

St. Paul School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM in person at St. Paul Catholic School

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

Attendees: Christine Meadows, Dusica Radojcic, Jen Lafferty, Kathy Grozic, Carlene McTague, Nicole Sehn, Jenna Sdao, Tracy Esch, Simon Kursa

1. Call to Order 6:33 PM – KCJ
 - Prayer – KCJ
 - Land Acknowledgement – KCJ
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - Motion to start the meeting
 - Motion: Kathy Grozic; Seconded: Jenna Sado
 - Motion of Minutes (Feb 19, 2025)
 - Motion: Jen Lafferty; Seconded: Simon Kursa
3. Administration Report – KCJ
 - Open House – We had strong interest in our Open House and registration for the upcoming school year is strong. We have been unable to accept non-resident students.
 - Grace for the Heart and Soul – This year’s initiative was delivered to St. Francis of Assisi.
 - Bell times will remain the same for the upcoming school year. Kindergarten will continue to dismiss at 11:28 AM. School is exploring a more intentional afternoon break around 2:00–2:05 PM. Staff are encouraged to incorporate outdoor learning when weather permits. Students have adjusted well to the current schedule, which aligns with practices in many other schools.
 - Registration Numbers – We are still accepting applications for 100 Voices. There will be one Kindergarten class for 2025–2026, with an anticipated total enrolment of 223 students. Staffing is currently underway; class breakdowns by grade will be shared by mid-June. We are planning for a Grade 2/3 GATE cohort and are considering a GATE cohort for upper grades. Class assignment letters will be sent to families in due course.
 - PATs start next week and continue into June.
 - Calendar Events
 - Parent appreciation on May 30 – after school
 - Fun Day is June 13. Enough volunteers.
 - Year End and Farewell Mass for Grade students is June 16, candle ceremony between the Kindergarteners and Grade 6.
 - Talent Show is June 24
 - Last Day of school is June 25

- Friday emails will have details about each Grade's year-end field trip
 - Supply lists will be available on the school website in June. While the school will not link directly to a specific vendor, families can access their child's list through schoolstart.ca by selecting the appropriate school and grade.
 - St. Paul participated in the Division's Core Audit. Although no formal report has been issued yet, the feedback was very positive.
 - Programming Timelines – Class configurations and teacher assignments will be shared in mid-June.
 - GATE Information Night: A GATE-specific Meet the Staff and information session is scheduled for September 8.
 - Whole-School Meet the Staff: The school-wide Meet the Staff evening will take place on September 10 at 6:30 PM
 - Grade 6 Farewell:
 - Theme: The Future is Bright
 - Fundraising Activities: Candy Grams, Freezie Fridays, and two bottle drives.
 - Purpose: Funds raised help cover the cost of year-end field trips, including Camp Yowochas and Snow Valley Aerial Park.
 - Support: SAC has contributed \$800, and a private donation has covered the lunch.
 - Volunteers: Assistance is needed for setup and cleanup.
4. New Business
- From Nicole Shehn, Student Broadcasting: can we do it again? Took a lot of time out of the classroom to do it. Looking at reducing the frequency of reports. Find something more manageable. Friday broadcasts? Staff talked about it and will continue the conversation.
 - From Nicole Sehn, Can Beyblades be played after school? Yes, Students may play with Beyblades after school, but they are not permitted during instructional hours.

Motion to End 7:16 PM: Jen Lafferty; Seconded: Dusica Radojcic

St. Paul Advisory Association

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, following School Council Meeting in person at St. Paul School

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

Attendees: Christine Meadows, Dusica Radojcic, Jen Lafferty, Kathy Grozic, Carlene McTague, Nicole Sehn, Jenna Sdao, Tracy Esch, Simon Kursa

1. Motion to Call to Order (May 21, 2025 at 7:16 PM)

Motion: Carlene McTague, Seconded Jenna Sdao – Approved.

2. Treasurer Report:

- Purdy's 1,096 (maybe only do one next year), Oilers Watch Party – \$6,900, huge success

- Our Fundraising Goal for this school year was to raise \$10,000. We met that goal.
- Casino – when is our next one? Could find out in the Fall for a Spring date.
 - i. Needs to be spend 35K, by Feb 2026
 - ii. Living Wall/Fish – Fish is popular with the kids, especially with regulation. We will pay it for as long as we have the funds
 - iii. Could we put money towards a library refresh? Computer is good, books are good, but how do we organize it.
- 3. Staff Appreciation Day – Majority of the cost is the luncheon and gift. Raised more than last year.
- 4. Healthy Hunger Succession Plan in place
- 5. Ideas for next year – Art Residency
- 6. Class Lists, is there for FOIP-friendly way to do with it?

Motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM – Motion Jenna Sdao. Second: Jen Lafferty