

ST. ANTHONY
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2024

Parent Reps:

Nick Alcaraz	Parent Rep
Natiyala Applewaithe	Parent Rep
Jessica Arbour	Parent Rep
Sara Deschamps	Parent Rep
Amanda Foti	Parent Rep
Effy Koukoulas	Parent Rep
Zack Meltzer	Parent Rep
Preeti Sehgal	Grad Committee Secretary

Staff Reps:

Simrin Aulakh	Teacher Rep
Anna DiVincenzo	School Secretary
Renouka Dutta	Teacher Rep
Amy Ferland	Teacher Rep
Sylvie Girard	Teacher Rep
Amélie O'Sullivan	Teacher Rep
Gina Piccinini	SEED Technician

Jane Preston	Principal
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1 Welcome & Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

2 Land Acknowledgement

- The Land acknowledgement was recited by N. Alcaraz

3 Adoption of Agenda

- The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by E. Koukoulas & seconded by G. Piccinini

4 Adoption of Minutes from June 18 2024 [June 2024](#) & September 24, 2024

[September 2024](#)

- The minutes from the June 18, 2024 governing board meeting were approved including 3 abstentions, via a motion moved by S. Deschamps & seconded by G. Piccinini
- The minutes from the September 24, 2024 governing board meeting were approved unanimously , via a motion moved by S. Deschamps & seconded by N. Alcaraz

5 Reports

5.1 Home & School

- Please refer to the link below for the Home & School report
[Home and School](#)

5.2 Grad

- Update was given on the bottle drive that took place on Saturday October 19, 2024
- \$500 in cash donations were collected as well as 40 bags; waiting for final pick up for finally tally (there was a mix up with the address for bottle drop off)
- All in all, the bottle drive was very successful, students had a lot of fun!
- Haunted House prep is going well, theme being Haunted Restaurant
- Food donation going to On Rock Community Services
- Grad Committee will be funding part of the bowling activity as well as the grad trip
- Grad hoodie & t shirts are in the process of being finalized
- Yearbook vendor has been selected; more information to come on this initiative

5.3 Commissioner

- No commissioner was present at the meeting therefore no report was given

5.4 CPC Report

- Z. Meltzer is the Parent Rep with J. Arbour being the alternate Parent Rep
- Meeting took place on October 10, 2024
- Meetings will be taking place in Dorval every third Thursday of the month
- Parents have requested that meetings also be held on Zoom

5.5 Administrator

- The Halloween dance was amazing, over 400 people attended!
- Kindness Tree has begun
- Lots of activities are ongoing, basketball, cartooning, robotics, lego club, knitting & crochet club, pillow polo just to list a few
- Geordie Theater will be presenting the Velveteen Rabbit to the entire school in October
- Bottle drive was a great success, many thanks for all who participated

5.6 IB Report

- Please refer to the link below for the Principal's Report
[IB](#)
- Our 1st unit is coming to a close
- Look out for the "Reporting On " Newsletter which will be sent to all parents
- Our new units begin in November
- K4 has started their unit on "How We Organize Ourselves" by inquiring about how we can keep ourselves & others safe by using tools & working together in our community
- Student awards were given out to the first unit students
- Miss D, the newly appointed IB Coordinator is already doing an amazing job leading the IB Leadership team
- Miss D is currently meeting staff; reflection focus on what was done previously & how the steps needed to move onto the next IB unit
- IB visit is scheduled for 2026

5.7 SEED Report

- November 15th ped day will have a Western theme, lunch will be provided
- Program planning is currently underway
- A new Daycare Educator has been hired, welcome Miss Sarah
- Daycare will be open on the November 29th ped day

6 New Business

6.1 Fundraisers

Grad

1 Lunch Fundraiser - 3rd Thursday of every month, LaFlamme-\$10-Nov to Jan

- The above mentioned grad Lunch Fundraiser was removed from the governing board agenda; this initiative was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by S. Deschamps & seconded by N. Alcaraz

2. Artisan Fair

- Taking place on March 29, 2025
- Table cost is usually \$50
- Snack table will be set up to sell goodies
- Books will be collected for the bookstore & will be donated to LBPSB schools in need

3. Holiday Fair

- Taking place on December 12th or 13th, date TBD
- In the process of finalizing what will be sold
- Students love this event; it's a fantastic way for our students to get involved in Christmas giving
- Younger students are now being paired up with older students
- The Artisan Fair as well as the Holiday Fair were both approved unanimously, via a motion moved by Z. Meltzer & seconded by J.Arbour

Home & School

1. Scholastic Book Fair

- Taking place during parent-teacher interviews on November 28-29 2024
- In the past this event has been extremely successful
- Teachers are in the process of putting their wish lists together

2. Variety Show

- Taking place on February 21, 2025
- Movie day for all grades
- Food will be provided
- More information to come

3. St Anthony Merchandise

- Re-launch November 2024
- Same prices as last year
- Principal Preston to email website link

4. Elves for Seniors

- As always, focus is giving back to the community
- Last year we provided 50 tickets, this year we would like to increase that number

5. Fundraising Baskets

- Asking for donations to raffle baskets during parent-teacher interviews

6. Holiday Week

- Breakfast with Santa, hot chocolate & candy canes will be provided
- Suggesting was made to have candy canes that aren't just mint flavor
- The Scholastic Book Fair, Variety Show, St Anthony Merch, Elves for Seniors, Fundraising Baskets & Holiday Week were all approved unanimously, via a motion moved by E. Koukoulas & seconded by R. Dutta

6.2 Field Trips

- No field trips were mentioned

6.3 School events

1 . Dental Hygienist

- Will be presenting to student population

2. Get Real Movement

- February 3, 2024 - Black History Month - 2 presentations grades K-2 & 3-6

3. Soccer Activity

- \$180 for 10 weeks - Junior at lunch & Senior after school
- Hoping to start in November 2024

- The Dental Hygienist, Get Real Movement & Soccer Activity were all approved

unanimously, via a motion moved by N. Applewaithe & seconded by E. Koukoulas

7 Business Arising

7.1 [Finalized EDDI Consultation](#)

7.2 Selection of Governing Board Meeting Dates for 2024-2025

- Please refer to the dates below for the 2024-2025 governing board meetings
 - December 10
 - January 28
 - February 25
 - March 25
 - April 29
 - May 27
 - June 17
- The above mentioned governing board meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by A. Alcaraz & seconded by S. Deschamps

8. Varia

8.1 IB Visit

- Currently going through recertification for April 2025 IB visit
- Documents require update & policies need to be reviewed; due date for this initiative is October 2025
- Miss D has been given access to all documents & has met with the Clearpoint IB Coordinator
- In September 2025 a self study will begin, various questions will be reviewed with parents
- More information will be received the closer we get to the date
- Schedule will be set up with a January/February 2025 timeframe

9 Public Question Period

- No public attended the meeting therefore no questions were asked

10 Correspondence

- No correspondence was received

11 Adjournment/Next Meeting Date

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm was approved unanimously; the date of the next governing board meeting is December 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM (in person) motion to change nov meeting to dec 10 - effy and zack

Respectfully submitted, by Sue Day

Approved _____

J. Preston, Principal

Approved _____

N. Alcaraz, *Governing Board Chair*