

**St Anthony's Parent Council
Meeting Minutes: April 7, 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: Mary Taylor, Amanda Swain, Camille Blake-McDonald, Leslie Landon, Martine Lavigne, Heather Lehman, Sadie Williams

1. Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement, Mission Statement

2. Presentation: Deanne Chambers "Upcoming Renovations to St. Anthony's Church"

- Stucco needs replacement (approx. \$550,000): they got \$200,000 loan from the Diocese and they started a "building fund" for fundraising to try to pay it off as fast as possible to avoid too many interest fees.
- The payments will be \$1200 per month amortized for 20 years.
- Wondering what thoughts we might have to help fundraise / collaborate as a group: talent show with kids, fundraiser and split profits.
- Talent Show could be helpful and have students perform and charge an entrance fee.
- CWL garage sale: could advertise for good donations.
- Can use kids for volunteers and use newsletter to advertise the need for support.

3. Chair and Vice-Chair Updates: Quinn Franke and Julia McDermid

- **St. Joseph Parent of Distinction Award: Veronique Ram**
- **Council of School Councils Spring Meeting Update**
- **Family Dance Date Change:**
 - Quinn apologized for miscommunication concerns that were raised.
 - There are parents who would like to be involved in the future, but they can't necessarily attend meetings due to childcare concerns.
 - Mary brought forth having committees and better communication in the future for the event planning.
 - Celeste noted that better communication is always something that can be improved upon. She said we have tried small committees in the past and that didn't work, unfortunately, but we can definitely consider trying this again.

- April 12 was before Lent and felt by Celeste that it wasn't a great time to have the family dance, which was why the dance date changed.
- Date was changed to May 23, 2025: K-6, but anyone welcome (for example, older siblings).
- Amanda noted that in the past, we never really had any volunteers, and the Chair always had to be making most of the decisions so must keep in mind that this interest from parents to be involved is a new thing for everyone.
- Discussed getting senior students to babysit to help parents attend the meetings for council.
- **Book Fair:**
 - Proceeds of the Fair goes back to the school.
 - Librarian needs volunteers to run the Fair next year.
 - Will make sure to advertise it in the newsletter.
 - Julia also noted at the start of the year, we can break up into smaller groups for volunteering needs, fundraising, etc.
- **Fundraising Update:**
 - Meat Fundraiser: ready to go anytime.
 - Flower Fundraiser: ended next week
- **Feast Day Planning:**
 - June 11, 2025
 - Can we meet to organize games, etc? Celeste would like to know which "games."
 - Will setup a group to meet and run through the plan and then review with Celeste.
- **AGM: June 2, 2025 at 7pm**
 - Will put a link to the Bylaws in the Newsletter for parents to read prior.

4. School Update: Celeste Schrock:

- *What do parents want to know about the curriculum?*
 - Brought up by Celeste because parents ask all the time and say their kids say they "can't remember" what they've learned.
 - Presentation on what's taught in social studies, which is up for review.
 - Maybe a "curriculum highlight" in the newsletter?
 - AB Ed page has one pager summaries for the curriculum.
 - Some parents are interested, and others do not need them. Easy to put a link in the newsletter and parents can choose to see it or not.
- *RAP and Work Experience (Susan Currie):*
 - Experiences off campus in trades and get apprenticed credits (heavy duty mechanics, electrician, carpentry, etc). For RAP they get a salary.
 - Work experiences example: Wanderlust Boutique, Heller Good Sandwiches, Human Society, Napier Theatre, IT at Tyrell, Fabrication at Tyrell, etc.
 - This is in collaboration with Travel Drumheller

5. Financial Update: Rithesh Ram

GIC re-invested as directed from the last council meeting.

April 7, 2025 Closing Balance	\$	20,813.30
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6. Update from the Parish: Susan Currie / Betina Gross

- Lent/Easter Schedule:
- <https://stanthonysyyc.ca/about-our-church/mass-times/>

7. Update from the Board of Trustees: Mark Chung

- No update provided

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

- Lids for Lent: wear a hat for a loonie
- April 30: Country vs Country Club Day
- Talent show was a hit

9. Topics for Next Meeting:

- How many kids are enrolled for kindergarten next year?
- Will they split Grade 1 next year given there are 29 kids in K this year?

10. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: May 5, 2025 @ 7pm