



St. Michaels University School

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Parents' Auxiliary

Parents working together to support excellence in education.

SMUS PARENT AUXILIARY MEETING MINUTES

18 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Jenn Kipling Trottier, Yuka Sugar, Dennis Sugar, Christine Liao, Steven Wu, Kevin Cuddihy, Deepa and Gary MacEachern, Julie and Seamus Brennan, Selena Swets, Paula Lee, Karen Power Mackay, Clare Vincent, Jill Sing, Jennifer Elliot, Maureen Denux, Christine Ellsay, Laurie Henderson, Marni Brydon, Fei Zhang, Brenda Bains, Dulcie Butt, Darla Tzonev, Anna Mason, Nan and Raj Mathavan, Josh and Andre Crouse, Elisa Djurickovic, Martin McElroy, Grainne McElroy (remotely)

WELCOME Grainne McElroy, President (chairing meeting remotely using SKYPE)

CONSENT AGENDA Agenda approved.

MINUTES To approve 13 June 2018 PA minutes Clare Vincent/Danica Hernandez Carried

OPENING REMARKS Mr. Mark Turner - Head of School.

Mr. Turner highlight that this year we have record enrolment of 1013 students. The graduating class of 2019 had the best AP results since 2010 and this group also received a record number of scholarships to attend post secondary education. Encouraging all parents to get involved in the PA and thanking the PA for the contributions that it makes across all schools and each campus.

PARENTS AUXILLARY -- What we do?

Introductions to all those on the PA executive along with all committee chairs and school liasons completed.

Our goal is to raise our community and the connections we can have with one another. As a group we tend to generate approx. \$100K to fund school projects. We support a wide range of projects. Our revenue streams are mainly the Used Uniform sales and the pizza day hot lunch programs at all sites. We aspire to offer many avenues for all members of the PA community to engage and get involved. We encourage all parents to come our social events so that we can get to know one another and find ways to become involved in personally meaningful ways.

GUEST SPEAKER Mr. Richard Brambley – Director of the Middle School

The middle school welcomed approx.. 200 boys and girls in gr 6-8 this year. He finds this group to be willing, inquisitive and friendly. One of the goals of the MS is to create opportunities for children to make decisions in

a safe environment and to learn and grow from the mistakes that they might make. Mr. Brambley speaks very highly of the teachers at the school emphasizing their passion and commitment to their work. Overall they all look to strengthen and support the learning environment fostered at the MS. He encourages parent involvement and appreciates how it strengthens the school community.

PARENT PORTAL 101- Kevin Cuddihy

All aspects of the drop-down list for Parent menu are explored and explained. How to export school selected activities and add to your calendar. Feedback from parents on the floor is that the school could improve their overall communication. It was noted that the Parent Portal is a key place to facilitate this process. It is a useful interface for parents to find relevant information regarding financial statements and student documents and evaluation documents, to name just a few.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT – Kevin Cuddihy

UPCOMING AGM OCT 16, 2019

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT OF OUR UPCOMING 2019-2020 BUDGET

We are generally in a strong position with approx.. \$100,000 to spend in the coming year on allocations. All of our financial numbers will be available in detail at the AGM and it hoped that you will come to share your insights and to pass our proposed budget for spending in this calendar year.

We generate revenue from a variety of sources: mostly pizza and used uniforms and then we generate smaller amounts from revenue from different events, i.e., Quiz Night, Silent Auction of the Gala. The intention of the later events is to engage our community and to foster positive relationships and stronger ties between students, families and the greater school community.

ADJOURN MEETING: Suggested motion ***“To adjourn meeting” Kevin Cuddihy/Nan Mathavan*** ***Carried***

Next Meeting

AGM Oct 16, 2019

2019/2020 Budget Presentation and Approval

6:30 wine & cheese 7pm agenda start

SMUS MS Library

UPCOMING DATES:

Sep 20 – MS Coffee Morning – 0800-0930@ Hillside Coffee & Tea, Oct 1- Used Uniform Sale, Oct 2 – All Parents-- All Schools Welcome Back Social @ RVCY, Oct 16 --PA AGM, Oct 17 – Senior School Social at Penny Farthing, Oct 31 Halloween Fun at SS Campus