

**St Anthony's Parent Council
Meeting Minutes: October 7, 2024**

1. 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: Lana Armstrong, Stephanie Eccleston, Fatima Riviera, Kia Stahl, Martine Molzahn, Tyra Smith, Mary Taylor, Kayla Montgomery, Leslie Landon, Heather Lehman, Tamara Primrose

2. Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement, Mission Statement

3. Book of Awesome Reading by Quinn Franke

4. Presentation: Celeste Schrock "Considerations for Fundraising"

Discussion regarding initiatives to support and review of guidelines set by Alberta Education.

- School Council approves all spending.
- Friends of St. Anthony's is the fundraising engine of school council and take direction from the school council.
- Principal needs to be aware of everything.
- All grants go through the school board.
- Rely on community for many things so must be careful not to create competition within our own school.
- Reviewed the groups supporting graduation scholarships to get an idea of who we are already hitting up for financial support.
- Mindful that fundraising at the school events doesn't become a barrier for families to attend.
- Be aware of volunteer burnout.

5. Planning for the Year: Quinn Franke

Discussion of the following:

- (a) What initiatives do we want to support for the 2024-2025 school year?
 - Review of last year: Uniforms, Drama, Money for Big Projects, Scholarship, Feast Day, K Grad, Staff Appreciation, Awards

- Celeste discussed how transportation and buses are a big obstacle and outsourcing field trip transportation and that comes at a high cost. Last year we agreed as a council that the charge to families would be a max of \$30 per student for a field trip.
 - Question regarding fridges / oven: if they broke, this would be a school expense.
 - Question regarding a second popcorn machine: Celeste said she'd have to discuss with Maureen Peters if this would be helpful.
 - Question raised from Kia regarding ipads for support for kids with autism and Celeste confirmed this is a cost covered by Learning Supports.
 - Speakers: Grant for a speaker for parents still eligible.
 - Group activity to determine interests in initiatives to support. Votes for Categories: Sports (27), then Transportation (24), Family Dance (16), then Drama (16) and Track (16).
 - SPORTS:
 - Discussed getting banners.
 - Discussed small expenses to support like balls for outside playground recess time.
 - Discussed an Alumni game to fundraise for jerseys, etc.
 - FAMILY DANCE:
 - Could be a fundraiser rather than cost. Not necessarily a cost but more of an event.
 - TRANSPORTATION:
 - Keep in mind to give money from fundraising initiatives.
 - DRAMA:
 - Big cost upfront for the play/musical. The rights of the play are very expensive.
 - Everyone agrees this is an important part of our culture here and should very much continue to support this aspect.
 - Others:
 - Landscaping: town flood mitigation giving us a lot of trees for landscaping for FREE.
 - Breakfast program has lots of support already.
- (b) How many fundraisers do we want to host? And what fundraisers are we going to do?
- Julia did a survey: 3 fundraisers:
 - "Growing Smiles" – Poinsettias (around Oct 21)
 - "Countryside Greenhouse" – Flowerpots (around End of March), must decide if certificates or plants.
 - "Fill Your Freezer" – Freezer meals like bacon, meat, etc (May 13)

Motion 1 brought forth by Julia: moved to have 3 fundraisers for this year as listed above: Growing Smiles, Countryside Greenhouse and Fill Your Freezer. Seconded by Veronique. All in favour. Motion Moved.

- 3 Raffles:
 - Parent Teacher Interviews
 - Christmas Concert

- After some discussion, opted to start with one raffle and start with PT Interview – Christmas Concert with the VIP seating.

Motion 2 brought forth by Kia: motion to do one RAFFLE (from Parent Teacher Interviews to Christmas Concerts). Seconded by Mary. All in favour. Motion Moved.

Motion 3 brought forth by Martine: motion to have a silent auction for the VIP Concert Seating and Parking. Seconded by Stephanie. All favour. Motion Moved.

- Canalta will donate 60 Dragons tickets for senior kids. They also have a game jersey to donate. Could maybe raffle it off at an Alumni game.
- Julia also got a list of events parents would like to also see happen this year.
- Art Auction is being put on hold this year.

6. School Update: Celeste Schrock “CTR Priorities for 2024-2025”

- Celeste provided a picture of the information from CTR.
- Postponed discussion

7. Financial Update: Rithesh Ram

- We have \$6450 to spend to be at zero.
- \$5000 in the GIC. It is the “Big Project Fund”. Will have to re-negotiate in March 2025.

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

- Nothing to Report

9. Update from the Board of Trustees: Mark Chung

- Absent

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

- Need Parent Volunteers to Chaperone the Dance. Always need 2-3 parents.
- Currently have two volunteers: Ava Wheeler and Veronique Ram

11. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: November 4, 2024