Koval:** On April 15, a division consultant visited the school to lead new collaborative games during physical education

classes. The consultant is scheduled to return in June for a full day to facilitate additional activities with students.

- **School Hours Update:** Administration reviewed school scheduling requirements to ensure alignment with Alberta Education’s mandated instructional time. The current schedule was originally developed to accommodate shared bussing arrangements with École Frère Antoine, which required additional teacher preparation time to balance instructional minutes. An adjusted schedule has been developed, resulting in more efficient use of staffing resources. The revised schedule also better supports transportation needs for students in the Summerside, Walker Lakes, and southeast communities. With these factors in mind, our school hours for next year will be:
  - **Bell rings:** 8:17 a.m.
  - **Instruction begins:** 8:20 a.m.
  - **Dismissal:** 2:55 p.m.
  - Thursday dismissal will remain unchanged.

We appreciate your understanding as we work within provincial requirements while balancing transportation needs and responsible use of school resources.

- **FSL Parent Survey Updates:** All survey results have been provided to the division. We thank you for your participation and feedback. We expect to hear back from the division sometime after May 1. This information will be sent to all families through school messenger.
- **Extracurricular Hours:** Administration recognized and expressed appreciation for the contributions of teachers, staff, and community members who volunteer their time to support extracurricular activities such as sports, drama, and student clubs. These activities, which take place outside of regular school hours, provide valuable opportunities for student growth, connection, and engagement. A poster has been displayed in the school to acknowledge and celebrate these contributions.
- **ECSD Annual Survey Update:** School survey results will be published on the school website on April 30. The results will inform the development of the school education plan in May, including goals and strategies for the upcoming school year and beyond.

## 5.2 Spanish Bilingual Updates - Assistant Principal Olivia Hernandez

- The ISA Certificate Ceremony will take place on June 3 at Lumen Christi (Leadership Hall) at 6:00 p.m. All ECSD Spanish Bilingual schools will participate, and certificates will be awarded to students in Grades 6, 9, and 12.
- Spanish Bilingual teachers participated in a division-wide collaboration meeting on April 16 with K–12 colleagues. This year’s focus has been on culture as a central component of the program.
- The Encuentro de Profesores de Español de Alberta will take place on May 2 in Red Deer. Several teachers will attend. Mr. Rassi and Mrs. Gonzales presenting.
- The Folkloric Dance Group concluded with two performances on April 17, one for the school and one for families. Appreciation was extended to Sra. Gonzales, Srta. Hoepner, Srta. Nieto, and Sra. Blanco for their dedication.

- Two cultural dance groups, one from Guatemala and one from Ecuador, will perform for students during Multicultural Day on May 29, highlighting the diversity of Spanish-speaking cultures.

6.-	<b>Old Business, New Business, Pending Business</b>	6:00 pm
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**6.1 Old Business.**

- **Bylaws Update.** Signatures are pending for a revised version.

**6.2 Pending Business.**

- 1. Multicultural Day (May 29):** It was noted that this event is organized by teachers and staff and will include two cultural dance performances. Classrooms will each showcase a cultural-themed activity. It was agreed that tacos will be provided for students. Volunteers will be required to support food service and classroom activities, and teachers will contact parents to coordinate participation.
- 2. Staff Appreciation Lunch (June 18):** The event will take place on Thursday at 12:00 p.m., following early dismissal for students at 11:38 a.m. Catering options are being explored, with consideration for gluten-free requirements. It was noted that payment will be made by a SAC member and reimbursed by cheque. SAC members also expressed willingness to assist with event setup, including arranging tables and buffet service, to ensure a special experience for staff without adding to their workload.
- 3. Grade 6 Farewell (June 19):** Students will be provided with a breakfast funded through the PC Grant. Lily and Lindsay will donate decorations with balloons and assist with event setup with support from other SAC members. Students will receive certificates and a small gift. Confirmation is pending regarding a visit from the priest to offer a blessing to students as they transition to junior high.
- 4. End-of-Year Fun Day (June 22):** It was confirmed that the ASCA Grant has been received. The committee is currently exploring options for activities to support and enrich this event. Planning may include serving hot dogs again, as well as outdoor games and activity stations with support from parent volunteers.

**6.3 New Business.** None.

7.-	<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	6:20 pm
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**7.1** The last meeting date for the current school will be:

- Meeting #4 on **Tuesday, June 2**

8.-	<b>Adjournment</b>	6:21 pm
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**8.1** Melissa motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. Motion carried.

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**FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING**  
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**Meeting chaired by:** Melissa Doroshenko - Vice Chair

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**M I N U T E S**

	<b>Agenda Item</b>		<b>Time</b>
1.-	<b>Call to Order</b>	Vice Chair Melissa called the meeting to order.	6:22 pm
2.-	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Jen motioned to approve the agenda of today's meeting. Monica seconded. Motion carried.	6:22 pm
3.-	<b>Financial Report - Jennefer Guillen</b>		6:23 pm

**3.1 Accounts Balances**

As of April 29, the accounts holdings are:

- **Casino Account:** \$43,518.99
- **General Account:** \$10,304.73

**3.2 Transactions**

**3.2.1 Income (funds in since last meeting)**

- Bottle Drive Fundraiser: **\$1,156.30**

**3.1.2 Expenses (funds out since last meeting)**

- Cheque book for Casino Account: **\$187.15**
- Cheque book for General Account: **\$187.15**
- Crates for Hot Lunch: **\$40.92**

4.-	Bingo Report - Melissa Doroshenko	6:24 pm
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#### 4.1 Updates.

