

St Ann's Academy Parents' Association (SAPA)
Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2020

Present: Mike Simpson, Patrick Niwa, Crystal Chartrand, Joel Loehr, Rosie Caputo, Lauren Phillips, Amita Malhotra, John Hondzel, Lisa Anderson, Binny Gupta

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 John/Binny - carried.

3. Adoption of minutes – m/s John/Crystal – carried.

4. Administration Report

Mr. Niwa reported that high school sports teams are doing well, and that Mr. Arsenault would like to purchase jerseys. He reviewed the school cleaning approach with respect to the coronavirus situation. The 75th anniversary will be coming up on May 30 with several events around the city. He is working with staff on more detailed report cards, transparency and predictability in assessments, and scheduling and choice of high school subjects. He is working on a plan for school renovations and upgrades. The educational film Screenagers will be shown in school on April 30, and then the evening of May 5 to a broad audience, open to all of Kamloops.

5. Presidents Report

No formal report.

6. Treasurer's Report and Report on Completed Activities

Lisa noted that there have been some expenses since the last meeting, and that a full financial update will be provided at the April meeting.

7. Old Business 2018/19

Doves – a buddy event in spring to be arranged, aiming to have the painted doves on display for May 30 anniversary event, then installed on the fence before end of June.

Strategic plan – Advancement officer to advance.

Alumni event – this will hopefully be initiated after the May 30 anniversary event.

Parent/ Student education event – The educational film Screenagers will be shown in school on April 30, and then the evening of May 5 to a broad audience, open to all of Kamloops. \$750 in the budget to support this.

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.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. Funding Requests: None in writing; Mr. Niwa noted that Mrs. Ferguson will be submitting a request for consideration at the next meeting.

10. New Business:

Premier's Excellence in Education Awards – Binny raised the opportunity to nominate teacher and support staff for one of ten categories of awards, details [here](#). Nominations are due April 30. It was suggested that rather SAPA submitting a nomination, to raise awareness of this award by emailing parents and suggesting they make a nomination. Mike will email parents from the SAPA email account the week after spring break (week of March 30).

11. Committee reports

Spring Raffle – Lisa reported that 4163 tickets were sold, raising \$20 805, well beyond the budgeted amount of \$12 000. Draw is tomorrow at 12:45PM. Since there was a tie for the most number of tickets sold, a motion was made to award both students \$100 (m/s John/Rosie, carried) (this increases our expenses by \$100). Lisa will be documenting procedures and suggestions for next year's spring raffle, to be included in the SAPA Handbook update.

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. Mike will follow up with her about details and plans.

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

Colombo Cares – fundraising event by selling take-out pasta dinner, details [here](#). Event scheduled for Wed April 15 where SAPA will be the recipient of funds. Roberta is our contact at Colombo Lodge. Mike will email from the SAPA account on Thursday April 9; word is already out in the school newsletter. Binny, Lauren and Crystal will volunteer for a shift (12-3PM) and find other volunteers for the 3-6PM shift. Rosie has info about the volunteer needs to share.

12. Closing Prayer by Joel and adjournment at 7:25 pm

Next SAPA meeting - Tuesday April 14 @ 6:30 pm