



St. Paul Catholic Elementary School School Council Meeting

General Information

Date: Nov 10 2025

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Google Meet

Attendees: Sharon Adie, Lisa Fossey, Lynn Reinhart, Leslie Ciampaglia, Tara Hocaliuk, Rachel Morrison, Laura Paprocki, Christina Rowe, Danika, Iana Fitzgerald, Lei Ann Wade, Sandy Ardnt, Shannon Nancy, Kathleen Parker (this list will change when we see who is in attendance)
Regrets: Stephanie Vigil, Samantha Aicken, Cathy Kocevar, Katherine Sassi, Daniela Diaz, Hosana Ayb, L Paula Grandison, Yorsalem Mesmer, Amanda Zuzinjak

Item #	Responsibility	Item/Description	
1.		Approval of the Minutes:	Approved by Leslie Seconded by Tara
		Prayer and Land Acknowledgement	Sharon & Lisa
2.	Christine /Rachel	Financial Report	Report shared with Christine and Rachel but need clarification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharon to check on the tap at Jungle Sport funds - Reimbursement of keyboard and bench from grant money - Track & field buses - pizza or field trip funding? - Not all teachers were able to spend their \$150 within their timeline. - The calendar year is until June for spending. - Ideally offer these opportunities to the teachers earlier to ensure the money can be spent within the school year. - The Catholic Foundation account has a surplus but you need to submit a receipt to that account and it can take more time than accessing the liquid account.
3.	Lei Ann	Parish Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmation preparation has been a great success. We had wonderful participation and the candidates are excited. We are looking forward to our upcoming retreat on Nov 29 and Confirmation Nov 30 with Bishop Lobsinger 2. Dates for First Communion have been established. We intentionally avoided March Break weekends, Easter Sunday and Mother's Day. <p>Parent Meeting : Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 6:30 in St Francis of Assisi Church (Our first Reconciliation meeting will be on Sunday Feb 8, 2026.) We will put the date in the bulletin. I am hoping that it will be possible to include the dates on school calendars and D2L classroom sites. I will write a letter to be shared with the school. We will also invite students in grades 3</p>

				<p>and up who have not received their First Communion to join us. If we have a large number then we will develop an alternative plan. Last year we had several students in grades 3, 5 and 6.</p> <p>Look for a parent letter to be going home at the beginning of December.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Christmas Bazaar was a success. We really appreciated the help from Evan C and Avery S in grade 7 and Vienna, Mia M and Orbit on Gr 8. They helped set up on Friday and decorate as well as run activities for children on Saturday or sell items. 4. Last Friday we had a grade 7 class join us for mass and Adoration after. Father Paul showed them the monstrance and answered their questions. The students were very respectful and Mrs. Johnson said that they came back "pumped" 5. We are looking forward to our Advent Penitential Service with grades 3-5 and the St Paul Christmas mass Advent Penitential Service (Confessions): Monday Dec 8 Grades 3-5 gym morning (8:45) Christmas Liturgy and Mass : Fri Dec 5 St Paul gym afternoon (12:15?) 6. Baptismal certificates are not at the school but the date is recorded on ASPEN - otherwise need to contact the church where the baptism occurred. 7. Catholic Charity grants are in process. 8. Mount Mary for grade 8 classes will be February 18-20. Father Paul will be present for Ash Wednesday on the 18th.
4.			<p>Leslie & Tara</p>	<p>Fundraiser Financial Report :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current account balance ● Balance minus amounts still available from last year's allocations (See report from school, as presented by Rachel and Christine). ● Pizza/ popcorn revenue supports _____ ● Balance for future play structure ● Raised at the 2025 Dance-A-Thon = \$10,316 <p>Fundraiser Allocations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Survey results <p>Top 5 results :</p> <p>Field trips - potentially allocate unused money from last year to Tinker Trucks. Field trips can also be special guests in their classrooms/gym. Scientists, pottery, artists, museums, musicians, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lisa can get staff feedback to determine classes ready to go out on a field trip vs. an in-class experience. <p>Recess equipment (should include more than just sports)</p>

- cards, supplies for clubs, art supplies, inclement weather day activities

Classroom supply support

Outdoor classroom -

New blacktop games / refreshed - need to hold off until construction is complete.

Concerns : stop, resume, or change

How to make sure last year's allocations are not confused with this years and fairly accessible:

Outdoor equipment: idea came up about replenishing twice throughout the year by parent council.

Concerns over investments on current yard with no knowledge of future landscape outcome: possibility to make use of peace garden for all.

Additional Questions & proposals

- Lisa also suggests saving a portion of our funds year over year to eventually afford an outdoor revamp.

Outdoor Sacred Space / Outdoor Classroom Concept

- How often is the outdoor sacred space used?

- Used by teachers, garden and lunch club, weather dependent. Still has potential for enhancements and increased use.

- Could we provide supervision at lunch or assign access days by grade?

- Could this space be developed into an Outdoor Classroom, especially given the expected renovations? With upcoming renovations limiting outdoor space, this could be an ideal time to develop it into an additional area for recess and potential classroom space.

Potential items for this space:

- Picnic tables, shade structures, chalkboard wall

- Currently have picnic tables.

- Board games (checkers, chess, Connect 4, cards)

- Garden and craft supplies

- Seating for outdoor learning

- Small storage shed for equipment
- Water/sand tables, snow toys, bubbles, chalk, etc.

Objective:

With "Outdoor Classroom" ranking high in the parent survey, this space presents a great opportunity to invest in a supervised, engaging area accessible to all students. It could also help protect and manage equipment, reduce loss, and prevent vandalism.

Additional areas to consider funding:

- Lunch time club

Examples:

crafts for craft club

Lego

Stem items

Gaming Club (used gaming equipment from microplay)

- Spec Ed needs - this is where popcorn money is allocated

Sensory walk through out the halls: hop, skip, pause, twirl, ect.

Wobble chairs

Chair bands

Fidget supplies for classrooms

Additional Fundraising Ideas

To help raise funds year-round (especially toward the graduation trip), we could introduce a few new traditions:

- Freezie Fridays – September–October & April–June
- Candy Grams – February
- Easter Egg Hunt – April (potentially after hours to encourage community engagement)

Suggested donation: \$3–\$5 per child

