



ÉCOLE ESCUELA  
**HOLY CHILD**  
Catholic Elementary School



**PARENT COUNCIL &  
FUNDRAISING SOCIETY**

### **Parent Council 2026 Meeting**

Tuesday, April 14th, 2026

6:30pm – 7:45pm (Hybrid)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81736592445>

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#### **Agenda – PARENT COUNCIL (30-40min)**

1. Call to order (1min) @ **6:36 PM**
2. Welcome and introductions (2min)
3. Land Acknowledgment (1min) - **Caitlin**
4. Catholic Prayer - **Teresa**
5. Holy Child Daycare (HCASC) Update (5min) - **open during the summer; available to all families; reach out to daycare directly.**
6. Principal update: **Rachelle Irvine (10min) Apr 7 - Easter celebration at school; April 8 - Student Faith Award; School dance - Gr.6 Around the World theme (photobooth, food & drink ideas, volunteers, \$10/family, all are welcome);**

#### **Admin Report – April 14**

April, May & June

- Easter Celebration with Division Chaplain Father Julien – April 7
- Student Faith Award Recipient – Hewan Demeke – April 8
- May 1 – School Dance Update- Teresa
- May 6 – Mass at St Joseph's Basilica
- May 15 – Division non-operational day
- May 18 - Victoria Day
- May 21 - Art Walk & Music concert (all students will participate in performance)

- June 19 - Indigenous dancers to celebrate National Indigenous People's Day
- June 22 - Mundalito
- June 23 - Last day of school for students
- June 23 - Grade 6 Farewell - [afternoon mass at Basilica](#)
- June 23 - Mass - Basilica

### **PAT Schedule**

- May 19 – Grade 6 French Immersion Language and Literature PAT - Part A – 9:00 AM
- May 22 – Grade 6 English Language and Literature PAT - Part A – 9:00 AM ([written part](#))
- June 3 – Grade 6 French Immersion Language and Literature PAT - Part B – 9:00 AM
- June 4 – Grade 6 English Language and Literature PAT - Part B – 9:00 AM ([reading comprehension](#))
- June 11 – Grade 6 Social Studies PAT – 9:00 AM
- June 12 – Grade 6 Science PAT – 9:00 AM
- June 15 - Grade 6 Math PAT - Part A – 9:00 AM ([non calculator](#))
- June 18 - Grade 6 Math PAT - Part B – 9:00 AM ([multiple choice in the past, digital this year](#))

### **2026-2027 Information**

- Projected enrollment & staffing – sitting around 305 students
- 2026-2027 Admin team – remains the same ([YAY](#))
- [2026-2027 School Calendar](#) - [recent update, first day is Thursday, after Sept long](#)
- 2026-2027 School Hours
  - 8:10 am - first bell
  - 8:15 am - second bell
  - 9:50 am – 10:05 am – am recess
  - 11:35 am – 11:50 am – lunch recess
  - 11:50 am – 12:10 pm – lunch hour
  - 1:40 pm – 1:55 pm – pm recess
  - 3:00 pm - dismissal
  - [Thursday dismissal 11:50 AM](#)
- 2026-2027 Artist in Residency – Angela Hall
  - The students of Holy Child Catholic School to collaboratively create seven Indigenous themed Mandalas / Sacred Circles, using acrylic paints and mixed media. All grade levels will explore the Seven Sacred Teachings, treaty relationships with the natural world, and the traditions and customs of Indigenous Peoples in relationship to the land.
  - October 19 to November 9, 2026
- 2026-2027 French as Second Language in Spanish Bilingual
  - Currently
    - 180 minutes/week English
    - 180 minutes/week Spanish
    - 120 minutes/week French as a Second Language
  - Suggesting the removal of FSL to increase instructional minutes in English and Spanish to support the increased demands and to ensure that we are meeting the bilingual target language requirement
    - Suggesting:

- 240minutes/week English
- 240 minutes/week Spanish
- French as a Second Language still available starting in grade 7 for students and families seeking additional language opportunities
- Seeking family feedback – survey for all Spanish Bilingual families ([comes out next week](#))

next week

- Use the survey data to support the decision making

7. Parent Council Update (10min)

- a. Hot Lunch - [healthyhunger.ca](http://healthyhunger.ca) - April 24th - [thank you to parents to volunteer](#)
- b. Grade 6 school dance - Friday, May 1st - [Purchase dance tickets on Power School](#)
- c. Book Fair Report - [did very well! 2026 Nov. 23-27th; book delivery Nov. 20th](#)
- d. Casino Thank you!
  - i. 2028 Casino Chair - [Success! Submitted for 2028 Casino. Profit by July/ Aug.](#)

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**Agenda – FUNDRAISING SOCIETY (45min)**

1. Call to order (1min) @ 7:27 PM
2. Welcome and introductions (2min)
3. 2026 April Agenda review and approval (2min) - 1st Joelle, 2nd Maae
4. 2026 March meeting minute review and approval (2min) - 1st Maae, 2nd Jasmine
5. Fundraising Society (10min)
  - a. Family movie night fundraiser - Early June, Friday night 6-8:30pm (in school gym, popcorn maker)
  - b. Next Salsa Night? Maybe in the Fall
  - c. Honey fundraiser & Art Walk

