



ÉCOLE ESCUELA
HOLY CHILD
Catholic Elementary School



**PARENT COUNCIL &
FUNDRAISING SOCIETY**

Parent Council 2025 Meeting

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

6:00pm – 7:30pm Virtual meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85755829458>

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Agenda – PARENT COUNCIL (30-40min)

1. Call to order (1min) **6:03pm**
2. Welcome and introductions (2min)
3. Prayer & Land Acknowledgment (1min)
4. Holy Child Daycare (HCASC) Update (5min) - [see detailed report below and fees for summer programs.](#)
5. Principal update: Christine Samson (10min)
 - a. [Christine moving to St. Angela's :\(Rachelle Irvin coming in starting in September](#)
 - b. [Amanda also moving schools :\(Moving to st. John 23rd. Sra. Teresa coming in](#)
 - c. [Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have participated in Shrove Tuesday and all the field trips so far this year!](#)
 - d. [School improvement plan - on website under assessment and results for all to reference](#)
 - e. [District survey results are in and looking really good! Working on continuing to provide meaningful student feedback and mental health is on our radar. Christine still reviewing and then will share results](#)
 - f. [Enrollment = looking to hit over 300 students for next school year](#)
 - g. [Removing third recess still in discussion and review - need to gather more feedback.](#)
6. Parent Council Update (10min)
 - a. [Spring Book Fair - Summary](#)

- i. \$5286 sold | 98 books for school (\$1173.25 value) 54 went to classrooms an 44 to library | \$1816.57 in credit + \$2676 from last time (\$3849 in scholastic credit to spend)
 - b. Adult only Salsa Night! 38 tickets sold and \$503 made at this fundraiser
 - c. Grade 6 School Dance - April 25th 6-8pm
 - i. Theme: Red Carpet/Movie Theme
 - ii. Grade 6s starting posters and decorations (making popcorn and movie reels)
 - iii. \$5/ticket or \$20/family, \$1/concession tickets available on Powerschool or cash at the door
 - iv. Food - hot dogs, chips, candy bags, pop
 - v. Use popcorn machine -
 - vi. Colleen building poster design
 - vii. Caitlin to book Dj
 - viii. Amanda making volunteer schedule for parents to sign up too
 - ix. Photobooth - already have props and backdrops. Parent reaching out contact for photographer
 - d. Ask parents for Christmas Market donations all year round - keep donation bin out - [Add to newsletter](#)
7. **Hot lunch** – Order and pay through www.healthyhunger.com | Last Friday of the month | Volunteers needed from 11:30-12:30pm to help distribute lunches to classrooms

Holy Child After School Care Program Society

Report to Holy Child School Parent Council

April, 2025

Attendees: Anu Rawat

Items:

1. Enrollment

Room	Apr Enrollment	Current number of Children
Preschool	14	68
kinder	21	
Grade 1-3	21	
Grade 4-6	12	
One room	Still closed	

Website: www.holychildasc.ca

For enquiries:

Prospective Families can send enquiry through website and even can fill the pre-registration form online to start the process.

If you have any comments or suggestions related to the board, please feel free to contact us at board@holychildasc.ca

Please see below some of the highlights for April and exciting announcement for the families:

Virtual Meeting with Families– April 7th:

We'll be discussing several key matters related to our Centre. This meeting will provide an opportunity to share important updates, address critical needs, and gather your valuable input as we plan for the future. Your engagement is crucial in shaping the direction of our Centre.

Easter Hunt – April 17th:

The Easter Hunt event is scheduled for April 17th, and preparations are currently underway.

Update on Lunch Program:

- The Pilot Lunch Program, launched in November 2024, has been a great success, addressing growing demand from parents. The admin team, in collaboration with AHS guidelines, has developed a rotating menu with a variety of healthy meals.
- The program has been well-received by the children, and the Board has decided to continue the program through the summer to ensure families and children can continue to benefit.

Important Changes to Child Care Funding in Alberta – Effective April 1, 2025:

- The Child Care Subsidy program for children aged 0-5 will be replaced with a flat monthly fee of \$326.25.
- A part-time parent fee of \$230 per month will apply for children attending 3 days or fewer per week.
- Supplemental fees for optional services will be introduced.
- To support families during this transition, the Board has decided not to charge for food or implement any other changes at this time.

Summer Programming

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our educators in planning a fun, enriching, and memorable summer experience for the children.

- Please refer to the summer calendar for an overview of the exciting activities and themes planned for the season. These programs are designed to offer learning, fun, and adventure to make this summer unforgettable.
- A summer survey will be included in upcoming communications to help us gather information for next year's enrollment and better plan for programming and staffing needs. We encourage you to complete the survey to ensure we meet the needs of all children.

