

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

Attendees:

Chair, Quinn Franke

Vice-Chair, Julia MacDermid

Secretary: Veronique Ram

Treasurer: Rithesh Ram (Absent due to call)

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: Amanda Swain, Stephanie Eccelston, Lana Armstrong, Mary Taylor, Leslie Landon, Tamara Primrose, Heather Lehman

1. Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement, Mission Statement

2. Presentation: Celeste Schrock "Feedback on Cafeteria and the Process for Creating Class Lists"

▪ **Feedback on Cafeteria:**

- There was a parent who spoke to staff because their kid's meal was forgotten, and they mentioned this wasn't the first time it happened.
- Wondering about parent experiences and thoughts:
 - Stephanie mentioned it would be nice to have a preloaded card versus etransfering every time.
 - Stephanie also said that she's forgotten to etransfer and her kids have always still been fed.
 - Leslie noted that her daughter has forgotten to pick-up her food and then didn't get her meal at all.
 - Some parents also noted that their kids didn't get their meals so they do not use the cafeteria much anymore.
- Raelene has created a Google Form: link was in the Newsletter. The form will link to a spreadsheet teachers can access. Still expecting teachers to notice in the agenda for note from parents.

▪ **Creating Class Lists:**

- Lots of factors at play such as student dynamics, friends, students with ISPs, EAL students, MSPs, balance male and female students, and student/teacher personality matches.
- Last year had kids write down two friends they would want in their class and they tried everything they could to make sure each kid was with one of those two options.
- The school does try to honour parent requests as much as possible. If they can't, they will explain why to the parent.

- Class lists start to be created in May.
- Bottom line is the school always wants kids and parents to be happy and feel good about the place they are in.

3. Chair Update: Quinn Franke

- **Meat Fundraiser:**
 - Website up and ready to go
- **Popcorn Machine:**
 - Request made for a new one because there is only one right now and it takes a really long time.
 - Motion made by Quinn: purchase a second popcorn machine. Seconded by Julia. *Motion Passed.*
- **Boone's Greenhouse Fundraiser:**
 - Looking to have this delivered to the school this year.
 - Will need to get a motion at the next meeting to get numbers for orders as soon as possible.
- **Exploring Revenue Opportunities from Advertising:**
 - One school in our division that did get advertising for their fences. Board doesn't seem to see any issues with it but will confirm with us first with upper management.
 - Could run it like the Dragons run it at the arena.
 - School Division would help with drafting contracts.
- **Staff Appreciation:**
 - February 10 – 14
 - Quinn noted she will need volunteers: can text her if can help.
 - \$500 allocated
 - Teachers say: anything is a treat! Even a cup of coffee.
 - Teachers left meeting for parents to review plan for appreciation.
- **Family Dance:**
 - K to 6
 - Considering April 11, 2025
 - Brett Montgomery - DJ - would be \$450. Other parents suggested cheaper alternatives like Tyson or Jason.
 - Consider glow sticks as well to sell at a low price.
 - Stephanie, Julia and Tamara offered to help.

4. School Update: Celeste Schrock

- **New School Zone Designation**
 - Highway outside of school will be designated a school zone.
 - In effect starting in March.
- **Update – AEA Survey**
 - Heard nothing yet from AB Ed
- **Semester 2 Updates**
 - Started semester 2 last Tuesday
 - New senior high options: Anthropology
 - Offering a 10-3 Math this year as well, as well as a Math 20-3

- Offering a physics 30 class this year with only 5 kids but decided to keep it because those kids need it to set them up for success.
- **Changes to PAT Procedures**
 - Can no longer write them early due to a security breach. Can not write earlier than the school date. You can write later.
 - June PAT dates in newsletter.

5. Financial Update: Rithesh Ram

- Balance: \$21,478.69

There was a question a while back about getting a debit and credit card. This is the response from ATB:

If the society/group decides that they would like for someone to own a debit card for the account and also actively use it, I will need signed meeting minutes authorizing the same. We will also have to remove the 2 to sign locks that we have placed on the accounts currently to be able to use with a Debit card. At which point it would not be our responsibility to ensure the safety of the funds as a Debit card could be misplaced sometimes.

As for a Mastercard, since this is an unincorporated association, I will need meeting minutes signed by 2 authorized signers requesting a Business Mastercard to be issued. It should also specify what should be the credit limit for the said Mastercard and also who should be the authorized user for the said Mastercard.

It is also important to note for the purpose of issuing a Mastercard once I receive the said meeting minutes I would have to have the users fill out an application form and will have to complete a hard pull on their credit score to complete the Mastercard application."

Rithesh would not personally recommend the debit card, but if the group wants to proceed with a credit card will need signed meeting minutes as outlined above. It would also need to be setup as an automatic full payment monthly so that there is no accrued interest.

We will table this until next meeting.

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

- Nothing to Report

7. Update from the Board of Trustees: Mark Chung

- Faith Slide: Advent

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

- Absent but there is a Pep Rally on Feb 13 and the Valentine's Day Dance on Feb 7, 2025.

9. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: March 3, 2025 @ 7pm