

Blessed John Paul I
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
(2026 / 2027)

Date: September 23, 2026 5:45pm

Meeting: #1

Location: Blessed John Paul I School

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

Meeting chaired by: Lilibeth Benitez - Chair

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	Agenda Item		Time
1.-	Call to Order	Chair Lily called the meeting to order.	5:45 pm
2.-	Prayer - Treaty 6	Prayer shared by Rosanne. Treaty 6 shared by Olivia.	5:46 pm
3.-	Approval of Agenda	Monica motioned to approve the agenda of today's meeting. Jen seconded. Motion carried.	5:48 pm
4.-	Approval of Previous Minutes	Monica motioned to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Jen seconded. Motion carried.	5:49 pm
5.-	Welcome / Introductions		5:50 pm

The School Council welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the 2026–2027 school year and expressed appreciation for the continued support of the school community. An overview of the role of the School Council was provided, including its collaboration with school administration to support students, families, and the school community. It was explained that School Council meetings provide an opportunity for parents to share feedback, discuss school needs, and explore ways parents can contribute through volunteering, events, and other initiatives.

6.-	Board Members for the 2026-2027 School Year	5:54 pm
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The returning School Council Board Members for the 2026–2027 school year were introduced. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer will continue serving in their respective roles:

- **Chair:** Lilibeth Benitez
- **Vice-Chair:** Melissa Doroshenko
- **Secretary:** Monica Tinajero
- **Treasurer:** Jennefer Guillen

The Council expressed its intention to continue working as a team and building on the initiatives and accomplishments from the previous school year.

7.-	Principal Report	5:56 pm
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7.1 School Updates - Principal Rosanne Boutin

- **Enrollment:** Approximately **305** students are enrolled from Kindergarten to Grade 6. The school is hoping to increase Kindergarten registrations.
- **New PACK Identity:** The new PACK logo and identity were officially launched, with the values of Perseverance, Accountability, Compassion, and Kindness being incorporated throughout the school. Our Religious Consultant is also supporting classrooms in connecting these values with leadership.
- **Supporting Student Success:** Alberta Education funding provided a **Complexity Teacher** position to support students with complex behavioural needs and strengthen inclusive practices. A **Classroom Reduction Grant** also allowed the Grade 3 Spanish Bilingual classes to be divided into two smaller classes. This has created more opportunities for individualized support and enhanced learning experiences for students.
- **Faith Formation and School Theme:** The school theme centres around the book **Be a Good Ancestor** and the broader theme of **Joy**, including the **Joyful Mysteries**. As part of our School Education Plan, we are intentionally working to make our faith more visible throughout the school community. Plans include the annual **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass** in December and a **whole-school Teaching Mass** at Corpus Christi Parish in the spring.
- **Playground Improvements:** Additional wood chips were added throughout the playground areas to ensure appropriate safety surfacing around equipment. And also the sand in our playground sandpit was replenished to enhance outdoor play during recess and outdoor learning opportunities..
- **Traffic and Safety:** The school continues to work with City Bylaw Services regarding traffic concerns, particularly jaywalking and keeping bus lanes clear. Families are encouraged to report unsafe traffic behaviour to 311.
- **Teaching and Learning:** A key focus this year is helping students develop greater ownership of their learning through productive struggle, perseverance, resilience, problem-solving, and confidence. The upcoming Professional Development Day will support staff in implementing these strategies.
- **ECSD Optimal Learning Framework:** The school will use the Optimal Learning Framework to guide its School Education Plan and continuous improvement. This framework helps align the school goals, classroom practices, and student outcomes while ensuring that all learners are supported to thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Elements of the **Optimal Learning**

Framework will also be shared with families through newsletters and the annual parent survey to strengthen the home-school partnership.

- **Student Conduct Policy:** The updated Student Conduct Policy has been posted on the school website and reflects new Alberta legislation, with expectations focused on a safe, caring, respectful, and welcoming environment.
- **Literacy and Numeracy Screening:** Screening is currently underway, with data due to Alberta Education by **October 9**. Parents can expect results within six weeks after submission. **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will take place in November in place of the Demonstration of Learning format. These conferences will provide valuable opportunities for focused discussions about student progress in literacy and numeracy, as well as collaborative goal setting between teachers, students, and families.
- **Student Activities:**
 - School Opening Liturgy and PACK/Logo launch on September 21.
 - Terry Fox Run on September 24.
 - Picture Day on October 6 (will include both individual and class photos).
 - Retakes are scheduled in January.
 - Read-IN Week from October 5 to October 9.
 - The School Leadership Team is underway and led by Sra. Melara
- **Student Clubs:**
 - Grade 6 Volleyball Tryouts are coming up on October 5 and 7.
 - Grade 4-6 Running Club participated in the X-Country Run on Sept. 22.