Fundraiser 2025-2026	Money Raised
2025 Apple Fundraiser (Sept)	<b>\$1013.27 - PROFIT</b> 102 apple boxes sold

	<i>\$4170 Revenue</i> <i>\$3156.73 Expenses</i>
2025 Salsa Night (Nov)	<b>\$365.00 - PROFIT</b> <i>23 tickets sold (\$15) + 10 feature drinks sold</i>
2025 Christmas Market	<b>\$851.25 - PROFIT</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,229.52 TOTAL FUNDRAISING DOLLARS</b>

6. Account balances (5min)

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<b>Bank accounts</b>	
Chequing 4056	\$5,308.87
Other 1 CASIN 6118	\$46,854.84
<b>Total: \$52,163.71 CAD</b>	

**MONEY IN** (March 2026) – General Account

1. April \$127.50 - Tip money from Casino to be deposited

**MONEY OUT** (March 2026) – General Account

**CASINO ACCOUNT -**

1. April 13 \$2539.95 - Casino staffing fees (pd at casino and reimbursed by AGLC)

[We paid out this much in casino fees](#)

**MUST COMPLETE THIS MONTH**

- Alberta Registries new executive list (send to Bank once received)
- Finance tracker - Receipts to Eric

**TO DOs**

- Email dance committee parents details and next steps ([want the kiddos to do the work; May 1st; volunteers for day of food prep, pre order food, get orders, gift baskets, raffles - Muttart, Calaway Park, Zoo](#))
- Start honey fundraiser - [Gull Lake Honey Farm, AB](#)
- Plans for year end teacher gifts and Mundialito

- Freeze fundraiser to off set cost for gr. 6

### **MEETING CALENDAR**

PAC Meeting Dates - Everyone Welcome!

6:30pm - 7:45pm

Virtually via Zoom

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Wednesday, May 6th

Monday, June 8th

In attendance: Nancy, Joelle, Jordan, Sara, Maae, Terese, Caitlin, Rachelle, Jasmine, Vanessa, Valeria, Eric and Ashley.

## **Meeting summary**

### **Quick recap**

This parent council meeting focused on school updates and upcoming events, with principal Rochelle and staff member Teresa providing key information about the school calendar and PAT exam schedule. The team discussed the upcoming Grade 6 school dance on May 1st, which will feature an "around the world" theme with international food items and a photo booth, with parents helping coordinate food preparation and concessions. The meeting covered various upcoming events including Mass at St. Joseph Basilica, an art walk on May 21st combining student art and music performances, and Indigenous dancers visiting on National Indigenous Peoples Day. Financial updates were shared showing over \$5,300 in the general account and \$46,000 in casino funds, with plans for future fundraising events including a potential family movie night in June and honey sales aligned with the art walk.

### **Next steps**

- [Caitlin/Teresa/Grade 6 parent team: Send email to Grade 6 parents to coordinate food donations and roles for the school dance \(including Costco run and specific food items\)](#)
- [Caitlin: Create schedule of roles and stations for the school dance, including food prep, raffle coordination, and photography](#)

- [Joel: Book the spring 2027 book fair dates](#)
- [Ashley: Research and contact Christian schools/book distributors about faith-based book options for the book fair](#)
- [Jasmine: Continue monitoring casino 2028 application and coordinate with new co-chair \(to be identified\)](#)
- [Eric: Set up tracking system for receipts and financial documentation for Alberta registries](#)
- [Caitlin: Coordinate with Nadia to confirm honey flavors and quantities for upcoming honey fundraiser](#)
- [Caitlin: Organize email/WhatsApp group for Grade 6 parents to coordinate dance planning](#)
- [Caitlin: Plan potential Grade 6 parent meeting \(in-person/online/hybrid\) to discuss dance roles and planning](#)
- [Nancy: Research donation options from local attractions \(Muttart, Callaway Park, Zoo\) for raffle prizes for next year's events](#)
- [Caitlin/Joel: Update PowerSchool ticketing system to include pre-orders for specific food items for the dance](#)
- [Caitlin: Plan family movie night for early June \(date to be confirmed\) including movie selection and logistics](#)
- [Caitlin: Start planning for year-end teacher's gifts and Mundialito at next meeting](#)
- [Teresa: Source Spanish books for potential inclusion in next year's book fair](#)
- [Caitlin: Submit new Alberta registries documentation before July deadline](#)
- [Caitlin: Drop off receipts and financial documentation to Eric for tracking](#)
- [Jasmine: Begin succession planning for casino role by identifying co-chair for 2028 casino](#)
- [Caitlin: Write checks in June for approved school wishlist items from casino funds](#)
- [Caitlin: Plan and organize Freezy Friday events for end of May and June to raise funds for Grade 6](#)
- [Caitlin: Coordinate with teachers to provide access to Exam Bank website for PATs preparation](#)
- [Caitlin: Follow up with Nadia regarding honey and candles for potential additional fundraising](#)
- [Caitlin: Create and send survey to Spanish bilingual program families regarding French as second language changes](#)
- [Caitlin: Work with Transportation to implement new school hours for next year \(already in progress but noted as upcoming change\)](#)

## Summary

### Fundraising Society Meeting Planning

The meeting began with Caitlin, the chair of the Fundraising Society, welcoming attendees and noting that quorum was present. The meeting started with a land acknowledgment and included a prayer for peace led by Theresa. The discussion focused on setting up for the meeting, with plans to review updates from Rochelle and discuss potential fundraising events. Ashley was assigned to take notes, and the meeting was called to order at 6:36.

