

ST. ANTHONY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

Present:

Nick Alcaraz	Chairperson
Sara Deschamps	Parent Rep
Natiyala Applewaithe	Parent Rep
Jessica Arbour Marcil	Parent Rep
Effy Koukoulas	Parent Rep
Elizabeth Chaput	Teacher Rep
Amélie O'Sullivan	Teacher Rep
Cassandra Scott	Teacher Rep
Renouka Dutta	Teacher Rep
Simrin Aulakh	Teacher Rep
Gina Piccinini	SEED Technician
Jane Preston	Principal
Eric Bender	Commissioner
Sunira Kumar	Public

Regrets:

Anna Di Vincenzo
Sue Belair
Shane Ross
Veronica Somos
Zach Meltzer

1 Welcome & Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm
 - C. Scott volunteered to take minutes

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 October 2023

- Please refer to the link below for October 2023 minutes

[October 2023](#)

E. Chaput mentioned one typo in section 7.1

- The minutes from the October 2023 meeting were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by E. Chaput & seconded by N. Alcaraz

5. Reports

5.1. Home and School

- Please refer to the link below for the Home & School report
[Home and School](#)
 - Postpone Chez Cora to new year
 - Breakfast / pancakes with Santa on 21st
 - Felix and Norton 49 orders
 - English Book Fair this Thursday and Friday
 - Elves for seniors 51 tags - more if anyone else is interested
 - Sock drive on Monday, December 4th
 - No events during strike week (December 8th - 14th)

5.2 Grad Committee

- Please refer to the link below for the Grad Committee report
[Grad Committee](#)
- Holiday fair will still take place December 15th
 - Strike days cause issues for setting up and wrapping but the date remains

5.3. Commissioner's Report

- Please refer to the link below for the Commissioner's report
[Commissioner's Report](#)
- St Anthony received a \$5000 Green initiative grant to support environmental projects (grade 4 teachers initiated this wonderful cause)

5.4 Regional Parent Committee

- Please refer to the link below for report
[Regional Parent Report](#)

5.5 Administration

- Please refer to the link below for the Administration's report
[Administration](#)

5.6 IB

- Please refer to the link below for the IB report
[IB Report](#)

5.7 SEED

- Please refer to the link below for the SEED report
[SEED](#)

6. New Business

6.1 Replacement GB Member

- N. Applewaihe has been welcomed to the Governing Board Committee as a parent representative.

6.2 Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan

[ABAV Plan](#) document was prepared by a committee

- A discussion was held regarding the school survey where there is an increase in the sense of belonging, due to many kindness-focused activities in school
- Increase problem-solving for advocacy (the Zone dedicated to help students to find resolutions)
 - Lots of mediation and tools to help our students

- End of the year - we will have to report on how it's been going or improving with their feedback
- Sexual violence was mandated by government to add into the plan
- Gray boxes are from government, yellow is additions from last year to this year, white box is what we added

ABAV plan was approved, unanimously, via a motion moved by R. Dutta & seconded by S. Deschamps.

6.3 PED Day change - May 3, 2024 to May 17, 2024 - K Orientation

- Due to the allocation of support meeting for the 2024-2025 year with the consultant at the board being held at the beginning of June 2024, there was a discussion on changing the K orientation ped day so there is enough time to discuss the needs for the year.

The change of the May ped day to May 17, 2024 was approved, unanimously, via a motion moved by N. Alcaraz & seconded by C. Scott

6.4 Fundraisers

a. Grad

- i. Mom's Pantry - cookies and muffins - 7:50\$ - 10\$
- ii. Casa Mare - pasta - 10\$
- iii. Bottle Drive in the Spring

All of the above-mentioned fundraisers were approved, unanimously, via a motion moved by S. Deschamps & seconded by N. Alcaraz

b. Home and School

- i. English Book Fair - Nov 30, 2023 & Dec 1, 2023

The English Book fair was approved, unanimously, via a motion moved by C. Scott & seconded by E. Koukoulas

c. Grade 4 Clothing Fundraiser - April 17, 2024

- Fundraiser where families can donate old clothing, and the company pays based on the weight of the clothing

Clothing Fundraiser was approved, unanimously, via a motion moved by R. Dutta & seconded by G. Piccinini

d. Grade 1 - 3 Music Concert - May 8, 2024

- Food non-perishable donation for ticket admission

Grade 1 - 3 Music Concert was approved, unanimously, via a motion moved by E. Koukoulas & seconded by N. Alcaraz.

6.5 Outings/Trips

a. Robotics Grade 6 Trip

- Dec 1, 2023 at PCHS - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
- Kids will be dropped off with pizza lunch provided by school

b. Grade 6 Grad Trip

- Change in amount from 250\$ to 273\$

Both the above mentioned trips were approved, unanimously, via a motion moved by S. Auklah & seconded by E. Chaput.

6.6 Grad Yearbook - adding ads as a fundraiser for the yearbook

- A discussion was held about including ads in the grad yearbook
- Members would like more information such as: what types of advertisements, who is willing to advertise, what is the cost, how much will they be saving, how many pages, the rationale behind using advertisements and how many parents were asked.

Including advertisements in the grad yearbook did not pass for motion, it has been tabled for next meeting pending more information from grad committee

6.7 Kindness Committee visit to the CHSLD home

- December 15, 2023 @ 10:30 am
- Concert with Mr I and 14 grade five students

The kindness committee trip was approved, unanimously, via a motion moved by E. Koukoulas & seconded by S. Deschamps

6.8 Grade 5 Sex Ed presentation by nurse - Marcie Schultz

- Dec 18 2023 - Puberty & reproduction
- The classes will participate all together

7. Business Arising

- No business arising was mentioned

8. Varia

8.1 [EDDI Training LINK](#)

- Governing board members are asked to watch the 20-minute video from the school board regarding Equity, Diversity, Dignity and Inclusion

9. Public Question Period

- The public member had no questions

10. Correspondence

- No correspondence was received

11. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm was approved unanimously; the date of the next governing board meeting is December 19th at 7 pm (in person)

Respectfully submitted, by Cassandra Scott

Approved _____
J. Preston, Principal

Approved _____
N. Alcaraz, Governing Board Chair