Summer Fees

- Please refer to the summer fee schedule for the upcoming season. We're excited to announce that this year, lunches will be included as part of the summer program.
- On certain days (e.g., field trips), families may be asked to send a cold lunch with their child.
- We'll provide more details closer to summer, including lunch logistics and any special requests.
- A summer survey will be sent out soon to gather feedback from families on the program and any additional needs. Please take a moment to complete it, as your input is valuable in shaping the program.

July 2025

Please Note: All dates, activities and field trips might change based on weather, availability and unpredictable situations.

Theme	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts Week	June 30	1	2	3	4
	Canada Day Art & Clay Art	CANADA DAY - CLOSED	Drumming	All about Art Creations	Music, Emotions & Painting
Community Helpers	7	8	9	10	11
	Firefighter Trip to Fire Station	Police Officer Police Station Visit/Police Office Come to Centre	Driver Edmonton Radial Railway Society	Health Care Nurse/Doctor Visit to Centre	Pet Care Humane Society
Discover Edmonton	14	15	16	17	18
	City Hall Trip	Zoo/Corn Maze	Legislature/Kinsmen Trip	Chinese Garden	Alex Decoteau Park (Dog Park)
Kiddie Fiesta	21	22	23	24	25
	Mask-Making	Sombrero-Painting	Pinata Paper Mache-Making	Lattice of Treats-Making	Friday Fiesta -Parade of Creation - Burrito Making - Games
Upcycling Buddies	28	29	30	31	
	Plastic Bottle Creation	Sock Puppets	Magazine Vases	Tie Dye Shirts	

August 2025

Please Note: All dates, activities and field trips might change based on weather, availability and unpredictable situations.

Theme	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Upcycling Buddies					1
					Upcycling Party: - Kiddie Exhibit - Pool Noodle Craft
Water Week	4	5	6	7	8
	Civic Day – CLOSED	Water Play Fruit Shake	Kitchener Spray Park	Kinsmen Park	Water Challenge
Summer Camp	11	12	13	14	15
	Legislature Play Picnic	Challenge Games	Emily Murphy Park Hotdog & Marshmallow Roast	Obstacle Courses	Legislature Play
Mini Master Chefs	18	19	20	21	22
	Make your own ice-cream	Cookie Factory Fun	Fruit Kabob & Lemonade	Picnic Favorites	Summer BBQ
Little Champs Challenges	25	26	27	28	29
	Kickin' It Soccer Match	Dodgeball	Mini-Golf	Waterballoon Spoon Race	Potato Sack Race

Room	Fees for July	Holding Fee for July	Fee for Aug	Fee for Aug
Preschool	\$326.25 + \$150	\$50/child	\$326.25 + \$150	\$50/child
Kinder	\$326.25 + \$200	\$50/child	\$326.25 + \$200	\$50/child
Gr 1- 6	\$625 + \$200	\$50/child	\$625 + \$200	\$50/child

Please Note:

- ❖ Fees are based on your child's current grade, not their grade in September 2025
- ❖ Summer surcharge is estimated to be approximately dependent on the final enrollment
- ❖ Monthly Summer Fees will not be pro-rated.
- ❖ If you wish to have your spot held for September 2025, you must pay the holding fee.
- ❖ Those who do not pay the holding Fee will be Subject to the Registration Fee for 2025-26

Please reach out to our Executive Director by email at centre@holychildasc.ca OR anu.rawat@holychildasc.ca OR at phone number: [780-920-5813](tel:780-920-5813), if you need any other information.



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Agenda – FUNDRAISING SOCIETY (45min)

1. Call to order (1min) 7:01pm
2. Welcome and introductions (2min)
3. 2025 Feb Minutes approval and 2025 March minute agenda approval (2min) Sara Glass 1st, Vanessa 2nd. All approved.
4. Fundraising Society (10min)
 - a. Fundraising totals to date

'24-'25 Fundraisers	TOTALS (Goal in \$5000 Raised)	NOTES
Apple Boxes (Sept)	\$4775.00 Powerschool Revenue \$3455.49 Davison Orchard Invoice \$1319.51 TOTAL PROFIT	116 boxes sold in 2024 121 boxes sold in 2023
Tourtierre/Empanada (Dec)	\$6334.00 Powerschool Revenue \$438.00 Eventbrite Revenue \$912.00 Cash/Phone Orders \$7684.00 TOTAL REVENUE	128 Empanadas sold (200 in 2023) 106 Tourtieres (156 in 2023)

	\$2560.00 Sabor delos Andes Invoice \$2637.60 Milk Crate Invoice \$5197.60 TOTAL EXPENSES \$2486.40 TOTAL PROFIT	<i>Look at different restaurants for 2025 (Acajulta?)</i>
Christmas Market (Dec)	\$291.00	
Salsa Night	38 tickets sold online \$456 + \$27 from cocktails = \$483 + \$20 cash donation \$503 TOTAL PROFIT	PICK UP CHEQUE
	\$4,599.91 RAISED TO DATE	