7.2 Spanish Bilingual Updates - Assistant Principal Olivia Hernandez

- The school welcomed visiting teacher Srita. Vanessa Ferrer Arin, who is teaching Grade 3. David Lorca, a Spanish Language Assistant, will join in October to support students' oral communication.
- **Upcoming Spanish Bilingual activities:**
 - October – School-wide activities celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.
 - November 19 – Fun Day at Commonwealth Stadium for Grade 5.
 - December 14 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass.
 - June 2 – Spanish Certificate Ceremony at Lumen Christi.
 - The Spanish Folkloric Dance group will continue, with plans to expand to a Grade 4–5 group.

8.-	Old Business, New Business, Pending Business	6:09 pm
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8.1 Old Business.

- **None**

8.2 New Business.

1. Proposal of Events and Activities for the 26/27 School Year

The School Council presented a list of initiatives proposed for the 2026–2027 school year to provide engaging experiences for students and strengthen the school community. These initiatives would require financial support from the Fundraising Society. The proposed activities included:

- Alien In-Line Skating
- Zumba – No More Excuses
- Christmas Movie
- Shrove Tuesday Pancakes
- Family Glow Dance or Movie Night
- Staff Appreciation Lunch
- Parent Appreciation Day
- End-of-Year Fun Day with Mini Legends

It was noted that each proposed activity will be reviewed, and the initiatives to be supported will be determined through the Fundraising Society.

2. Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant

The School Council reviewed the **Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant**, through which the Government of Alberta provides **\$500** to every active School Council to support initiatives that strengthen **parent engagement**.

During the previous school year, the grant was used to purchase a **roll-up banner** and **500 brochures** to help parents learn more about the BJP1 School Council, its role, and ways to get involved.

The School Council's **Annual Report** was successfully submitted to the ECSD Board of Trustees, summarizing the Council's membership, activities throughout the 2025–2026 school year, and the use of the ASCE Grant funding.

For the 2026–2027 school year, the Council will review possible ideas and determine how the \$500 grant can be used in a meaningful way to support parent engagement and School Council initiatives.

8.3 Pending Business. None.

9.-	Next Meeting Date	6:18 pm
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9.1 The date for the next meeting was established and will take place on:

- **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**

10.-	Adjournment	6:19 pm
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10.1 Lily motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm. Motion carried.

Blessed John Paul I
FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING
(2026 / 2027)

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Meeting chaired by: Lilibeth Benitez - Chair

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	Agenda Item		Time
1.-	Call to Order	Chair Lily called the meeting to order.	6:20 pm
2.-	Approval of Agenda	Jen motioned to approve the agenda of today's meeting. Monica seconded. Motion carried.	6:21 pm
3.-	Highlights from 2025-2026 School Year		6:22 pm

The Fundraising Society reviewed the fundraising efforts from the 2025–2026 school year. Despite a shortened timeline, several successful initiatives were organized:

- **Bottle Drive:** Raised **\$1,156.30** in April.
- **Popcorn Sale:** Generated **\$489.02** in profit from selling popcorn bags for \$2 each.
- **Papa John's Pizza:** Raised **\$242.26** through two pizza night weekends in April and May.
- **Cobs Bread:** Donated **\$45** from the purchases made by families who mentioned our school at their Harvest Pointe location.
- **Healthy Hunger Program:** Generated **\$808.65** through four lunch deliveries.
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Together, these initiatives generated a total of **\$2,741.23** to support our school community.

The Society also highlighted how fundraising proceeds were used to support students and the school, including transportation for school activities and Mass, a musical theatre performance, Zumba sessions, teacher desktop computers, FM systems, and a gym projector.

Appreciation was expressed to the families, staff, volunteers, and community members whose support contributed to the success of these initiatives. The importance of continuing to strengthen communication, parent involvement, and opportunities for families to contribute to the school community was also emphasized.

4.-	Financial Report - Jennefer Guillen	6:27 pm
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4.1 Accounts Balances

As of September 23, the accounts holdings are:

- **Casino Account:** \$33,210.29
- **General Account:** \$8,760.38

4.2 Transactions

4.2.1 Income (funds in since last meeting)

- Papa Johns: **\$242.26** to GA
- Flip Give: **\$91.31** to GA

4.2.2 Expenses (funds out since last meeting)

- Teacher appreciation lunch: **\$720.88** from GA
- NFP Canada (Insurance): **\$1,597.00** from GA
- Alberta Musical Theatre: **\$997.50** from CA
- No More Excuses: **\$1,050.00** from CA
- Bussing: **\$1,288.35** from CA
- FM System: **\$3,087.24** from CA
- Gym Projector: **\$3,885.61** from CA

4.3 AGLC Report

Our Casino Financial Report covering the period of **March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026** was submitted and reviewed by AGLC. The financial review requirements for this reporting period have been met.

4.4 Insurance Renewal

The Society's insurance renewal process was finalized on **September 20, 2026**. The annual insurance premium is **\$1,597**, and payment has been completed.

