

St Anthony's Parent Council
Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2024

Attendees:

Chair, Quinn Franke
Vice-Chair, Julia MacDermid
Secretary: Veronique Ram
Treasurer: Rithesh Ram

Principal: Celeste Schrock
Vice-Principals: Susan Currie and Betina Gross
Teacher Reps: Claire Heistad and Gail Smith
Student Council Reps: Andi Calon and Hannah Beal

Parents: Amanda Swain, Fatima Riviera, Mary Taylor, Leslie Landon, Heather Lehman, Tamara Primrose, Taryn Gibson

1. Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement, Mission Statement

2. Presentation: Celeste Schrock "Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media Policy"

- Ministerial Order: Governments made a rule of no use of personal mobile devices during instructional time. Schools given time to come up with their detailed policy.
- Mobile devices required to be silent, powered off and out of view.
- Teachers will communicate the expectations regarding storage with students.
- Exceptions: learning plans, medical reasons
- Teachers have discretion to use for use in classroom learning activity.
- Non-Instructional Time (7-12): before and after school, lunch time, transitions between classes, inside or outside of the building.
- K-6: No cellphone use during both instructional and on-instructional time.
- Questions for feedback:
 - What general feedback would you like to share?
 - Most are happy with the policy.
 - Like them not having it in class. Helping kids focus better on educational material.
 - What exceptions for use during instructional time would you deem as reasonable?
 - Practice exams / surveys as a group.
 - Student discussed using it in art for ideas, logging into google classroom cause some chrome books are slow.
 - New chrome books are faster, however, as per Mrs. Currie. 1 chrome book for every 4 students.
 - Celeste noted it has really been a non-issue overall.
 - What feedback do you have on the use of personal mobile devices during non-instructional time for elementary, junior, and senior high students?

- Rithesh said should be allowed for grade 3.
- Quinn noted that her kids notice kids who have it for medical reasons but play games on it for recess. Hard for some kids to manage seeing this at times. Mrs. Currie will see if something can be done on that front.

3. Chair Update: Quinn Franke

I. Parent Loop Education:

- Celeste offered some history on the parking / loop complexity.
- Every year it can become an issue and requires some education.
- Lots of concerns often raised. Not all school monitors comfortable addressing concerns with specific families.
- Discussed a flyer for information.
- Dismissing kids that are picked up earlier seems to help.

II. Class Photos:

- What happened to the full class photo?
- Noted hasn't been something here at St A's for years. Raelene will investigate it as an option.

III. Fundraising Update:

- Growing Smiles: so far 129 sold so far. 17 days left to order.
- Fill Your Freezer: signed up. Starts May 1, 2025.
- Consider a perfect way to manage the greenhouse.
- Raffle: over \$3000 of donated items for Nov 21, 2024. If we run it through "raffle box" there are fees associated. Fees are high, but it is hard to manage cash at interviews. Celeste noted maybe using the square for payment. Everyone agrees to use the tickets and draw end of December, maybe at the last Christmas concert.

IV. Potential Guest Speaker:

- Paul Davies: cyber safety. Does an evening with parents and then two days with parents. He was here before and has had mixed reviews. Very intense. There were tears.
- Considering other options as well.

4. School Update: Celeste Schrock

- CLC Focus: Friday afternoon meetings. Sept focused on ISPs.
- Sports Update: end of volleyball season. Had 4 volleyball teams this year. Success for our school.
 - Moving into basketball season. Have possible coaches already.
- Christmas Concert Dates:
 - K-1
 - 2-4
 - 5-6 / Band
 - Will likely be the second and third week of December. No later the Dec 17.

5. Financial Update: Rithesh Ram

- Nothing to Report

6. Update from the Parish: Susan Currie / Betina Gross

- Nothing to Report

7. Update from the Board of Trustees: Mark Chung

- Absent
- Faith Formation Slide: “The Feast of Christ the King is celebrated Nov 24.”

8. Update from School Council: Andi Calon and Hannah Beal

- Halloween Dance on Oct 25, 2024 was a huge success. They made \$1600.
- Attended Leadership Conference at DVSS: 16 attendees
- Jersey Day in November

9. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: December 2, 2024