

## St Ann's Academy Parents' Association (SAPA)

# Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2019

**Present:** Mike Simpson, Mr Niwa, Heather Vohradsky, Melissa O'Neill, Deanna Balson, Wendy Jennings, Anupreet Sharma, Lisa Anderson.

Guest : Constable Ryan Weidenman

Apologies from: Rosie Caputo

### 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

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

**2. Adoption of agenda** – m/s Heather Vohradsky / Anupreet Sharma Carried.

**3. Adoption of minutes** – m/s / Anupreet Sharma /Melissa O'Neill Carried.

### 4. Administration Report

Mr Niwa shared with us his experiences in China. Lots of travelling, for much of it he was paired with Principal of Kelowna's Catholic school Immaculata Robert Plaxton, good networking the tour was put on my Choice a company that arranges international students. My Niwa's time was spent in 4 main areas. One area was a teaching a ½ hour lesson to students. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was advertising St Ann's via a power point, the 3<sup>rd</sup> speaking about the education system in Canada and the 4<sup>th</sup> interviewing prospective students.

### 5. Presidents Report

Mike Simpson thanked all the hard working members who are pulling off the Spring Raffle. Lisa, Heather, Tracy, Sherry Melissa.

### 6. Treasurer's report

Lisa highlighted activities in the bank in February. Lisa and Mr Niwa spoke about access to the non-gaming account

### 7. Old Business

- **Fence project.** Woodworking underway, painting supplies fund request presented. Base paint and brushes to be bought off tint paints for decorating donated by Heather and Home Hardware
- **Alumni event.** Mr Niwa requested \$300 for the event and reported that the advancement role a 0.4 line advertised for the school will spear head this event, once hired.
- **Engaging class reps and dividing tasks.** Add ons Possible school wide social events in the school gym like Games nights

**8. Correspondence:** revised letter to CISKD sent re electronic payment requests.

**9. Funding Requests:**

Move to adjust the budget to allow for expenses for the following in 2018/19 year (ceiling amounts for each event):

- Fence painting supplies – base paint, paint brushes, material to attached, etc. - \$200
- Alumni event – May - \$500 for refreshments, etc.
- Education event for parents \$750  
(possibly a screening of Screenagers, refreshments, honorarium)
- Teacher appreciation budget – extra \$300 = **TOTAL \$1750**

Deana/Lisa. Carried.

**10. New Business:**

**Guest:** Constable Ryan Weidenman joined us to discuss his desire to spearhead Child and Parental education sessions focussing on 3 main areas Internet safety, New Cannabis laws and Vaping. He has conducted some session in class time already around how to be a “Good digital Citizen” most recently to the G 4’s Mr Niwa to discuss dates and times and plan events. Melissa offered support from a Public Health Nurse position.

**Educational sessions:** Mr Niwa spoke about his vision of 10-15 educational sessions that will be held at St Ann’s for the whole community to attend such as a showing of the documentary Screenagers and talks on being a parent in the era, more info to follow.

**SAPA rep roles and engaging our community:** Ongoing conversations as to what that would look like as per previous minutes. Some ideas that were brought up: Games night events in the hall, Assigning/choosing a fundraising task per Grade rep.

**Scholarship:** Rosie, Deanna will participate on the committee

**11. Committee reports:**

**Spring raffle:** Ticket sales: weekend feedback to be collated, but brief discussion reported slow sales at the mall and the need for more generic raffle items for sales to the general public. Before and after church sales have been AMAZING. Discussed the future purchase of Spring Raffle advertising stand up signs. Tracy to count money and books with help from Deanna and Melissa more assistance needed for phoning.

Closing Prayer by Melissa and adjournment at 7.45 pm

**Next SAPA meeting April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6.30 pm**

**ALL WELCOME.**