

St. Paul School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2025 (following School Council Meeting)

Location: St. Paul Catholic Elementary School

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

Attendees: Christine Meadows, Dusica Radojcic, Jen Lafferty, Kathy Grozic, Carlene McTague, Jazz Widner, Sarah Ryner, Audrey Hanna, Jenn Mich, Kirsti Abram, Alicia Drytriuk, Robin Scheelar

1. Call to Order at 6:33 PM

- Chairperson: Carlene McTague
- Prayer – Mrs. Carr-Jeschke
- Land Acknowledgement – Mrs. McNamee

2. Attendance: (see above)

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Sarah Ryner
- Moved by: Dusica Radojcic
- Seconded by: Kathy Grozic
- Result: Carried

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion: Sarah Ryner
- Moved by: Carlene McTague
- Seconded by: Kathy Grozic
- Result: Carried

5. Principal's Report (Administration Report):

- School Theme: This year's book is ["Come With Me" by Holly M. McGhee](#), focusing on the link between bravery and hope.
- Division Plan: Year 3 of the Division Plan for Continuous Growth. A new plan will be developed with input from School Councils at COSC on November 18.
- School Priorities ("Big Rocks"): Mental Health and Wellness, Professional Learning, Living our Faith, Assessment, Literacy and Numeracy, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE). Planning for next year has begun.
- Enrolment: 225 students (254 including 100 Voices at the Zoo). 36 students in GATE.
- Assessment: Assignments will be posted in [PowerSchool](#) throughout the year, not just final marks. Parents encouraged to review [achievement criteria](#).

- KCJ asked for feedback about continuing with printing paper copies. SAC recommends printing January and June summary reports.
- Communication: Friday emails will continue in 2025-2026, now shorter based on parent feedback. Friday folders will go home 1–2 times per month. Follow St. Paul on Instagram [@st.paul_ecsd](#).
- Events and Calendar Highlights:
 - Fall Break: Nov 10-12
 - **Demo of Learning: Nov 27, 1–5 PM (drop-in format, no appointment needed)**
 - Read-a-Thon: Nov 17-21
 - ECSD Dream Builders Challenge Movie afternoon is Nov 28
 - Christmas Event: Dec 18 (A Cozy St. Paul Christmas with pancake breakfast and classroom songs)
 - PD Day Nov 28 cancelled; will be rescheduled in the new year
 - No school: Feb 25-27 (PD and Teachers' Convention); May 15 (Victoria Day Long Weekend)
- More on Christmas Event: Dec 18 (A Cozy St. Paul Christmas with pancake breakfast and classroom songs)
 - Decision to cancel this year's evening Christmas concert performance at the church.
 - Not enough time to prepare students for a formal performance.
 - Instead, a Cozy St. Paul Christmas with a pancake breakfast and classroom songs.
 - Pancake breakfast volunteers recommend starting breakfast a bit early to allow for the setup of music.
- New Social Justice Project: Collecting items for hampers for [CFDL families](#) (school for students with complex needs). More info coming in the principal memo. This is where Mrs. Zahary and Mrs. Almquist are now working and they've identified a need for their families.
- 12 Days of Christmas will continue this year.
- Positive feedback from teachers about Remembrance Day Celebration. Students were very respectful and lots to be proud of.
- School Budget: Last year's deficit was just over \$54,000; expecting improvement this year.

6. School Council for the 2025-2026 School Year

- a. Chair – Carlene McTague
 - i. Alicia Drytriuk
 - ii. Jen Lafferty seconds
- b. Co-Chair – Christine Meadows
 - i. Kathy Grozic nominates

- ii. Kirsti Abram seconds
- c. Secretary – Jazz Widner
 - i. Alicia Drytriuk Nominates
 - ii. Sarah Ryner Seconds
- d. Treasurer – Audrey Hannah
 - i. Jen Lafferty nominates
 - ii. Jenn Mich seconds
- e. Members at Large: Sarah Ryner, Jenn Mich, Kirsti Abram, Alicia Drytriuk, Robin Scheelar

7. New Business

- Edmonton Catholic Schools is starting the process to develop the next Division Plan for Continuous Growth (2026–2029). Administration and two School Council Executive members are invited to attend the Community of School Councils (COSC) session on November 18, 2025, 6:00-8:30 PM at Leadership Hall, Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre. The session will include presentations, guided conversations, and an opportunity to share school priorities with the Board of Trustees. Feedback will help shape Division priorities for the new plan.
 - Carlene and Jazz are checking schedules to see if they can attend
 - Our members at large would be interested as well if we need backup.

8. Questions / Open Forum

n/a

9. Next Meeting (TBD)

10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 7:26 PM: Carlene McTague
- Moved by: Alicia Drytriuk
- Seconded by: Sarah Ryner
- Result: Carried

St. Paul Parent Advisory Association Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2025 (following School Council Meeting)

Location: St. Paul Catholic Elementary School

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

Attendees: Christine Meadows, Jen Lafferty, Kathy Grozic, Carlene McTague, Jazz Widner, Sarah Ryner, Audrey Hanna, Jenn Mich, Kirsti Abram, Alicia Drytriuk, Robin Scheelar

1. Call to Order at 7:28 PM

- Chairperson: Carlene McTague

2. Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Audrey Hannah
- Moved by: Jen Lafferty
- Seconded by: Carlene McTague
- Result: Carried

3. Treasurer's Report

- Revenue: \$16,000
- Casino funds: \$29,160 (72 months to spend; restrictions apply)
- General account: \$30,000 (goal to maintain balance by spending \$10,000 and raising \$10,000)
- Fundraising results:
 - Oilers Watch Party: \$7,937
 - Healthy Hunger: \$2,800
 - Purdy's: \$1,096
 - Staff Appreciation: \$1,700
- Question raised regarding Grade 6 Farewell funding. Costs to go to Camp Yowochas have increased.

4. Principal Requests – (see slides from meeting)

- From Casino Fund (\$28,720):
 - \$20 per student for field trips linked to learning outcomes
 - 5 new Chromebooks
 - Specialized field trips (Inquiring Minds)
 - \$15 per student for ski trip (Rabbit Hill)
 - School residencies (Sportball, Dance Ed this year)
 - Outdoor classroom maintenance
 - Living wall/aquarium
 - Recess equipment top-up
 - Grade 6 camp (individual costs have gone up)
 - School art supplies
 - MDT items
- General Fund (\$9,100):
 - School-wide activities
 - Staff appreciation
 - Fun Day/hot dog lunch
 - Christmas breakfast

- Grade 6 farewell
- Social justice projects
- Art supplies
- Discussion:
 - Explore grants for living wall/aquarium (Carlene/Christine to research)
 - If we have additional funds, consider an art residency for the school year
 - Recommendation to keep Chromebook purchase if considering cuts
 - Can we explore ideas for landscaping at the parent pickup area
- Approval of Principal Requests:
 - Motioned by Carlene McTague
 - Moved by: Kathy Grozic
 - Seconded by: Alicia Drytriuk
 - Result: Carried

5. Fundraising Goals for 2025-2026 School year

- Goal: \$10,000
- Planned activities:
 - Oilers Watch Party – April 11 at 2 PM (Thank you to Jenelle, who is passing the organizing torch!)
 - Purdy's fundraiser (Audrey to set up link; Alicia to lead sorting)
 - Explore Art Kids Card fundraiser in spring
 - Check on COBS partnership

6. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM: Carlene McTague
- Moved by: Alicia Drytriuk
- Seconded by: Sarah Ryner
- Result: Carried