

**St Anthony's Parent Council
Meeting Minutes: March 3, 2025**

Attendees:

Chair, Quinn Franke

Vice-Chair, Julia MacDermid

Secretary: Veronique Ram

Treasurer: Rithesh Ram (Absent)

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 (absent)

Parents: Kia Stahl, Fatima Rivera, Martine Lavigne, Lana Armstrong, Mary Taylor, Leslie Landon, Tamara Primrose, Heather Lehman

1. Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement, Mission Statement

2. Presentation: Celeste Schrock “Stepping into the World of AI”

- Key to Professional Development: The Why:
 - There is a teacher quality standard that states “maintaining an awareness of emerging technologies” as well as incorporate appropriate “use of technologies.”
 - Creating an environment for the safe and ethical use of technology.
 - Facilitating the use of a variety of technologies to support learning
 - Ensuring access and availability to technological resources for all learners.
- When and How:
 - When and how can AI be used?
 - Teaching the ethical use around it.
- What AI Cannot Do?
 - Replace your professional judgment.
 - Alleviate your responsibility for knowing and caring for each student as a learner and a human being.
 - Remove the humanity required by teacher to support student learning.
 - Remove faith from Catholic Education.
- AI Applications and Implications:
 - Lesson Planning (activities, research-based instructional strategies tied to a specific AB Ed Outcome, etc).
 - Rubric Development/Assessment Creation.
 - Resource Generation.
 - Differentiated Instruction
 - Coaching and Problem Solving (for professionals)
 - Academic Integrity.

- Changes in Practice:
 - High School Humanities: Have had to change their approach due to AI: now must happen in class.
 - All the divisional teams at Jr/Sr Levels have been tasked to figure out how AI applies to their subject.

3. Chair Update: Quinn Franke

- **Meat Fundraiser**
- **Boone's Greenhouse Fundraiser:**
 - Up and running in the Newsletter
- **Family Dance:**
 - April 11, 2025: K - 6
 - Motion: Quinn – spend \$500 for family dance. Second by Kia. All approved. Motion Passed.
- **Initial Planning for Feast Day:**
 - June 13th, 2025 is usually Feast Day but it is a Friday.
 - Therefore, will be June 11, 2025
- **Swimming Lessons (Grades 4-6)**

4. School Update: Celeste Schrock

- **Update – AEA Survey**
 - They are out. Later than expected.
 - Grade 4, 7, 10 Parents would have received them via email.
- **New Seasons for Athletics**
 - Basketball coming to an end.
 - Moving into Badminton: seeking a Badminton coach.
 - Anticipating a lot of interest in Volleyball next year and trying to get the word out early to get coaches.
 - Mr. Belzile started a Rugby team.
- **Huge thank you to Parent Council for Staff Appreciation Week.**
- **Staff Learning**

5. Financial Update: Rithesh Ram

Closing balance: \$21,229.12

The GIC investment of \$5,000 is maturing 2025-03-21. I need to inform ATB by March 21, 2025 what are intentions are regarding this GIC, meaning, do we intend to reinvest or add it back to the operating account. My opinion is that we re-invest and continue to build the fund for a future large purchase. The second question to that is do we want to reinvest for the same amount or increase. My opinion would be to re-invest at a higher amount given our current balance and anticipated remaining costs:

Parent Council Scholarship	\$	500.00
Feast Day	\$	1,500.00

Kindergarten Year End Celebrations	\$	250.00
St. Anthony's School Awards	\$	500.00

My suggested motion would be: *BIRT the current \$5,000 GIC investment with ATB is maturing March 21, 2025. The council wants to reinvest for the same term (1 year) at \$10,000.*

Seconded by Julia.

All in favour: approved.

Motion passed.

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

- Many dates for lent:
 - Shrove Tuesday
 - Ash Wednesday
 - April 11: stations of the cross by St. A's
 - April 19: Easter Vigil, wine & cheese after

7. Update from the Board of Trustees: Mark Chung

- Faith Slide

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

- Disney Day: March 13, 2025.
- Talent Show at the end of March, date TBD: Grades 6-12.

9. New Topics:

- Martine: Social Media for Sports even if outside school? To inspire our students and keeping up with their extra-curricular activities.
- Celeste: will look at options at how we could feature our students for all their successes.
- Maybe a Facebook feature of "my kids outside school."
- Consider changing meetings next year to second Monday or maybe a Wednesday. Will discuss at June Parent Council meeting.

10. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: April 7, 2025 @ 7pm