### Daycare Updates and School Events

The meeting covered updates on daycare services and upcoming school events. The daycare is open during summer with various programming options, including field trips, and parents can contact

Anu for more information. The school's Grade 6 students are organizing an "around the world" themed dance on May 1st, with plans for international food items, a photo booth, and a DJ. Parents with Grade 6 children will be contacted to help coordinate food purchases and organize a Costco run to gather necessary items.

### **School Fundraising and Exam Updates**

The meeting covered several key topics including fundraising activities, upcoming events, and the PAT exam schedule. For fundraising, the group decided to focus on the school dance, freezies, and book sales, with no immediate plans for additional initiatives like beeswax candles. The May 21st Art Walk was confirmed to include both student art displays and a spring concert, with each grade performing. The PAT exam schedule was outlined, with written components in May and digital components in June, including a new digital platform being introduced by Alberta Education. The speaker expressed concerns about the transition to digital exams and the increased use of Chromebooks in elementary schools.

### **Writing Exam and Enrollment Updates**

Caitlin explained that students cannot write the writing exam early, but exceptional circumstances such as an upcoming trip on May 22nd would allow for makeup writing upon return. She reassured Vanessa that missing the exam should not cause stress, as it's primarily for provincial curriculum planning rather than mandatory junior high entry. Caitlin also shared updates about next year's enrollment and staffing, noting stable numbers around 305 students with two French classes and strong kindergarten enrollment in Spanish and French. The school year will start on a Thursday before the September long weekend, though there was some confusion about whether this change applies to all schools in the division.

### **School Schedule and Program Changes**

Caitlin discussed upcoming changes to school hours, including a 8-minute earlier morning start and 15-minute earlier afternoon dismissal, along with a shift in Thursday dismissal time from 11:43 to 11:50. She announced that Angela Hall, an indigenous teacher, will be the artist in residence from late October to November, working with students on collaborative art pieces based on the seven sacred teachings. Caitlin also informed families in the Spanish bilingual program about a proposed change to remove French as a second language from grades 4-6, redistributing the 120 minutes currently allocated to French to English and Spanish instruction, with French remaining an option starting in grade 7. A survey will be sent to Spanish bilingual program families next week to gather feedback on this proposed change.

## **Math Support Resource Discussion**

Vanessa raised a question about providing additional math support, specifically seeking paper homework or early access to the Exam Bank website for her child. Caitlin clarified that teachers should be involved in sharing concepts being taught in class to ensure proper alignment with classroom instruction. While the Exam Bank website is available, access is typically limited to closer to PAT test dates to ensure intentional practice. Caitlin offered to have a follow-up conversation with Vanessa to discuss specific resources and support options.

## **Educational Resources and Events Update**

The meeting covered several educational resources and upcoming events. Sara suggested using Quest A+ as a free resource for practice PAT exams, which Jasmine confirmed could be covered by casino funds if needed. The group discussed the Jump Math books, with Vanessa planning to bring the idea to the next parent council meeting. Updates were shared about hot lunches, the upcoming school dance, and the recent book fair, which was reported to be one of the most successful in terms of fundraising. The team also discussed plans for the 2026 and 2027 book fairs, including potential collaboration with a local bookstore and sourcing Spanish books.

## **Spring Fair and Book Planning**

Caitlin agreed to book the spring fair for next year after comparing notes with Teresa and Othelle. Ashley raised the need for more Christian books at the fair, leading to a discussion about challenges with current book vendors like Scholastic and potential solutions, including exploring options with Christian schools in Edmonton. The group decided to keep exploring options for incorporating more faith-based books into the school library, with Ashley offering to make inquiries about potential distributors. Caitlin also thanked parents for their support at the recent casino event, which raised over \$120 in tips, and mentioned that the 2028 casino application has been submitted and is awaiting selection for a specific quarter.

## **Fundraising and Event Planning Updates**

The meeting focused on fundraising updates and planning for upcoming events. The group discussed casino profits, with over \$90,000 expected by the end of July, and the need to find a co-chair for Jasmine who has been the casino chair for the past three events. Financial updates showed the general account at \$5,300 and the casino account at \$46,000, with plans to use funds for technology replacements and wishlist items. The group planned a family movie night in early June featuring 90s movies and discussed organizing a Mundialito event, with detailed planning

needed for food preparation and concession items. They also discussed potential raffle prizes and donation opportunities from local attractions.

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