

St Anthony Governing Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 19:00

Recorder: Rénouka Dutta

Present: Cindy Wallach (Interim principal), Gina Piccinini (SEED), Anna Di Vincenzo (administrative assistant)

Teachers: Amélie O'Sullivan, Rénouka Dutta, Sue Belair (alternate), Simrin Aulakh, Amy Ferland, Sylvie Girard,

Parents: Nick Alcaraz (Chair), Amanda Foti, Effy Koukoulas, Sara Deschamps, Zach Melzer, Jessica Arbour Marcil, Veronica Somos

Members of the public as invited guests: Preeti Sehgal (Secretary of Grad committee), Sunira Kumar (Chair of H&S)

Absent: Natiyala Applewaithe (parent)

1. Welcome and call to order (N. Alcaraz)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Nick Alcaraz

2. Land Acknowledgement (N. Alcaraz)

3. Adoption of Agenda (N. Alcaraz)

Points 6.3 iii, iv, v, vi, vii were added to the agenda

Motion: Effy Koukoulas, Sara Deschamps
Vote: Unanimous

4. Adoption of the [Minutes](#) of the June 2024 GB meeting

Tabled to the October meeting

5. Reports:

5.1 [Home and School](#) (Rénouka Dutta)

5.2 [Grad](#) (Rénouka Dutta)

5.3 Commissioner's Report (Absent)
No report

5.4 CPC Report (Zach Melzer)
No report

5.5 Administration (Cindy Wallach)

Thank you all for being here!

1st Fire Drill was done - 2 more must be done

Thank you to H&S for the BBQ and the Opening Day Activities

Grade 6 went to the Ultimate Frisbee tournament Sept 24 - Thank you Sue for all the organization of events & for making all the schedules

Orange Shirt Day - Sept 25 assembly in Gym
Terry Fox Run - Oct. 1 looking for donations online
Interim reports - Oct. 15
Kindness Committee in the school - great for school
Thank you to the community and the school - It was a great experience!

5.6 IB (Cindy Wallach)

New coordinator - Adriana Di Valerio
Went to visit IB school (Clearpoint) and came back with great ideas!
Is incorporating Social media to promote Ib related activities - wonderful initiative!

5.7 SEED (Gina Piccinini)

164 students registered
Next 3 weeks is accounting from Gov
2 positions available - 1 picked up (Tina)
Sept 27 - Outing at La magie de la pomme - 55 kids, 5 educators - approved at previous meeting

6. New Business

6.1 Fundraisers

a. Grad

- i. Haunted House - October 31st
Canned Goods donation as entry - funded by grad committee
- ii. TCBY - 3rd Thursday of every month in combination with a lunch
Charge to parents \$3.50/cup
Dates: October to June on the same day as lunch
- iii. Lunch fundraiser - 3rd Thursday of every month, max 13\$/lunch, supplier TBD
- iv. Bottle Drive - Saturday, October 19th, 2024

Motion: Sue Belair, Sara Deschamps
Vote: Unanimous

b. Home and School

- i. Flat fee options for those who don't want to participate in fundraising activities.
Recommended \$50 or donation of choice checkboxes \$10, \$15, \$20, etc.
- ii. Chocolate fundraiser
Order form goes out - Sept. 25 Laura Secord \$5 & Little boxes 3 for 5\$
Delivery and distribution - Sept. 30
- iii. Raffle baskets - 3 for \$5 (donated baskets) on Parent-Teacher evening November 28, 2024
- iv. Halloween Dance - Oct. 25 \$5.00 entry

Motion: Sue Belair, Jessica Arbour Marcil
Vote: Unanimous

6.2 Field trips

- i. Grade 6 sleepover Nov. 8-9, 2024 in School gym - no cost - ratio 1:10
- ii. Grade 6 Grad trip Feb. 19-21, 2025 @ P'tit Bonheur \$283/student - ratio 1:10
- iii. Grade 1 virtual field trip (Montreal oral school of the deaf: Week of Oct. 7th, no cost)
Complements IB Unit, possibility of pen pals, virtual visit of classroom
- iv. Grade 5-kindness committee (visit to CHSLD - no cost)
Oct. 24 & Oct. 30 walking with Ms. Tanya and Ms. Val

Motion: Nick Alcaraz, Zach Melzer
Vote: Unanimous

6.3 School events

- i. Terry Fox Run (Oct. 1) - Rain or shine - Donations online
New format: Assembly in Gym at 11:00 and then run in the Turf
- ii. Geordie Theatre - The Velveteen Rabbit (Oct. 10) - no cost K4 to Gr. 6
Highlights emotional connections and the contrast between reality and technology
- iii. Cycle 2 guest speaker (Sept. 26)
Sarah White - former paralympian - Complements IB Unit - Everyday Heroes
- iv. Handball Tournament Oct. 9 - Gr. 5-6 Carpool 45 students
- v. Cross Country Run Oct. 22 - Gr. 4-5-6 - 100 students - 2 school buses -
Volunteers needed
- vi. Champs - lunchtime activity on Thursdays Oct 3 - Dec 5 - \$120 Gr. 1-6
Students eat first, then do the activity
- vii. SPVM guest speaker (Sgt. Kobee) - Halloween safety for K4

Motion: Effy Koukoulas, Zach Melzer

Vote: Unanimous

6.4 [Calendar](#)

Addition of May 15th, 2025 as a Ped. Day (SEED open on both May 15 & 16)

It should be noted that the St. Anthony GB raised the concern of the number of Ped Days without SEED coverage during the year.

Motion: Sara Deschamps, Effy Koukoulas

Vote: Unanimous

7. Business Arising

8. Varia

9. Public Question Period (10 minutes)

10. Correspondence

11. Adjournment (N. Alcaraz)

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm

Next meeting: October 29th, 2024