5.-	Bingo Report - Melissa Doroshenko	6:32 pm
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5.1 Updates.

- An update was provided on the **Woodvale Community League** Matching Grant Program, which helps fund the purchase of items for students. Volunteers are required to cover **bingo shifts** on behalf of Blessed John Paul I School. Each completed shift provides **\$500** toward the matching grant, up to **\$5,000**.

- During the previous school year, all 10 required bingo shifts were covered, allowing the school to receive the full \$5,000 matching grant, which helped fund document cameras and projectors for classrooms.
- The scheduled bingo dates for the 2026–2027 school year have been received.
- Of the 10 available shifts, 2 have already been covered, leaving 8 shifts pending.
- Appreciation was expressed to all volunteers who have supported the bingo program and encouraged continued parent and community participation to maximize this funding opportunity.

6.-	Casino Report	6:34 pm
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6.1 Updates.

- The next **Casino Night at Pure Casino** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21, 2027**. This is the school's largest fundraising event and is held approximately every two years. Funds raised through the casino provide significant financial support for the school and help fund needs and initiatives over the following two years.
- **The Casino Coordinator position remains vacant.** The Coordinator will be responsible for communicating with Pure Casino, coordinating the volunteers required to cover the casino shifts, ensuring volunteers are prepared and fulfilling their assigned duties, and overseeing the overall organization and successful completion of the event.
- A successful casino can generate approximately **\$70,000**, which can support initiatives such as field trips and bussing, school equipment and resources, student programs and activities, and other initiatives that directly benefit students.
- **Anyone interested in taking on this role and helping coordinate this event please reach out at blessedjohnpaul1sac@gmail.com**

7.-	Fundraising Committee	6:39 pm
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7.1 Fundraising ideas.

- The Fundraising Committee reviewed the fundraising plans for the upcoming school year. Four fundraisers were selected to be organized throughout the year, with the goal of generating funds to support students, school activities, and initiatives.

The selected fundraisers are:

- **Bottle Drive**
- **Popcorn Sale / Hot Dog Lunch**
- **Glow Dance / Movie Night**
- **50/50 Raffle**

- Dates and specific details for each fundraiser will be established, including timelines, volunteer responsibilities, materials and supplies needed, and other arrangements required for successful implementation.

7.2 Healthy Hunger Program: Dates for the upcoming Healthy Hunger hot lunches have not yet been set. The following action items were identified:

- Contact participating restaurants and set up the dates and menus.
- Schedule hot lunches **biweekly** preferably on **Fridays**, keeping the same day of the week throughout the school year. Having a consistent schedule will make it easier for families to remember and plan for upcoming hot lunches.
- Once the dates are set, send a **letter to families** explaining the Healthy Hunger program, especially for new families, including instructions on how to set up an account, the upcoming hot lunches, delivery dates and order deadlines.
- Send a **reminder** to families one day before each **order deadline**. Consistent reminders can help families remember to place their orders on time and support more consistent participation in the program.

7.3 Partnerships with Local Businesses:

- **Cobs Bread.** We will continue this partnership with Cobs Bread at **Harvest Pointe**. The bakery donates **5%** of purchases to the school when families mention Blessed John Paul I School at the time of purchase.
- **Papa John's.** We will be hosting the Papa John's Pizza Night Fundraiser three times throughout the school year. This partnership provides an easy and convenient way for families to support the school while enjoying a meal together. Proposed pizza night weekends are:
 - **October:** Saturday, October 24 & Sunday, October 25
 - **January:** Saturday, January 23 & Sunday, January 24
 - **May:** Saturday, May 29 & Sunday, May 30

8.-	Funding Requests	6:55 pm
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8.1 Updates.

- The Fundraising Society has received the **2026–2027 Wishlist** from the School Administration outlining items and initiatives for which funding support is being requested.

8.2 Casino Account - Wishlist 2026/2027

1. Buses for Mass – \$1,400
2. AMA Patrol Picnic Bus – \$238
3. Grade 6 Camp Bus – \$600

4. Hispanic Cultural Week – \$7,000
5. Alien In-Line – \$7,000
6. Classrooms Desks and Chairs – \$7,000
7. Playground Wood Chips and Sand – \$5,362.80
8. Mini Legends Field Day – \$1,500
9. FM Systems or Projector – \$3,000

Total Requested: \$33,100.80

8.3 General Account - Wishlist 2026/2027

1. T-Shirts with new Logo – \$2,800 (\$8 ea)

Total Requested: \$2,800.00

9.-	Motions	7:05 pm
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#1. Monica motioned to approve funding the administration Wishlist fro the 2026-2027 School Year. The motion was seconded by Jen. Motion carried.

10.-	Next Meeting Date	7:07 pm
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- **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**

11.-	Adjournment	7:08 pm
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10.1 Lily motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. Motion carried.