

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: June 4th, 2025 5:45pm (in person)
 Meeting: #6
 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	Rosanne
3.0 Land acknowledgment	_____ to share the land acknowledgment	Teresa
4.0 Adopt Prev. Minutes	April Minutes	Holly and Melissa
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 - June 16th (lunch) - \$700 budget - Do we want to bring in Fifendekel or La Patrone?	Cost of the movie and popcorn was \$3,660.50, plus the bussing. Parent counsel will pay \$2,000 towards the total cost. \$10 per student was charged grades 1 through 6. \$3,400 should have been collected. Fit Set Ninja Was held outside for 2 days. It was a great success and the students had so much fun. The weather was perfect. A few parts of the day were a little warmer, but the students stayed hydrated and a few had some water fights to stay cool while having fun! Apple Day was cancelled and not part of this event. The date decided was Thursday, June 19th for noon. Staff meeting to follow. La Patrone was voted on. Holly will arrange for pick up of the food as well as pop and water. The options will be 2 meat and 1 veggie. It is gluten free.

	School Events for the 25/26 school year: - welcome bbq? meet the teacher? Other: - 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. - Grant to be used for fun day	Meet the teacher will be on August 28th. It will be set up outside for parents to meet their child's teacher and find out where their door will be on the first day of school. Parent council will provide \$200 towards purchasing popsicles to hand out. New executives will be voted on next year at the AGM. Chair, Secretary and Casino Chair. The \$500 grant will be used for the June 20th Fun Day at school. Parent volunteers have been invited to help run stations. The money will go towards bringing in No More Excuses to run Zumba and Pound classes.
6.0 Woodvale Report	- Did the school receive the matching grant cheque? - No it is still with Woodvale - 10 volunteers shifts per school years gives us \$5,000 towards our matching grant- we have had one volunteer for this 2024/25 school year. - Woodvale is looking how to help schools instead of sending gifts cards.... Any other ideas - Next year, we are looking at hosting community events and will be asking for donations such as socks, toiletries, gloves and tuques to give back to the schools. Any other ideas come to mind that are items in need?	The school will keep posting the Bingo's and other volunteer positions that Woodvale and asking for volunteers. 10 people need to work a Bingo or other event to reach our \$5,000 matching grant. 3 volunteers worked last year. We are still in the process of finding out how to obtain the grant money. Rosanne will reach out to Woodvale again.
7.0 Principal Report	Principal's Report to Parent Council – June 2025 <i>Blessed John Paul I Catholic School</i> Presented by: Rosanne Boutin, Principal	

	Dear Parent Council Members, It is with great joy and gratitude that I share an overview of the many meaningful activities and learning experiences that took place throughout the month of May, as well as highlights of upcoming events in June.	
	May Highlights ISA Certificate Ceremony – May 6 Our Grade 6 Spanish Language students were celebrated at Louis St. Laurent for completing their elementary Spanish bilingual programming. This marks an important milestone as they prepare for junior high. Carousel of Faith – May 9 Grade 6 students participated in a day of spiritual exploration and community with peers from across the division at Divine Mercy School, reflecting on their faith journeys as they prepare for transition. Grade 6 Camp Day Students enjoyed a day of outdoor adventure and team-building, creating lasting memories in one of their final elementary school field trips. EDIAR Classroom Visits with Shireen Shireen, our divisional EDIAR consultant, engaged with our Grade 1 and 2 students in classroom sharing circles focused on recognizing helpful vs. harmful language—part of our ongoing commitment to building inclusive, compassionate classrooms.	The certificates were given to Grade 6, 9 and 12 students who are in the program. Parent council provided payment for the bussing to LSL. Students had a great time going around to different stations. Camp was a full day out at Camp Yowochas from 8:30 am till 8pm. Tons of outdoor activities. Dinner was provided to the students. 4 teachers in attendance. Parent council provided the bussing (and will continue to do so each year coming)

	Art Start Afterschool Club Our afterschool art program wrapped up on May 30. Students showcased creativity and dedication throughout the weeks of hands-on projects. Newcomer After School Program Our Wednesday afterschool sessions for newcomer students will conclude next week. We are grateful for the opportunity to support their transition and growth in our school community. Rosary Celebration Under the leadership of Teresa, we gathered for a beautiful school-wide Rosary celebration during the month of Mary. It was a reflective and faith-filled experience for all. Fitset Ninja – May 27 & 28 Students had an exciting and active experience with Fitset Ninja, navigating obstacle courses and engaging in physical literacy challenges. Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) Grade 6 students have begun writing their PATs, with the first assessment completed on May 28. Remaining assessments will take place beginning June 12.	About 20 students enjoyed this after school program This program also had around 20 students who enjoyed interacting with the volunteers of this program. The students enjoyed games and snacks. Each student was provided with a Rosary from their classroom teacher so that they could follow along. The Rosary's remain in the classrooms so that they can be used each year, followong. Fantastic event. Every grade got to participate over the 2 days. The weather was great and all the students enjoyed the experience. ***May 30th*** Hispanic Cultural Day Lots of fun activities were planned by the Spanish bilingual teachers. Students enjoyed a full day of activities going around to different classroom stations learning about different hispanic cultures, games, art and activities. 25 parent volunteers came out to help run each station. Next year it will be held in October.
	June Activities and Looking Ahead Immunizations – June 11 Routine student immunizations will take place for eligible students. Staffing Updates We are currently in the midst of	

	staffing for the upcoming year. Any changes to our team will be communicated to families prior to the end of June. Kindergarten Orientation – June 5 We look forward to welcoming our newest families tomorrow during our Kindergarten Orientation and Open House. Summer Reading Presentation – June 18 The Edmonton Public Library will visit our school to promote summer reading and library programming, supporting literacy and engagement over the summer months. Fun Day – June 20 A full day of joy and movement is planned, including: ○ Zumba and Pound Fitness sessions with Cheryl Schneider from <i>No More Excuses</i>. ○ A variety of new physical games and equipment purchased through our Apple Schools Grant via Sport Factor, to be used both for Fun Day and in future PE classes. Year-End Assembly – June 25 Our final school-wide gathering will celebrate the year’s learning and growth, bid farewell to our Grade 6 students, and share in a moment of gratitude for our school community.	Fun day will also include Indigenous Day, which is June 21st. Indigenous games and activities will be added to the fun day schedule.

	Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership in nurturing faith, learning, and wellness at Blessed John Paul I School. With appreciation, Rosanne Boutin <i>Principal</i>	***School fees for next year have been reduced. Some activities have been removed or shortened to help struggling families keep up with rising costs. A printout of the fees was provided to participants at the meeting. All fees are posted on the School's website.
8.0 Next Meeting		To be determined
9.0 Adjournment	Adjourned at	6:52 pm

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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	Grade 6 Fundraising: Kernels popcorn 2025/2026 School Year: - Do we want to support the school with the purchase of student agendas? What account would this come out of? \$7.00/student	\$270.25 was made. Students were able to cover the cost of the pool for 2 hrs. \$220. and purchase pizza for afterwards.
5.0 Casino	No casino for the 2024/2025 school year Casino Chair for next year? Was the paperwork ever filed for our next casino dates?	
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)	Bus to Mass was brought to the table and the motion was approved by Heather and Brandi. Final invoice from the school to be provided so that Holly and Heather can sign cheques.
7.0 Next Meeting		To be determined - AGM
8.0 Adjournment	Adjourned at	7:30pm

Minutes by: Heather Gaymer, Secretary