



St. Michaels University School

Parents' Auxiliary

Parents working together to support excellence in education.

28 APRIL 2020

SMUS PARENTS' AUXILIARY MEETING MINUTES ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

Present: Grainne McElroy, Martin McElroy, Elisa Djurickovic, Clare Vincent, Raj and Nan Mathavan, Darla Tszonev, Adrienne Davidson, Kevin Crawford, Shara Campsal, Maureen Denux, Yuka Sugar, Paul Lee, Richard Brambley, Mark Turner, Alec Johnston, Andy Rodeford, Karen Power-Mackay, Kevin Cuddihy, Jenn Trottier, John Mackay, Miranda Ji, Christine Ellsay, Sandra Toth-Nacey, Carole Howe, Becky Anderson, Eliot Anderson, Xiao Chen, Dolores, Michelle Driscoll, Heidi Jacobs, Judith Leroy

WELCOME Grainne McElroy, President

CONSENT AGENDA Agenda approved.

Shara Campsal/Kevin Cuddihy

MINUTES To approve 19 February 2020 PA minutes Michelle Driscoll/Christine Ellsay

Overview of PA activities to date – Grainne

Since the closure of school effective March 13 2020 the PA has suspended all of its fundraising efforts and activities as would be normally scheduled. We have suspended the allocations process and cancelled any of the PA sponsored events scheduled during our closure. These cancellations have led to the savings of many expenses still earmarked for the 2019/2020 school year. The PA executive did consent to a donation to members of our parent and staff community who stepped forward to help make PPE with the use of the school's 3D printer. The PA executive approved the amount request to purchase materials for the 3D printer of up to \$2,000. These funds were allocated from residual amounts in our community engagement account.

A current snapshot of our financial position as presented by our treasurer indicates that we have approximately \$270K available for spending for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year. Some of these monies must be used according to criteria for BC gaming grants and the PA will continue to ensure that monies are spent correctly.

Adrienne Dixon spoke of the work being done in the Advancement office to anticipate an increase in requests for financial assistance from current families who will have experienced financial stress due to COVID-19. As per the usual schedule for fundraising, May will commence as Matching May and the school is very sensitive and unsure of how successful this will be this year. The PA was approached as it was felt that there may be an increased appetite to donate if the funds raised were matched by funds available from the PA.

Grainne gave an overview of the PA Executive's meetings. The PA executive met to discuss this at an earlier date and they unanimously felt that the funds that have been raised are from the parents in our community and should support those parents in our community. As a community we would like to be able to help any family who may need financial help to return to school. It is felt that given our current cash surplus that we could donate an initial \$100K for matching in May and if this fundraising effort were to be more successful then we would consider an additional donation of up to \$50K for matching achieved beyond the first \$100K. Other areas of need that were identified were from the directors of each school. Some teachers were in need of IT equipment to aide in the delivery of content in the on-line environment. The last item related to the desire to acknowledge all staff at the schools in some form of staff appreciation. Normally the lunches hosted by the PA at both sites serve as the opportunity to recognize and provide small gifts to all staff at the school. These events this year are to be cancelled but the PA would like all staff to still be acknowledged in some way. The idea of a gift cards to a local business (likely a grocery store) could be purchased and distributed to all staff.

All issues were discussed and viewed favourably by those in attendance. Motions were then proposed:

Proposed Motion: "That SMUS Parents Auxiliary Society approve the donation of up to \$100,000 to St Michaels University School to be used as matching funds in support of a Financial Aid Appeal during May and June 2020"

Proposed By: Jennifer Trottier
Seconded By: Karen Power-Mackay
Motion carried

Proposed Motion: "That SMUS Parents' Auxiliary Society approve the donation of up to \$50,000 to St Michaels University School in support of further matching appeals (for Financial Aid) should initial matching targets be reached"

Proposed by: Clare Vincent
Seconded by: Jennifer Trottier
Motion carried

Proposed Motion: "That SMUS Parents' Auxiliary Society approve the donation of up to \$5,000 to St Michaels University School in support of the purchase of peripheral equipment for on line learning"

Proposed by: Sandra Toth-Nacey
Seconded by: Karen Power-Mackay
Motion carried

Proposed Motion: "That SMUS Parents' Auxiliary Society approve the donation of \$15,000 to recognition for faculty and Staff at the Richmond Road Campus".

Proposed by: Paula Lee
Seconded by: Yuka Sugar
Motion carried

Mr. Mark Turner thanked the PA graciously and stated what a tremendous contribution these are and what a huge impact this would have on the families of our community.

ADJOURN MEETING: Suggested motion **"To adjourn meeting" Jenn Trottier/Clare Vincent --Carried** 8:04pm