

St Ann's Academy Parents' Association (SAPA) Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2021

Present: Mike Simpson, Patrick Niwa, Joel Loehr, Antonia Emery, Amita Sharma, Angela Achoba-Omajali, Crystal Chartrand, David Takahashi, Yohairy Checo, Sherry Sanderson.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Mike welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 6:30, Patrick led the opening prayer.

2. Adoption of agenda – m/s David/Yohairy – carried.

3. Adoption of minutes – m/s Sherry/David – carried.

4. Administration Report

Patrick expressed gratitude on behalf of staff for the flexibility in shifting financial priorities and decisions made at the March meeting and relayed staff's excitement at the COVID-buster events. He informed everyone that e-transfers are moving ahead.

5. Presidents Report

None.

6. Finances

See budget spreadsheet distributed with this meeting summary; it has been updated for expenses as approved at the March meeting, and removing items not proceeding. Joel reported that the gaming account balance is \$80 766.48 and that there are several cheques to be written. He and school administration have worked through most of the non-gaming account discrepancies identified.

7. Old Business

Strategic Financial Plan – Patrick hopes to have a strategic financial plan by September, this will help leverage different funding sources with what is allowed to be spent on different initiatives to maximize finances.

Doves – 176 doves were made, K to grade 6 will paint them, they will be installed by mid-May.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. Funding Requests: No current funding requests

10. New Business:

Parents for Online Safety – Yohairy gave a presentation about a new committee to provide support to parents for online safety of our children. See presentation file circulated with this meeting summary, which has links to the trailer for “Screenagers” and other resources included.

Motion to form a Parents for Online Safety Committee, and to request the free Canadian Centre for Child Protection (CCCP) live Zoom presentation for fall 2021, subject to vetting of resources for appropriate content by CISKD (Catholic Independent Schools of Kamloops Diocese) – m/s David/Angela, carried.

Patrick noted that option 1 film “Screenagers” the school already has a license for, it was purchased last year but COVID prevented it being shown. Amita, Mae and Angela volunteered to be part of the committee and Patrick will support it as staff. Contact Yohairy if you want to be involved, yohairychecho@hotmail.com

11. Committee Reports:

COVID-buster

- Joel reported that 2500 easter eggs were used, costing \$146, for the K-7 easter egg hunt
- Elementary colouring contest, 113 submissions received. See presentation file circulated with this summary. **ACTION – vote on your #1 choice by grade, email jloehr2003@yahoo.ca by 9pm Friday April 16, 2021.**
- High school photography contest, 9 submissions received. See presentation file circulated with this summary. **ACTION – vote on your #1 choice for grade 8, 10, 12 (grades 9, 11 only had one each), email jloehr2003@yahoo.ca by 9pm Friday April 16, 2021.**
- Free lunch coming up – hot dog or veggie plate, plus chips and a drink. High school on April 28, Elementary on April 30. Canteen won’t run that day, credit will be given as needed.
- Spring carnival coming up May 28. Lots of volunteers will be needed.
- Water park coming up June 23.
- Calls for volunteers for all the upcoming events will be emailed out as we get closer

Staff Appreciation – Next event at school year-end

Scholarship Committee – Amita reported that several applications have been received. Deadline is April 30, then the committee will review them.

12. Adjournment of meeting: 7:38pm; Joel did the closing prayer.

Next SAPA meeting – Tuesday May 11, 2021 @ 6:30 pm