

St Anthony Governing Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 19:00

Recorder: Effy Koukoulas

Present: Jane Preston (Principal), Gina Piccinini (SEED), Anna Di Vincenzo (Administrative Assistant)

Teachers: Amélie O'Sullivan, Simrin Aulakh, Amy Ferland, Sylvie Girard, Rénouka Dutta

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

Absent: Zach Melzer (parent), Luisa Bulgarelli (Commissioner)

Members of the Public: Preeti Sehgal (Home & School)

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Land acknowledgement (N. Alcaraz)

3. Adoption of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

6.2 ii. LBPSB tournaments 2025-26

6.6 Organizational Plan Update

Motion to approve agenda: Amanda, Sylvie

Vote: Approved unanimously

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the March 2025 GB meeting & Minutes of the April 7 Emergency Zoom meeting (Nick Alcaraz)

Motion to approve: Gina, Jessica

Vote: Approved unanimously, with absention from Veronica

5. Reports:

5.1 Home & School (Jane Preston)

5.2 Grad (Jane Preston)

5.3 Commissioner's Report (Luisa Bulgarelli)

Report unavailable as Council of Commissioners meeting being held on April 29, 2025.

5.4 CPC Report (Parent Rep)

Presented by Nick Alcaraz in Zach Melzer's absence.

5.5 Administration Report (Jane Preston)

5.6 IB (Jane Preston)

5.7 SEED (Gina Piccinini)

PED Day yesterday was successful. Upcoming PED Day organized with outing at RecreoFun indoor playground in St-Bruno with an in-house option.

6. New Business

6.1 Fundraisers

a. Grad

i. Using www.zeffy.com as a payment platform for fundraisers.

This payment processing solution is 100% free for non-profit organisations, including schools, and allows parents to pay with a credit card. It is commonly used by other schools. Zeffy covers credit card costs. This is voluntary – parents can continue to pay by current payment methods if they prefer (would still be able to use e-transfer or cheque).

ii. Principal for the day raffle - tickets: 2/5\$ or 5/10\$ - running from April.30th to May.14th; prize dates: May 21st (junior), May 23rd (senior); includes free lunch.

iii. Homemade Pizza - \$15/pizza - running from April.30th to May.14th - max 100 pizzas: St. Anthony family will bake pizza in a wood burning oven for parents to pick (~May 17th)

iv. Dairy Queen card: Purchase cards from Dairy Queen giving parents a reduced cost for a treat : purchase cost to be determined; see below for purchase cost : running from May.14th to May.28th with a delivery of the card in early June.Dairy Queen fundraiser

Option 1: 5x small sundaes \$26.00 our cost: \$21.00

Option 2: 5x small blizzards \$32.00 our cost: \$27.00

Option 3: 5x small milkshakes \$31.00 our cost \$26.00

Option 4: 3x Treatzza pizzas \$49.00 our cost \$40.00

Option 5: 1x 8-inch regular ice cream cake \$36.00 our cost \$31.00

Motion to approve items i–iv: Natalia, Sara.

Vote: Approved unanimously

b. Home & School

i. Big Box fundraiser. 4 types of boxes. \$35/box with \$11 profit/box. Will be showcased at learning in action.

ii. Year-End BBQ May 30 with rain day June 6. 4-8pm. Bubble party with tcby/ice cream, popcorn, hot dogs.

Motion to approve items i–ii: Gina, Anna.

Vote: Approved unanimously

6.2 Field trips

i. Musée du Château Ramezay (Oct 3, 2025) for Grade 4 - no cost.

ii. LBPSB tournaments 2025-26

LBPSB Tournaments (ultimate frisbee, cross-country, track & field, handball, etc.). Part of the transportation costs are covered by school budget. Cost is usually \$10-15 and parents are notified in advance of cost and of possible carpooling if needed. Some of the events occur prior to 1st board meeting next year, so we will approve them all now in advance.

Motion to approve i-ii, with assumption for ii that cost is ≤\$15 with busing or carpooling: Nick, Veronica.

Vote: Approved unanimously

6.3 School events

None

6.4 Consultation 3-year Plan

~275 students are registered for next year (increased compared to this year). The school capacity is 393 students.

Motion to abstain from responding to 3-year plan consultation: Effy, Nick seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously

6.5 Consultation to Foster Civility to Prevent and Address Harassment

New Policy document has come into force (adopted on March 17 by Council of Commissioners).

Notification that this was implemented was issued on March 24. This applies to staff whereas Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence document is for students and applies to bullying. Note that ABAV format is determined by government but may change a bit next year.

6.6 Organizational Plan Update (Jane Preston)

There will be 3x K4 and 3x K5 classes next year. After consultation with cycle 1 teachers, it was decided not to have any split classes. There will be 2x grade 1x grade 2 class (with 24 students). A signed letter was submitted to Jane Preston by the staff confirming their agreement with this plan.

The Board supported the staff's decision and thanked them for their input.

7. Business Arising

7.1 GB Composition Resolution

8. Varia

Denim Day (May 13) Fundraiser for breast cancer: Everyone wears denim and brings in \$2 to donate to breast cancer cause, organized by Mme Rénouka.

Motion to approve: Effy, Sara

Vote: Approved unanimously

9. Public Question Period

None

10. Correspondence (Nick Alcaraz)

None

11. Adjournment (Nick Alcaraz)

Meeting adjourned at 20:30.