

ST. AUGUSTINE SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date : Wednesday, April 24th, 2024

Time : 6:00 pm

Location : Library

ATTENDEE PRESENT :

Sophia Maloney : Principal

Yonas Lijiam : Vice Principal

Marisa DeOliveira : Teachers Rep

Laurie-Ann Clark : Chair/OAPCE

Anda Cunningham : Secretary

Marsha Vigneault : Secretary/Parish Rep

Anna D'Agostino-Ojar : Treasurer

Katrina La Nave

Vijay Ojar

Abigail Ayonote : Student Council

Gabriella Fernandes : Student's Voice Rep

Anisha Thomas-Trustee

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OPENING PRAYER

Agenda Approved : Anna D'Agostino & Vijay Ojar

Minutes Approved : Marsha Vigneault & Katrina La Nave

STUDENT REPORT

- Multicultural Event-Thursdays May 30th-different cultures, wear cultural clothing on this day, parents are invited to attend, locations are TBD, this idea is student driven
- Different pavilions represented. Teachers will help students
- Wake-a-thon-date TBD
- Senior Spirit Week - takes place a week before prom
- Senior Sunset-movie night with popcorn
- Senior grad-trip proposal being written to take to Mrs. Maloney-1 day at wonderland proposal, seniors hoping to raise money to go to their own club

- Semi-Formal in April was well attended, mostly Gr. 10's and 11's, photo booth, 200 tickets sold
- Preparing for carnival-each club to run a booth and raise money
- starting a tutoring club after school, with peer tutoring and a partner buddy system with students, meet twice a week, subject specific tutors with whom students are comfortable with, try to focus on gr. 9 and 10 students
- Tutoring club will have staff supervising, students can gain volunteer hours, hoping for 10 to 15 tutors to start with
- Mental health awareness-green shirt day
- Ask about electronics at conference with MPP and Stephen Lecce

TRUSTEE REPORT

- Anisha Thomas reminded us to email, call or text her with any issues, or concerns 437-215-1676
- Will try to attend future meetings
- Will bring board report next time
- Principal asked about funding and also retrofits for energy conservation, our school has not been retrofitted yet
- Contact local MPP to get in talks with MOE for AC
- Principal also inquired about painting of school, environment matters to students and parents - send email to Anisha
- Another point was about heating
- Students rep asked about cafeteria food quality and cost
- Recommended student trustees to go to the board meeting and delegate about food quality and cost

CHAIR/TREASURER'S REPORT

- 2 Domino's Fundraiser, raised \$355. This money will go towards a Parent Engagement night with a speaker
- Anna to ask if we can squeeze in one more day for Domino's night
- Consider having first Domino's night on meet the teacher night
- Advertise more on student clubs instagrams
- Push early in the year for fundraiser, maybe open house night
- Plan for the speaker in the fall, but can carry over to the fall
- Use \$500 next year for parent engagement and fundraising money
- Try to include feeder schools too for the parent engagement
- Anna suggested maybe trying to use Kernels Popcorn for fundraising also (pre-packaged or full bags that come with 50 bags)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Prom sales-about 100 tickets, banquet halls needs about 150
- 240 grads
- Graduation ticket sales 170
- Max 4 tickets per family-taking a wait list
- Speaker for mental health and well being
- Communication with parents through Falcon Newsletter and social media
- Have 160 end of life chromebooks, have lump sum to pay it, Cannot lease anymore, have to buy, have ordered 100 chromebooks and 5 desktops, smartboard projectors have started going, ordered 5
- Still waiting for stairs to be repaired
- Need refresh on painting, still waiting for that, hoping for that to happen in the summer
- CEW May 5th to May 10th
- Father Timothy McHale new chaplain, hoping to start on Monday, retreats for grade 9 have had to be postponed
- Mental Health and Wellness week-May 6th to 10th - mental health and wellness worker organized to have different community organizations (about 15) on May 8th, there will be a different theme each day
- April 15th was Flag Football, players from Argo's came, Mascot came
- Change in interview format from gym to different areas instead,(library, cafeteria) Appointment program for meet the teachers might be moving for online
- Share with others about what a great community St. Augustine is. Have an issue with declining enrollment
- Have schools close to us where students choose to go to because of regional programs like Arts, AP, extended French or French Immersion
- Augustine has had an influx of flexible boundary request to go to Marcellinus, principal met with the principal and superintendent due to perception that its a sports school
- We have sports and SHSM at Augustine too that parents are claiming that they want to go to the other schools to for those programs
- Boulevard large trees, a problem because you can't see the school
- On a parent engagement have different organizations come based on Mental Health and then have a keynote speaker-perhaps in October so new

CHAPLAINCY REPORT

- Retreats are finalized and ready to go, waiting for chaplain, hopefully on Monday
- Social justice trips-gr. 12 downtown to explore different communities, temple tours, tent city

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Semi-formal happened and went well, music and food was very good
- ZONTA conference, 5 different schools speaking about mental health, careers, women in tech, 130 people coming in, culinary class catered and students served
- SHSM- went 30 girls to women in construction and auto, funding for girls to get into these programs including for OYAP they pay for equipment and fees
- Wake-a-thon on May 10th
- Going to Costa Rica-10 day trip next year to work and service alongside the indigenous population in Costa Rica. Wake-a-thon will help fund this. Students are chosen based on application with a letter of commitment about social justice. For senior level students
- Sports are up and coming-soccer started
- Religion-social justice walks and trips
- Track and field started
- Badminton is also happening
- A lot of intramurals happening, volleyball and basketball
- book club happening
- cultural groups happening
- Falcon Fest/Olympics-students will be placed in teams and they will be competing against each other

PARISH REPORT

- Monsignor Michael is retiring
- Communion and confirmations happening right now

CCCSC REPORT

- Presentation on vaping

OAPCE REPORT

- conference on April 12th and 13th

OTHER BUSINESS

- Catholic School Council Survey completed

NEXT MEETING

- May 13 @ 6:30pm- last meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED