

Blessed John Paul I School Advisory Council 25/26

Date: January 21, 2026 5:45 pm (in person and online)

Meeting: #1

Meeting chaired by: Brandi Sochr – Chair

Discussion Items	Agenda	Minutes
1.0 Call to Order	Meeting called to order at	5:48 pm
2.0 Prayer	prayer	Rosanne
3.0 Land acknowledgment	Land acknowledgment	Rosanne - Shared grade 2A Land Acknowledgment
4.0 Adopt Prev. Minutes and New Agenda	June minutes – posted on BJPI website Agenda for tonight's meeting – posted on BJPI website	Approved by Jennefer Guillen
5.0 Introductions of outgoing council members and parents who are in attendance.	Brandi Sochr – Chair Heather Gaymer – Secretary Melissa Doroshenko – Vice Chair Holly Van Dyk – Treasurer	
5.1 Introduction of ECSD Support team for parent council	Jolene Thompson Kim Street	
6.0 Election/New Committee Formed	Tonight, our AGM and elections for the 2025-2026 school year. All positions are up for election each year. As Chair, I will be passing the meeting to the principal, who will announce each position. The principal will name each position and repeat it three times to allow for additional nominations. Anyone wishing to stand for a position can state their name at that time. If more than two people run for position, we will hold a secret ballot to ensure fairness. The Chair does not vote during these elections unless there is a tie.	<p>Chair – This position is vacant. Two names were put forward Lily Benitez and Mellisa Doroshenko. Lily and Mellisa agreed to Lily taking the chair position. Lily Benitez was selected as Chair.</p> <p>Vice Chair – This Position is vacant. Mellisa Doroshenko will stay in the Vice Chair position. No other names were brought forward.</p> <p>Treasurer – This position is vacant. One name came forward. Jennefer Guillen was selected as Treasurer.</p> <p>Secretary – This position is vacant. One name came forward. Monica Tinajero was selected as Secretary.</p>

<p>7.0 Principal Report</p>	<p>Transportation Update</p> <p>We continue to work closely with Edmonton Catholic Schools Transportation Services to ensure safe and accessible arrival/dismissal routines for our families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Assigned Bus Spaces: We now have assigned spaces for buses at the front of the school to improve traffic flow and student safety during pick-up and drop-off. • Consolidated Bus Roster: This year, we have 4 buses assigned to our school instead of 10, helping streamline routes and reduce congestion. • Handicapped Zone: A designated handicapped parking area has been marked in front of the school to better support parents and students with accessibility needs. • Curbside Bus Signage: We have visible signage for the bus zone to clarify where buses will stop and keep students safe during transitions. <p>Thank you to families for your continued patience and cooperation during these adjustments.</p> <p>3. PC Grant Update</p> <p>We are pleased to confirm that through the PC Grant we will be receiving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new refrigerator and freezer to support student nutrition programs and food-related learning experiences. <p>This equipment will enhance our ability to safely store and distribute food for student well-being and will support future classroom work in nutrition and life skills.</p> <p>4. Student Learning Highlights</p> <p>Throughout the year, our newsletters and communications have shared many examples of growth and learning across grades. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith in Action: Students engaged in liturgical celebrations, prayer, and service-oriented 	
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activities that reflect our Catholic identity and mission.

- Academic Engagement: Teachers shared evidence of growth in literacy and numeracy through classroom projects, assessments, and differentiated learning tasks.

- Spanish Bilingual Programming: Ongoing development in our Spanish bilingual classes continues to deepen language acquisition and cultural appreciation.

- Spanish Language Assistant, Andrea was with us from November 3 to January 15th. She was providing extra support to our Division II Spanish classes, working with small groups. She also visited all classes and did a cultural presentation on the Dia de los Reyes.

- Spanish Bilingual Mass took place on December 12, 2025. All Spanish Bilingual schools from CSD attended. Some of our students participated in the procession with traditional dress and reading.

- Spanish Bilingual Certificate ceremony will take place at Lumen Cristi. There will be one ceremony for the division.

5. Calendar Highlights (January)

From our school calendar this month, key events have included:

- Dental Hygiene & Fluoride Clinic

- Presentations & Activities – Alberta Musical Theatre came out at the beginning of January.

- School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

- ECSD Parent Surveys Due – Families encouraged to complete division surveys to provide feedback on student experience.

- Grade 6 students are starting to have presentations from local junior high schools as they think about what school and program they want to attend next year.

- January Summary Reports go live on January 27

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Concert for Grades 4 –6 on January 28 at 6:30pm. <p>6. Looking Ahead</p> <p>As we continue through the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will remain focused on high-quality instruction and inclusive learning for all students. • Further engagement with families will continue through open houses, classroom events, and communications. • We will use survey data to refine teaching, pastoral care, and programming priorities. <p>9. Thank You</p> <p>Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and our School Council for your collaborative spirit, faith-filled support, and commitment to student success</p>	
8.0 Woodvale Report	There is currently no parent representative for Woodvale	Bingo dates are posted on the BJPI Website. Volunteers from the parent Community who work bingo's help towards the \$10,000 matching grant.
9.0 Adjournment	Adjourned at	6:41 pm
		Next meeting tentatively set for March 18, 2026

Blessed John Paul I School Society - Minutes

Date: January 21, 2026 6:41 pm (in-person and online)

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Discussion Items	Agenda	Minutes
1.0 Call to Order	Meeting called to order at	6:41 pm
2.0 Adopt Prev. Minutes and Agenda		Approved by Jennefer
3.0 Treasurer Report	General Account: Casino Account:	\$9,335.58 \$42,000.00 Jason Street (part of ECSD team) is currently working on the annual return.
4.0 Casino update	Casino Chair is currently vacant.	The AGLC review has been completed and approved. The approval use of proceeds needs to be reviewed, and wording changed before next report to AGLC. Casino date will be confirmed at a later date. We are scheduled to get a casino for 2027 at Pure Casino, tentatively for March 2027.
5.0 Bylaws	Bylaws have been shortened and updated,	New Bylaws will be adopted at the next meeting.
6.0 Administration Funding Requests	Wishlist 2025 - 2026- Casino Account 1. Alberta Musical Theatre Company - \$997.50 2. Zumba with Cheryl from No More Excuses - Full day \$900 3. Busses for Mass - \$504.00 4. Ama Patrol Picnic Bus - \$238 5. Grade 6 Camp Bus - \$600	

	<p>6. 5 Teacher Desktop Computers (3 from the beginning of the year and 2 more this year) \$12000</p> <p>7. FM Systems - \$4000</p> <p>8. Gym Projector - \$5000</p> <p>9. Wood for Drama Cubes -\$500</p> <p>Total: \$24,751.50</p> <p>Wishlist 2025- 2026 – General Account</p> <p>Clothing Uniforms (T-Shirts) with New Logo- \$8 each</p> <p>\$2800 total</p>	
7.0 Motions	<p>New signing authority for baking</p> <p>Motioned to hold 4 parent council meetings per school year, scheduled 2 months apart.</p>	<p>It has been motioned to have new signing authority for all Servus Bank accounts. It has been approved that council will now have 3 positions on for signing and online authority.</p> <p>Signing authority given to: Jennefer Guillen – Treasurer Lily Benitez – Chair Monica Tinajero - Secretary</p>
8.0 Adjournment and Next meeting set	Adjourned at	<p>7:17pm</p> <p>Next meeting is tentatively set for March 18, 2026</p>

Minutes by: Heather Gaymer, Secretary