

St. Anthony's School Council

September 9th 2026 @ 1902

1. Welcome and Introductions

Principle: Celeste Schrock, Susan Currie

Chair: Véronique Ram

Vice-Chair: Julia MacDermid

Secretary: Kia Stahl

Treasure: Rithesh Ram (not present)

Teacher Representative: Mr. Rowland

Trustee: Louise Henrickson

Parents on Zoom : Tarren Gibson, Mary Taylor, Karly B, Alexis Carnelly, Heather Lehmann

Parents in person: Amanda Swain, Kael Dalton, Amy Castro, Fatima Rivera, Jennifer Zachurak, Brittney Gendron, Allyson Dekeyser, Martine Molzahn, Ally Ens, Stephanie Eccleston.

2. Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement, Mission Statement

3. Presentation- School Council Engagement (Celeste Schrock)

- Celeste introduced the benefits and role of parent council
- Open discussion to the parents and asked what topics they would like to learn at council meetings this year.
- Topics included, how to use google classroom, cellphone policy, technology in the classroom/school, nutrition program, privacy policy, Bright arrow for sports to communicate with teams, instructional time and sports fees.

4. School Update (Celeste Schrock)

- Darren Jones new elementary PE teacher for K-6 and grade 9.
- Elementary teachers will now teach French to class. Kids get PE daily.
- Mrs. Russell new Grade 3 teacher.
- Core Campus before and after school is set up, looking to increase enrolment. 7 am until school starts. After school until 6pm. Suggestion for hourly rate. Suggestion for lower rates feedback from parents include the fees are high. Suggestion to be open during school closures.
- 418 students for k-12 for enrolment.
- Priorities of the year faith(focus communion) academics (focus assessment of mastery- numeracy literacy, inclusive education, expanding teacher tool kits) and health (focus digital citizenship, mental health, nutrition) for the year. Refining process for supports.

5. Update from chair (Veronique Ram)

Chair - continue as Veronique Ram

Vice chair- continue as Julia MacDermid

Secretary - continue as Kia Stahl

Treasure - continue as Rithesh Ram

- Excited to see new parents join parent council. Always open to new ideas and New communication lead Mrs. Peever
- New tent for outdoor events.

6. Fundraiser Updates (Julia MacDermid)

- Aim to raise for 2026-2027 school year \$ 5750.00
 - Goal for fall is to try and find sponsor for academic awards. Need 250 medals total \$2726.00
 - Parent Council for the 2026/2027 looking to support kindergarten grad, grade 12 scholarship, grade 6 sleepover trip to Edmonton, teacher appreciation, Feast Day BBQ transportation, field trips and academic awards.
 - First fundraiser started Winter Growing Smiles closes November 18th, delivery date December 2nd pickup from 4-6pm. Encouraged to share on social media and with family.
 - Meat Fundraiser open after Christmas close before Easter
- Spring Growing Smiles after meat fundraiser opens end of March delivery middle of May in time for mothers day.

Schedule for these three fundraisers, motioned to approve by Veronique, second by Stephanie Eccleston and Fatima Rivera

Fundraising suggestions that we will vote on at the next meeting:

- Flowers to purchase at Christmas concert
- IGA BBQ May or June.
- School ongoing Art fundraiser
- Christmas concert auction for front row seats and parking

7. Financial Update (Veronique Ram on behalf of Rithesh Ram)

- Closing balance \$18,168.94

8. News from the Parish (Mrs. Currie)

- Youth for christ camp happening in October, sign up available.
- Spaghetti fundraiser 5-8pm September 11th, proceeds go to Bell Tower.

9. Update from the school trustee (Louise Henrickson)

- CTR sponsor education program to help with teacher retention in rural schools. 2 candidates that are local to Drumheller have been accepted into the education program. Would be very beneficial to our school.
- Board of trustees is an elective group that creates strategic planning for the greater benefit of schools and teachers. Work for the superintendents. Topic of focus with the board include international travel, additional classroom support, AI, post secondary dual credit courses.

10. Topics for discussion for next meeting.

Vote on Fundraisers: Family Dance? Flowers at Christmas concert? IGA BBQ for May or June ? Art Fundraiser ?

How to use Google classroom/ technology in the school.

Meeting commenced at 2025

Next meeting October 14th at 7pm