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HOLY CHILD
Catholic Elementary School



**PARENT COUNCIL &
FUNDRAISING SOCIETY**

Parent Council 2024 Meeting

Wednesday, February 6th, 2024

6:00pm – 7:30pm VIRTUALLY

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83493463952>

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Agenda – PARENT COUNCIL (30-40min)

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1. Call to order (1min) at 6:07 pm
2. Welcome and introductions (2min)
3. Land Acknowledgment (1min)
4. Principal update: Christine Samson (30min)
 - Progress Report released on PowerSchool as of January 31st, mid year reporting period. Contains comments pertaining to celebrations and progress the student is exhibiting in addition to growth pieces for students to work on.
 - For any parents that are not able to access PowerSchool, please reach out to the school and they will be able to help support access.
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- TALENT SHOW organized by Mr. Liebel! So many students showed up for the auditions! The Grades 5 and 6's have auditioned and the 3 and 4's and 1 and 2's are yet to come.
- The Instrumental Music programs are up and running! The ukulele program is running with the 5 and 6's and recorders with the Grade 4's. It has really livened up the Music Room!
- Any progress on the Violin's? We have the funds to support restoring at least two sets for students so will follow up on this front. Christine and Conrad to follow up.
- Note that the Division decided NOT to continue funding Full Day Kindergarten for the following school year. Programming will continue with half day in both the Spanish and French streams.

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5. Holy Child Daycare (HCASC) Update (5min)
 - a. Website: www.holychildasc.ca

Items:

1. Enrollment

Room	Capacity	February Enrollment	Space Available	Current number of Children
Preschool	15	2	13	56
Kindergarten	26	14	12	
Grade 1	27	14	13	
Grade 2-3	25	13	12	
Grade 4 - 6	24	13	11	

For enquiries:

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

As this short month is full of love, surprises, and a big fundraising event, we are all working very hard to make this short and sweet month special.

Please see below for some important events/dates:

1. February 16, 2023 - BIG FUNDRAISING EVENT (STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!!)

Grades 1 - 3, are very busy creating a mini version of the West Edmonton Mall and are super excited as our children brought so many creative ideas to create items related to different shops. It's amazing to see that **Our Grade 4 - 6** children also showed too much interest and support in creating that as a BIG FUNDRAISING EVENT so we are requesting families' support, by donating any gently used items based on our themes that will be an amazing help.

2. February 20th: Family Day Centre Closed

3. February 22, 2023 - PINK SHIRT DAY

****Please encourage your children to wear Pink on Feb 22*****

Spring Break Camps, Summer Camps, PD Day Care etc.

6. Parent Council Update (10min) - Nadia update
7. Community Garden & Indigenous Artist update for outdoor classroom (ONGOING)
 - a. Grants needed: ECF, Alberta Arts Council
 - b. Oliver Community league update - Facebook post & survey

8. Parent Councils Association engagement money (\$500) towards education night/session
 - a. (Follow up) Potential for Family Math night? Mlle. Alicia to look into a 2024 date?
9. Painting Benches – Parent artist and students (Move to Spring 2024)
10. Hot lunch – Order and pay through www.healthyhunger.com | Last Friday of the month
11. Reminder to continue to look into the Basketball hoops!!!???
12. Grade 6 Fundraiser Update
 - March 4th Candle Making
 - Candles to be sold at the Demonstration of Learning
 - Small samples of candles to be sold



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2. Welcome and introductions (2min)
3. Agenda review and approval (2min)
 - First - Jasmine Second - Sara ALL APPROVED

4. January meeting minute review and approval (2min)
First - Lauren Second - Lena ALL APPROVED
5. Fundraising Society (10min)
 - a. Honey Fundraiser - coming up in April/May
 - b. Sold through PowerSchool
 - c. Missing cheque from onsite school sales
6. 2024 Casino - Feb 28th + 29th at the Grand Villa Casino at Rogers Place
 - Volunteer sign up link is now live: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ACA19314#/>
 - 5 roles left to fill which is great. (note that one parent Ilse Torres Quezado is double booked)
 - Possible to have a list of Back Ups?
 - Can reimburse for parking and/or taxis for volunteers (submit parking or uber/taxi receipts) - all submitted to the Fundraising Society
 - KSwift - texts seem to be more well received! Condensed message to go out.
7. Account balances (5min)