- Account balances (5min)

Good afternoon, HOLY CHILD FUNDRAISI

Bank accounts

Chequing 4056	\$5,352.28
Other 1 CASIN 6118	\$77,251.59
Total: \$82,603.87 CAD	

MONEY IN/OUT (March/April 2025) – General Account

- Nothing new to report for March
- Cheque to be picked up from Salsa night

MONEY OUT (March/April 2025) – Casino Account

- N/A for March

- Expenses approved that will be owing to school - Colleen has receipts:
 - **Still coming/MOTION:** \$10/students for field trip subsidy (based on approval of school letter from AGLC). Approx. \$3200 [Christine to complete AGLC forms and Amanda written letters of support. Approval based on using Casino money only. 1st Lauren/2nd](#)

Janet - All in favour **Jasmine to look into and submit letter from Amanda. Jasmine met with Christine about this - Jasmine to send reminder to her about this**

- **Still coming/MOTION:** \$4200 Math IA Subscription (based on approval of school letter from AGLC) - Only if approved through Casino funds. Question: Is this a yearly fee? Why is this one the best? Vote on in February **AGLC approved to pay for this if we want to approve the cost. Best rated math program ECSD recommended - would be a yearly subscription. Look into workbook options as well that may be able to be purchased in bulk. Sra Jeiazal did 3-week trial version in her class - solve problems to advance in the game. Price is based on special district pricing of about \$14/students.**
- Stage curtain quote(NEW): \$9800 quote from ECSD -

NEW Motions to approve from School:

1. Strings- Conrad is super eager to get the program started. He has attended PD sessions and is confident in teaching some basics. The last quote from Bella Music was approximately \$5000 to get all the string instruments repaired or serviced. Could Casino approve going forward with this? **Jasmine will double check with AGLC - YES! Concern: Is there a long term plan for the music program to include the strings? Will these be used in classroom or as extra curricular - MOTION: approve spending up to \$5000 on repairing existing string music instruments based on long term plan for the schools music program - Lauren K, 2nd Jasmine - Janet - All in favour**
2. Guitars- Conrad was hoping to buy 3-4 guitars for his Music program. Pricing is as follows:
<https://www.long-mcquade.com/98835/Guitars/Acoustic-Guitars/Yamaha/CSF1M-Solid-Top-Acoustic-Electric-Parlour-Guitar-Vintage-Natural.htm> (total approx \$2200) Would it be possible for Casino to approve these purchases? **Need to clarify if these would be for classroom use or an afterschool program? Ok to purchase for in-classroom, or look at renting if for afterschool use. Need more information**
3. Rocks and Rings kits- I will order them tomorrow with a final motion approval 😊 \$1200 for 2 sets **MOTION: To approve up to \$1200 to purchase the school's own Rocks and Rings (2kits) for the school. 1st Sara, 2nd Jasmine - All in favour**
4. Grades 4-6 are performing a Musical Theater Production on May 27 (save the date!) with shows at 9am and 1pm. They have been invited to St Thomas Health Center on Friday May 23 to perform for the senior residents as a dress rehearsal. Would Casino be willing to pay for the 2 busses to transport the students? (\$380) **MOTION: To approve bus transportation costs (up to \$380) for May 23 field trip to St. Thomas: 1st Jasmine, 2nd Sara - All in favour**

Westridge Community Levy Funds - \$90,000 - Update? No update - may only get access to funds if playground equipment is needed.

Tim Horton's Gift card from Trustee - \$80 x2

- Used at Christmas market (\$11 left on one card, \$80 on the other)
- Upcoming event/fundraiser reminders (5min):
 - School Dance - April 25th
 - Honey Fundraiser - May 22- On sale now through Powerschool. Pick up at the Art Walk on May 22
- New items? Fundraising ideas
 - Mother's day photos - Janet to do photos and backdrop. Family photos \$25/family. 2 photos taken. Edited and family can download to print on their own. At art walk. Caitlin to ask SER to use backdrop for free.
- **MOVIE NIGHT** - Nancy/Lauren to plan - May or early June - Order pizza, sell popcorn/cotton candy for \$1, sell tickets, sell glow sticks - \$5/person/ticket
- Possible Halloween dance night - look into for next school year. Use at school fundraiser
- Look into parents making **tourtieres** again - Jasmine tennis contact may help, Ben's Meats has contact to reach out to (Nadia), Lauren asking contact as well, Nancy asking friend contact at NAIT,
- Adjourn 7:19pm

MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting Dates

All Welcome | 6:00-7:30pm

Virtually via Zoom

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Wednesday, October 2nd - AGM

Wednesday, December 4th

Wednesday, February 5th

Wednesday, April 2nd

Wednesday, June 4th

***Meetings will be held every second month this year. PAC members will meet each month for planning. Same link for all meetings.*

