

**St. Paul School  
School Council Meeting  
March 18, 2026  
6:30 PM**

*Location: St. Paul Catholic Elementary School*

***Attendees:***

***Executive*** - Christine Meadows, Carlene McTague, Jazz Widner, Audrey Hanna

***Administration:*** Mrs. Carr-Jeschke (Principal), Mrs. McNamee (Assistant Principal)

***Members:*** Jen Lafferty, Simon Kursa, Alana Comartin, Jenelle Gartner, Meagan & Lucas  
Bochsler, Erin Kirby, Nicole Kirshaw

**1. Call to Order – Chair**

Time started - 6:36 PM

**2. Welcome – Chair**

**3. Introductions – Chair**

**4. Prayer & Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement – Vice Chair**

**5. Approval of March 18, 2026 Agenda – Chair**

Motion Approved - Simon Kursa

Second - Alana Comartin

**6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2026 – Chair**

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**7. Administration Report – Principal**

○ **ECSD Annual Report Survey Results 2024-2025**

*Students: (100% students surveyed in 4-6)*

Some discrepancies:

- in how students are growing in Literacy and Numeracy. To help support, there are Numeracy and Literacy class supports.

*(Suggestion: Reading Stars - possibility of supporting Literacy)*

- Extra Curricular Activities - These activities can include residencies and not just clubs

- Looking at a more formal way of expressing their opinions about their school is

Parents (15% of parents 4-6):

Some discrepancies:

- Certain language now in Principal Memo
- Literacy/Numeracy Support through MDT - girls group
- FSLW supports families who need it/request it
  - Mental health referrals as well
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- **PAT Exam Schedule May/June 2026**
  - Parent Guide on Alberta Education Website
  - Dates: **Friday, May 22** - ELA Part A  
**Thursday, June 4** - ELA Part B  
**Thursday, June 11** - Social Studies  
**Friday, June 12** - Science  
**Monday, June 15** - Math Part A  
**Thursday, June 18** - Math Part B
- **2026-2027 Enrolment Update**
  - Approximately 225 students
  - 96 % Capacity
- **Programming at St. Paul**
  - Access to education is an inclusive support through the grade-level curriculum
  - (All Students) Learning experiences through many avenues (New Division model for a student called Portrait of a Graduate)
    - These include the following
      - Catholic & Spiritual Identity
      - Character & Wellness
      - Academic Life Skills
      - Communication and Collaboration
  - This concept of the Portrait of a Graduate is to help ensure students have optimal learning - Flexible Learning Spaces, Joy and Rigour, & Focus on Needs
  - **Event Updates:**
    - Open House went really well. Lots of interest in both regular programming & GATE
    - Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday were well received
    - Pink Shirt Day -Meaningful and had connections to why we wear a pink shirt and the meaning behind the day

- Demo/Book Fair - A very busy & successful evening
  - Run Wild Pep Rally - Good Presentation & made connections for health/safety
  - Intramurals - A hit!
  - Cartoonist - Wonderful to see connections to Social Studies and Art
  - Inquiring Minds - 2/3 (City Hall) & 6 (Leg)- Very engaging
  - Irish Dancers - 3rd year, and is wonderful to see St. Paul students participate
  - Winter Carnival - was nice to learn about French Culture
  - Bell Let's Talk Day - Nice to see students make connections & ask questions
- **IMR Meeting Recap (seeding and pavement by tarmac)**
    - Tarmac - recommend a hard gravel/shale combination - looking at Division to cover the cost
    - Grass in Summer - Connected with Custodial Services to request more grass maintenance over the summer months
    - *Suggestion for 2/3 to present a plan for snow removal/help with the ice when the sidewalk is melting*
- **Art Cards by Kids Update**
    - Designs due March 25
    - Proofs will be ready after Spring Break for orders
    - Should be received by mid-late April
- **Scholastic Book Fair 2026 Update**
    - This year \$5390.67
    - 2025 - \$4,433.36
    - 2024 - \$3,451.81
    - \$2500 in Scholastic Dollars to purchase new books. Homeroom and Library have been asked to put together wish lists
- **Residencies 2026-2027**
    - Dance Residency (Groovebox)
    - Trickster Theater (Drama)
    - Fitset Ninja
    - Writing Residency - Marty Chan
    - Art Residency
    - Music Residency (2027/2028)

Looking at setting a set amount of money towards each year being set each year for the school to choose a residence

- **Calendar of Events (May-June)**

**8. All Other/New Business**

No New Business

**9. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment – Chair**

End of meeting - 7:27pm

Next Meeting: May 20th, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

**St. Paul School**  
**St. Paul Parent Advisory Association**  
**March 18, 2026 (Post School Council)**

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**4. Treasurer Report – Treasurer**

- Nothing new to report. Still waiting on Casino 2026 Funds  
Casino balance of \$22,090.43 must be spent prior to May 2027
- Healthy Hunger is the biggest fundraiser to date

**5. Casino Update – Simon Kursa**

- Everything went well
- **\*\*Cannot use “angels” in key positions. Key positions (5) are supposed to be a part of the school\*\***
- Ideas on how to generate parent interest
  - Pizza party for the kids whose parents are volunteers
- **Over 30% were not a part of the St. Paul Community**
- Have more than one person on recruiting
- We can have anyone who is within the St. Paul Community. It cannot be “outside” people - especially in key positions. St. Paul Community can include family members i.e.: grandparents
- Need to figure out how to split the shift differently
- Possibility to shuffle positions/time of shift around when recruiting is difficult

- Raffle a Gift Card for the parents who volunteered - Alberta School Board sent \$75.00 Tim Horton's turn out

## **6. Committee Reports**

- **Oilers Watch Party - Jenelle Gartner**
  - Order Forms will be sent out this week (tickets)
  - Donations are coming in
  - Will send out Volunteer List
  - Hunter is secured (will be there at the beginning)
  - Photo Booth secured
  - Alana Comartin has helped sponsor the event

## **7. Funding Requests**

- Phys ed equipment top up (additional \$1500)
- New computer for school library (\$1300)
- At home reading supports for UFLY - (estimate \$1000 cost - 2026-2027 school year)

**Tabled until next meeting - No Members at Large in Attendance**

## **8. New Business**

- Need for a new casino fundraiser lead for the upcoming casino term-  
**Covered/Done**

## **9. Motion to end**

Called at 7:58 pm

## **10. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment – Chair: May 20th, 2026 @ 6:30 pm**