

St Ann's Academy Parents' Association (SAPA)

Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2018

Present: Mike Simpson, Heather Vohradsky, Patrick Niwa, Rosie Caputo, Lisa Anderson, Jessica Hibbard, Melissa O'Neill, Sherry Sanderson, Joel Loehr, John Hondzel, Wendy Jennings Deanna Balison, Christopher Savage, Nini Nytepchwk and Paula Nolan,

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Mike welcomed everyone; called the meeting to order at 6:35PM Melissa lead the opening prayer and round of introductions.

2. Adoption of agenda – m/s John Hondzel / Christopher Savage Carried.

3. Adoption of minutes – m/s Christopher Savage / John Hondzel Carried.

4. Administration Report

Mr. Niwa spoke about the Walkathon raising \$27,000 with \$5,000 expenses. Acknowledged that electronic payment option is a priority and is looking into the options. Mr Niwa also mentioned a potential MyEd trial pilot project for electronic payment but no dates as yet and as the school parents are keen stated will look into it.

Paula Nolan is offering to help, and will be bringing Mr Niwa a couple of options for Electronic payment to consider next week and will review them as well as discuss implementation. OLPH is currently using a system for PPH hours that is computerized.

5. Presidents Report

Mike Simpson and Heather Vohradsky both stated nothing new to report at this time

6. Treasurer's report

Lisa presented this month budget of note ...

- The possible over payment of the gaming funds by \$1900 was not a mistake as there was a 20% increase YAY.
- A reserve fund of \$5,700 from the playground awaiting a bill for an electrical wire that was cut during instillation, Mr Niwa noted that as the ground is soon to be freezing this may be delayed till spring.

7. Old Business

- **Fence project:** Tracy to report at the next meeting in December.
- **Electronic payment capability:** Continues to be an ongoing work in process as mentioned above Mr Niwa actively working on options.
- **SAPA handbook:** Mike and Rosie to work on same, following input from SAPA

8. Correspondence: None to note

9. Funding Requests: None at present

10. New Business

- Approval status for fundraisers. If a fundraiser is expected to raise under \$5,000 approval from counsel is **not** required but Mr Niwa would like to have communication around timing. This to be added to the Handbook. Epicure fundraiser to be out in the next week.
- **Fundraising ideas** and **SPRING RAFFLE** prize ideas. small brainstorming session with ideas ...
Mr Niwa spoke about the potential option for a years tuition or his parking spot for a year.
Mike and Lisa Harvest dance Beer garden / wine sales.
Deanna spoke about Penguin meats or Garry's Deli
Parking spots or front row seats to a school concert. 4 prime parking spots could be in a silent auction at the bizarre or raffled. At a previous school mentioned by Melissa these would often fetch anywhere from \$400- \$1,00, the car spots would have a sign with the families name on it for the year.
- **Education sessions** – Kamloops hacks. Discussed and Mike to contact Danielle re same it will be supported but not funded.
- **Scholarship date:** A request has been made to see if we can change the completion date from May 1st to April 15th /18th to enable careful consideration of applicants.

11. Committee reports:

Bazaar:

Joel spoke about the gaming licence process that awaits approval.

Please email Joel @ jloehr2003@yahoo.ca if you are interested in helping out this year. Especially mentioned the tearoom organizer Bonny Bartel will need a shadow this year as it is her last year with kids in the school and a volunteer is needed and will be greatly appreciated. John H. stepping up to help Joel and Shane O. to make contact.

Staff Appreciation: Heather and Lisa spoke about ideas for staff appreciation as we have missed Sept and Oct and now November birthdays it was discussed that a Christmas lunch as well as a Wreath with Teachers names and gift cards attached for sometime in December as well as another apperception effort in the late January. Mr Niwa also spoke about the teachers social committee arranging a staff Christmas party and how we might be able to support that in someway. Lisa and Heather to plan same volunteers appreciated.

Closing Prayer and adjournment at 7.35 pm

Next SAPA meeting December 11 @ 6.30 pm

ALL WELCOME.