



ST. ANN'S ACADEMY

Parent Support Group — Meeting Minutes

Date	September 10 th , 18:30 to 19:55
Attendees	Michael Carere, Jessica Chardon, Jenna Munroe, Amanda DeMarni, Rosie Caputo, Marion Putterill, David Takahashi, Sarah Major, Janet Emonaga, Gurveer Mann, Raj Singh, Stephanie Feely, Dawn Cuzzetto, Lauren Phillips, Collette Brown, Oluchi Afoku, Olawumi Oladimeji; Ling Wang, Emene Augustine, Michelle Chen
Regrets	None
Chair	Jessica Chardon

Agenda

First monthly PSG meeting for school year 2026/2027

Opening prayer and welcome – R Caputo and J Chardon

Introductions of PSG executive committee for 2026/2027 – PSG Executive

Introduction of Principal – M Carere

Prior meeting minutes approved – R Caputo and J Munroe

Agenda approved – R Caputo and J Munroe

Reports

Treasurer's report – A DeMarni

Overview of previous years total income provided. 2025/2026 was a very successful year.

Total revenue \$41K

Non-gaming \$8 500

Total paid for school requests by PSG just over \$29K.

2026/2027 opening balances:

Non-gaming: \$12k

Gaming: \$23K

Total funds available for this school year: \$35k

LSC report – A DeMarni

Introduction of (Local School Committee) LSC and the role of the LSC representative.

Last meeting: Aug 25th (zoom)

Capital projects completed over the summer: Science rooms and Cafeteria air-conditioning; Gym floor resurfacing; Classroom painting of K and GR1; Re-sodding of lower soccer field; Concrete and masonry of front stairs re-done (by donation)

Welcome back BBQ – Daycare to be included this year.

Timeline of Upcoming Events

Sept '26	Welcome Back BBQ (Sept 16 th)
Oct '26	Columbo Cares (TBD); Tumbleweed Toys (Oct 24 th)
Nov '26	School Bazaar (Nov 28 th); Christmas Purdy's (TBD)
Feb '27	Columbo Cares (TBD)
March '27	Purdy's Easter (TBD); Spring Raffle (TBD)
Various months in school year	Community events: Movie nights etc. (TBD)

Discussion Items

SAA Gala dinner – A DeMarni

Date set for January 30th, 2027, at Colombo Lodge.

Planning is ongoing.

Request made for volunteers to assist with canvassing for sponsorships and silent/live auction items.

Sponsorship tiers discussed and request put to PSG for potential sponsorship. Any sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

Fundraising goal \$20K – Aiming to redo the front façade of the school.

Fundraising – R Caputo

All planned fundraising events put forward (see above)

Request for parent(s) to step into shadow role for fundraising portfolio to be mentored this year and take over next school year.

Class Parents – R Caputo

Class parents still needed for Gr1; Gr5 and Gr10.

Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

All PPP hours will be achieved through this role.

Expectations briefly discussed, including need for monthly touchpoint with class and being the primary link between PSG and parent group.

Class parents to be listed on PSG page of the school website for ease of access by parents.

Welcome Back BBQ – PSG executive

E-mail has been sent to parents to RSVP.

Ice cream and non-dairy alternative to be sent to school by Rosie Caputo.

Coolers for the event – Amanda Di Marni and Jenna Munroe.

Website updates – PSG executive

Updates needed to be sent to the school office, to cc Michael Carere and Suzanne Da Silva.

To include upcoming and ongoing fundraising and any alerts for parents

PSG newsletter – A DeMarni

Idea of a monthly PSG newsletter raised.

Input received regarding format – more visual 1 pager, preferred method of delivery would be with school newsletter to avoid being overwhelmed with e-mails.

To add the 1 pager to PSG Facebook page and have class reps distribute to parents.

Funding Requests

	Funding request	Requested by	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
1.	Gr 7 Year End Trip	A Makse	\$1500	\$1500
2.	Student Leadership with Buddies	A Makse	\$200	\$200
3.	Highschool Athletics	C Mallais	\$15000	\$5000
4.	Pete and Ray Murray Pumpkin Patch	C Sewell	\$250	\$250
5.	Sahali Fire Station Field Trip	C Sewell	\$70	\$70
6.	Downtown Community Tour	C Sewell	\$70	\$60
7.	Wildlife Park (K-3)	D Balison	\$1500	\$1500
8.	Spring Tea	E Pierrot	\$400	\$400
9.	Gr6 Year End	E Pierrot	\$400	On hold
10.	ADST Wooden Planters	J Blower	\$302	\$160
11.	Field Trip BLSC	J Blower	\$240	\$240
12.	STEM Bins	J Blower	\$390	\$390
13.	Swim Team Bus Transport	J Blower	\$107	\$107
14.	STEM JR Circuit Kit Replacement	J Blower	\$202	\$202
15.	High School Retreats (8;10;12)	K Santos	\$3000	\$3000
16.	Young Authors Conference	K Santos	\$600	\$600
17.	Field Trip BLSC	N Potocki	\$300	\$200
18.	Chess Club (4-7)	N Potocki	\$200	\$200
19.	Gr5 Year End	N Potocki	\$750	On hold
20.	Field Trip Secwepmc Museum	N Potocki	\$300	\$200
21.	Yukon Dan	N Potocki	\$300	On hold
22.	SAA Photo Backdrop	S Da Silva	\$1041.65	\$1041.65 During Summer
23.	Music Festival Ont/Que	T Cuzzetto	\$14000	\$2800
24.	Festival Travel Costs	T Cuzzetto	\$6000	\$1200
25.	Festival Travel Costs	T Cuzzetto	\$143000	\$2800

Total Funding Request Approvals: \$22 130.65

Round Table Discussion

- Potential for school to explore music grants and other grant opportunities. Would need someone well versed in grant applications who has sufficient time to complete the applications. – C Brown
 - Potential for creating school directory of parents and their businesses for families to support SAA owned businesses. Could be a project for the LSC. – M Carere
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Next meeting: October 7th at 18:30 at SAA

Meeting adjourned: 19:55