- Melissa volunteered at the March 22 and April 18 bingo shifts.
- One additional shift will be covered on behalf of our school on May 16, bringing us to 10 of the maximum 10 shifts per school year.
- Each volunteer shift provides \$500 to the school, and completing all 10 of 10 shifts qualifies the school for a matching grant offered by the Woodvale Community League. This marks the first time the school has successfully covered all required shifts, a significant milestone reflecting community support.
- School administration is currently exploring options for an intended purchase using these funds, including items such as a projector, iPads for students, or flexible seating options (e.g., standing desks or desks with pedals).
- Confirmation of the total matching grant amount is pending, with clarification needed on whether the total will be \$5,000 or \$10,000.

5.-	Casino Report	6:31 pm
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#### 5.1 Updates.

- **Casino Night** is scheduled for **March 2027** at **Pure Casino** (exact dates to be confirmed by the venue).
- **The Casino Representative** (Chair) position remains **vacant**. Further information is required regarding the role, including responsibilities, number of volunteers needed, number of shifts/nights, and time commitments.
- Once details are confirmed, a communication/poster will be prepared and shared with families.. The Casino Representative **role remains open to any interested individual willing to coordinate this event**.
- It was emphasized that future communications should highlight the impact of casino fundraising. Administration will compile a list of school events, activities, field trips, and equipment (e.g., furniture and technology) previously supported by casino funds to share with parents. It was suggested that this information be communicated during well-attended school events, such as Spring and Christmas concerts, to encourage volunteer participation.
- As an additional support option, the Facebook group Edmonton Volunteer Casino may be used to recruit last minute volunteers if needed.

6.-	Fundraising Committee	6:38 pm
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#### 6.1 Fundraising Updates.

- **Bottle drive** - The April 17 Bottle Drive was reported as a success, raising **\$1,156.30** in total. *Thank you to all students and families for your efforts and*

*strong participation in this fundraiser.* In recognition of strong participation, the top three contributing classes were acknowledged:

- 1st Place – Grade 1B
- 2nd Place – Grade 3B
- 3rd Place – Grade 2B

-It was suggested that future bottle drives be scheduled around the same time of year

- **Popcorn sale** - It was agreed to proceed with an in-school popcorn sale, with popcorn prepared on-site and sold at \$2 per bag during lunchtime at the gym. Supplies will be purchased, and Principal Rosanne has provided a popcorn machine for use. Jen will coordinate the event and is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26.
- **Flowers sale** - It was determined that the Flower Sale will not proceed this school year due to timing constraints. The committee will consider a poinsettia fundraiser in the winter and/or a flower sale next spring with earlier planning.

**6.2 Healthy Hunger Program:** The Hot Lunch program has been successfully launched. The transition of administration from Heather to Lily and Jen has been completed, and participating restaurants have been contacted to coordinate menu options. Four hot lunch dates have been scheduled for the remainder of the school year:

- Friday, May 1 – Pizza 73
- Wednesday, May 20 – Taco Bell
- Tuesday, June 2 – Pizza Hut
- Wednesday, June 17 – Dairy Queen

-Jen and Lily will be responsible for receiving and distributing orders.

-The first hot lunch is scheduled for May 1. A total of 142 orders were placed by the deadline date, reflecting a strong initial response.

-It was suggested to consider establishing a consistent delivery day (e.g., Wednesdays or Fridays) to support parent awareness of ordering deadlines.

-The importance and appreciation of sending reminder communications to families on order deadlines was also noted.

-For future planning, it was recommended to avoid overlap with other fundraisers to prevent repetition. Next school year we'll plan other fundraisers around the Hot Lunch schedule. The goal moving forward is to launch the program earlier in the school year to improve continuity and participation.

### **6.3 Partnerships:**

- **Cobs Bread.** We've reconnected with Cobs Bread (Harvest Pointe location), confirming that their fundraising program remains active. Families have been reminded through the school newsletter to mention the school's name when making purchases, with 5% of sales returned to the school.
- **Papa John's.** We've scheduled two fundraising weekends using the promo code JOHNPAUL1, valid at the Millwoods, Orchards, and Tamarack locations on April 25–26 and May 30–31. A report confirming the total funds raised from the first weekend is pending.

7.-	<b>Funding Requests</b>	6:54 pm
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**7.1 Updates.**

- An update was provided on previously approved funding requests:
- The majority of items from the Administration’s Casino Account wishlist have been purchased, with the exception of the Drama Club wood cubes and bussing.
- Items approved under the General Account are still in progress.

**7.2 Casino Account - Wishlist 2025/2026**

1. Alberta Musical Theatre Company – \$997.50
2. Zumba with Cheryl (No More Excuses) – Full day \$900
3. Buses for Mass – \$504.00
4. AMA Patrol Picnic Bus – \$238
5. Grade 6 Camp Bus – \$600
6. 5 Teacher Desktop Computers – \$12,000
7. FM Systems – \$4,000
8. Gym Projector – \$5,000
9. Wood for Drama Cubes – \$500

**Total Requested: \$24,751.50**

**7.3 General Account - Wishlist 2025/2026**

1. Clothing Uniforms (T-Shirts) with New Logo – \$8 each
2. Staff Appreciation Lunch – \$750

**Total estimated cost: \$3,550**

8.-	<b>Motions</b>	7:00 pm
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None

9.-	<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	7:00 pm
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- 9.1** The last meeting date for the current school will be:
- Meeting #4 on **Tuesday, June 2**

10.-	<b>Adjournment</b>	7:02 pm
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**10.1** Melissa motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. Motion carried.

**Minutes prepared by: Monica Tinajero, Secretary**