

# St. Alphonsus Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 09, 2018

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## Attendees

Lisa Giovanetto, Chair  
Janet Pasquini, Vice Chair  
Dandy Civitarese, Secretary  
Dino Civitarese, Treasurer  
Michaela Hashiguchi, Principal  
Christina Pfitscher, Vice Principal  
Mary Pat Senger, Walkathon Coordinator  
Michelle Lombardo, Hot Lunch Coordinator  
Enza Priolo  
Lisa Buonincontri  
Carola Preusser  
Julie Valenzuela  
Amanda Jefferies  
Jennifer Imbrogno  
Cathy Wright  
Lola Lokanc  
Sidnee Lindsay  
Ashley Nishihata  
Teresa Perri-Wilson  
Diana Didrikson

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## Agenda

Item #1 - Call to Order - Lisa Giovanetto

Item #2 - Opening Prayer - Christina Pfitscher

Item #3 - Approval of September 2018 minutes

Dino motioned, Lisa B. seconded, all in favour

Item #4 - Approval of Agenda

Dandy motioned, Dino seconded, all in favour

Item #5 - Welcome and Introductions - Lisa G.

Item #6 - Introduction of Bylaws and Code of Conduct - Lisa G.

Please see school website for condensed version of Parent Council Bylaws and Code of Conduct. Parent Council Bylaw (condensed version) motioned by Dino C., seconded by Julie V. motion passed. Code of Conduct motioned by Lisa B., seconded by Julie V. motion passed.

Item #7 - Reports

**Admin Report** - Michaela Hashiguchi and Christina Pfitscher

### Past news:

- Sept 12: School opening mass at 1:30pm
- Sept 14: grade 5/6 patrol training
- Sept 17: volleyball game at our school
- Sept 18: School council executive meeting
- Sept 19: volleyball game at our school
- Sept 20: parent teacher conferences
- Sept 21: parent teacher conferences
- Sept 24: beginner band clinic
- Sept 27: cross country meet
- Sept 28: grade 6 field trip, Alberta culture days
- Oct 1: orange shirt day
- Oct 3: volleyball game at our school
- Oct 5: professional development day
- Oct 8: thanksgiving

- Oct 9: School council meeting

### **Upcoming news:**

- Oct 10: school vaccines
- Oct 11: grade 6 field trip
- Oct 12: Life Touch photo day, McDonald's fun lunch
- Oct 15- 25: Swimming for grades 1-4
- Oct 16: ESIII field trip, after school band practices begin, School council chair and trustee meeting
- Oct 19: Jelly Modern doughnuts fun lunch
- Oct 22: Calgary Police Service coming to talk to Elementary
- Oct 23: Walk A Thon occurring
- Oct 24: Grade 9 field trip
- Oct 26: Black and Orange day, JR high dance 12:45-2:45pm, Family Dance 6:00-8:00pm
- Oct 31: Dress as your favorite Story Book character day, Booster Juice fun lunch
- Nov 1: Faith Day, No school
- Nov 2: PD day, No school
- Nov 7: Retake picture day
- Nov 9: Spolumbo's fun lunch
- Nov 13: POPB meeting and School Council meeting

### **Chair Report - Lisa Giovanetto**

Welcome table at meet the teacher night was well received. Thank-you to all the bakers that donated their time and baking. Money donated at welcome night to parent council will be used towards concession items for family dance.

\$100 gift per teacher has been requested, to be donated from Parent Council funds. Motioned by Lola L, Seconded by Lisa B. all in favor, motion passed.

Coming soon - Family Advent Wreath Night. Fundraiser style night, families can pay to attend wreath making night, one to take home and there will be a collective effort to ensure each classroom has an advent wreath. Funds raised will be put towards all supplies and any profit will go in to the parent council funds for future needs.

### **Treasurer Report - Dino Civitarese**

As of Sept. 1, 2018 - \$1444.68 in the account. Statements still missing, since May 2018. Dino and Admin will look into where they are. \*\*\*Update since Parent Council meeting (Oct. 11, 2018 statements have been found)\*\*\*

### **POPB - Janet Pasquini**

POPB committee is currently looking into which company the playground will be purchased from.

## Item #8 - Old Business

### Hot lunch Report - Michelle Lombardo

Lunches have been booked through to December 2018. Lunch team has set up a schedule for weekly roll out of hot lunches to the students.

### Halloween Dance - Julie Valenzuela, Amanda Jefferies

Halloween Dance committee has a fun afternoon and evening planned for students and families. Pumpkin decorating contest is planned for each class. Winning class will get a \$40 dollar gift card to Staples for the teacher, and students will receive some fun treats. Please attend to see all fun activities and decorated pumpkins!

### Garden Report - Carola Preusser

Huge thank-you to our garden moms, Carola, Michelle and Mary Pat! The garden looks beautiful. Thank-you to Blue Grass for the generous support and donations.

## Item #9 - New Business

### Walkathon - Mary Pat Senger

Ideas discussed on how to get the Junior High students more involved. A fun student vs. teacher event will be planned. For every \$25.00 donation a child brings in, their name will be entered in a draw for gift cards.

### Fundraising - Janet Pasquini

Janet is looking into a fundraising app, FlipGive. This app functions much like ebates, where a % of your shopping purchases is given back in cash. A St. Alphonsus specific link will be given out to click on before shopping online at FlipGive vendors. This link can be shared with friends and families of St. Alphonsus to increase our fundraising efforts. Stay tuned for more details. Motioned by Lisa B., Seconded by Amanda J. Motion passed.

Band/Music dept. - will be brought under the Parent Council Umbrella for Fundraising efforts. As per any other request for funds, motion will be brought forward, discussed and voted on.

### Volunteer Coordinator - Diana Didrikson

An online sign-up form called SignUp Genius was approved by the administration for recruiting volunteers for school council events. SignUp Genius is an online tool for designing signup forms and communicating these from via school group emails. This form will improve communication with all parents about the school events and volunteer needs, plus allow parents to sign up for activities/times at their convenience. Diana Didrikson will be responsible to set up the form related to each event. The specific event coordinators will define the volunteer needs and provide Diana with the information. Diana will track the volunteer committee and keep the event coordinator informed. Requests and reminders for volunteers will be sent out via the

office. Communication requesting volunteers will be provided in the weekly newsletter as well as on hard copy sent home with students. Parents may also contact Diana directly to volunteer.

## Item #10

**Next Parent Council Meeting - November 13, 2018 @ 7:00pm**

## Item #11 - Closing Prayer - Christina Pfitscher

**Meeting adjourned by Lisa G. @ 8:20pm**

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