

St Ann's Academy Parents' Association (SAPA) Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2020

Present: Mike Simpson, Patrick Niwa, Crystal Chartrand, Joel Loehr, Rosie Caputo, Ana Avila, Chad Belbin, Sherry Sanderson, Anupreet Sharma

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Mike welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 6:30 and Joel lead the opening prayer.

2. Adoption of agenda – m/s Chad/John - carried.

3. Adoption of minutes – m/s Rosie/Chad – carried.

4. Administration Report

Mr. Niwa reported that staff appreciated the food for Catholic Schools Week, and that the senior boys' volleyball team are in at least second place in the league. Mrs. Leggett passed on thanks for ski trip support from SAPA. It was suggested that TRU Wolfpack come to the school in the future, like the Blazers currently do. It was questioned why there isn't high school gym uniforms.

5. Presidents Report

Mike noted that Tracy Christianson has stepped down as fundraising coordinator, and that Shanon Guglielmini has agreed to be acting fundraising coordinator. Elections to be held in June.

6. Treasurer's Report and Report on Completed Activities

Lisa was sick and there were no updated finances to review. Mike reminded Patrick that there is a slush fund available for teachers to draw from, and that in future years, Catholic Schools Week activities could be funded by SAPA. There were no completed activities since the January meeting.

7. Old Business 2018/19

Doves – a buddy event in spring to be arranged.

Strategic plan – Advancement officer to advance.

Alumni event – event planned for 75th anniversary of the school in May. It was suggested to connect with Kamloops Museum and Archives for any history of the school.

Parent/ Student education event – Patrick noted he would like to proceed with Screenagers, open to the public as well as St Ann's parents and students.

Bazaar and use of term "cakewalk" – Patrick reached out to the parent that raised the concern, no further feedback was received. Revisit this in fall 2020 as we plan for the bazaar.

Updates to SAPA Handbook – Mike noted that updates to the handbook are underway and will be finalized with addition of raffle procedures from Lisa. It was noted that there needs to be some cleaned up language and consistency with the scholarships. To be finalized by June 2020.

Arts Scholarship – Rosie took the lead and got input from Mrs. Spina and several arts teachers and presented draft criteria on screen. It was discussed, edited and agreed upon. Key change was that students don't have to go into the arts. m/s Chad/Rosie – carried, as captured on screen.

8. Correspondence: Mike wrote a letter Feb 7, 2020 to Knights of Columbus seeking \$500 to support a grade 11 trip. Two cheques for \$500 each were received and given to Anu to deposit.

9. Funding Requests: None.

10. New Business:

Frequency of Staff Appreciation Events – the discussion was raised as it was remembered rather last minute to do a staff appreciation event (food for the staff room during Catholic Schools Week). Some suggested one event per term; others suggested a balance

11. Committee reports

Spring Raffle – Jan's results for the count as of Feb 5, 2020 was shown on screen. A wait list exists for people wanting to sell more tickets. Discussion about how mandatory it is for families to sell at least one book of tickets; it doesn't appear very mandatory if minimal effort is made and they are returned unsold (noting the expectation isn't that school families don't have to buy all the tickets). Rosie noted that the box for envelopes isn't deep enough, it will fill up quickly.

Staff Appreciation – discuss again in May for a June event.

Paint Night – Jennifer Harbaruk is planning the next event, to be held in spring, with parents and children and possibly in the school gym.

Scholarship – Rosie and Lauren volunteered for the committee, to be initiated in April.

Colombo Cares – event scheduled for Wed April 15, need some parent volunteers to help distribute meals that day, and we (SAPA, school admin) need to put the word out for families to purchase the meals and support this. Roberta is our contact at Colombo Lodge. Discuss more in March.

12. Closing Prayer by Rosie and adjournment at 7:30 pm

Next SAPA meeting - Tuesday March 10 @ 6:30 pm