Good evening, Holy Child Fundraisi

Bank accounts

Total: \$29,319.23 CAD

Chequing 4056

\$1,840.41

Other 1 CASIN 6118

\$27,478.82

MONEY IN (January 2024) – General Account

- Deposit of approx. \$17,000 still needs to be deposited.
- **QUESTION:** Was cash from 2023 honey sales deposited?? Approx. \$250??

MONEY OUT (January 2024) – General Account

- \$2.50 - bank fee
- Money still owing from 2023 Mundialito groceries (to Nadia) = **\$740.40**
- **Cheque owing to Caitlin for Tourtiere/Empanada invoices + staff gifts = \$8316.83**
 - Milk Crate Tourtiere Final Invoice = \$3895.50
 - Sabor de los Andes final invoice = \$3800.00
 - Teacher gifts = \$621.33

MONEY OUT (January 2024) – Casino Account

- Up to \$17K approved at Dec meeting for school resources and equipment. Colleen tracking all receipt and will send final total shortly for cheque to be issued.
- Approx. \$10,000 remaining in casino account to be spent right away or have plan for.

[LINK TO 2023-2024 PAC Expenses Breakdown](#)

(Includes Indoor Recess purchases, Casino Funds, Fundraising, Science and Field Trips)

Missing Funds:

- Approximately \$800 for Bibles
- \$2000 for Dia Cultural Day
- Approximately \$3500 for Outdoor Classroom Chair and Black Board
- Indoor Recess purchases

Fundraising to date:

Fundraiser	Breakdown	TOTAL PROFIT
Apple Boxes	Revenue: \$4775.00 Boxes sold = 121 Expenses = \$3455.49	\$1319.51
Touriere/Empanadas	Tourtire Revenue = \$5460 Total sold = 156 @ \$35ea Empanada Revenu = \$6000 Total sold = 200 @\$30ea Total Expenses = \$7695.00	\$3764.50
Christmas Market	Proceeds from students/gift purchases	\$507.75
		\$5,591.76 made to date

8. Wish List from School - How is ordering items from list going??
9. Upcoming event/fundraiser reminders (5min):
 - Grade 6 farewell target to raise funds.
10. Motion to approve the cost of up to \$1500 from the General Casino Account for the purchase of ONE basketball hoop and installation from the Division
First - Janet Second - Jasmine ALL APPROVED
11. Adjourn at 7:43 pm

MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting Dates

All Welcome | 6-7:30pm
School Library or via Zoom

Tuesday, Oct 10 AGM (in-person)

Wednesday, Nov 15 (in-person)

Tuesday, Dec 12th (Virtual)

Wednesday, Jan 10th (Virtual)

Wednesday, Feb 7th (Virtual)

Wednesday, March 6 (in-person)

Wednesday, April 10 (in-person)

Wednesday, May 8th (Virtual)

Wednesday June 5th (in-person)

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, as we step into the month of February, a month associated with love, I pray that You fill my heart with Your divine love. Your Word reminds us that love comes from You, and those who love are born of You and know You. Lord, I desire to love others as You have loved me, unconditionally and sacrificially.

Help me, dear Lord, to love not only those who are easy to love but also those who may be challenging or different from me. May I see every person as Your beloved creation, worthy of love and respect. Just as You demonstrated love through Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us, may I reflect that same love in my actions and attitudes.

Lord Jesus, in Your earthly ministry, You showed compassion to sinners, healed the sick, and embraced the outcasts. Teach me to follow Your example and extend love to those who are hurting, lonely, or in need. May this month of February be a time of not only receiving love but also giving it generously, sharing Your love with the world.

In Your name, I pray, Lord Jesus. Amen.

School News/Events:

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