

St Mary's Academy Parents' Guild Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 03, 2019
Sheila Chipman Atrium

In attendance: Venus Denis, Gillian Hauser, Anita Auriti, Joanie Smalley, Connie Yunyk, Rosa Bovino, Chrissy Werestiuk, Christa Giesbrecht, Mel Jones, Malcolm Bird, Jennifer Bird, Sylvia Susanto

Regrets: Ramona Thomson

1. Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.
2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement
3. Opening prayer by Connie Yunyk
4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept by Rosa Bovino and seconded by Venus Denis.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes – Tuesday September 17, 2019

Motion to accept by Rosa Bovino and seconded by Anita Auriti.

6. PG Executive Committee Reports

President – Report given by 1st VP Venus Denis along with Committee updates

- Corner Store
 - Will be looking to fill some positions within Corner Store for next school year.
- Tartan Shop
 - No report.
- Hospitality
 - No report.
- International Day
 - No report.
- Parents' Guild Cash Lottery
 - Anita working on Lottery Licence. Tickets to go out before spring break. Gillian Hauser is sending volunteer list to Mel Jones and Rosa Bovino to coordinate tasks.
- New Parent Mix and Mingle
 - Event was a success with Academy Bistro providing the catering.
- Torch Talks
 - Scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2020. Topic will be on Addictions. Information coming out shortly.

2nd VP – Gillian Hauser

- There has been a huge response to various volunteer positions available.
- International Day went well. Will make some adjustments for next year. Having pavilion leaders staff their own pavilions is best.
- Corner Store volunteers are going well. More training needed on using the Square for transactions.

Committee Updates - 1st VP – Venus Denis – See President's Report (No. 6)

Treasurer – Anita Auriti

- Provided update on Financial Report. Noted that Corner Store sales are going well.

7. SMA Presidents Report – Connie Yunyk

- Student Life
 - Report cards distributed November 15, Parent-Teacher Conferences – November 21 & 22.
 - Ask an Alum event for Grade 11 and 12 students to take place Nov. 21, this is third annual and very popular for our students to connect with a recent grad re life beyond SMA.
 - Extra-curricular activities in full swing along with athletics, drama production (Nov. 27-Dec.1).
 - Part 2 of Grade 9 welcome event – spooky tours was a huge success on Nov. 1.
 - Jr. High dance well attended on Nov. 15.
- Staffing
 - Mr. Alan Bedard hired until January 2021 as Controller while Richelle Friesen will be on MAT Leave.
 - Actively searching for a .75 Religious Studies teacher for February 2020 (Mrs. Kolt on MAT Leave).
 - Kelsey Jennings moving into Library Tech role on a full-time basis effective Dec. 9.
 - Vincent Ocampo moving into part-time Communications Coordinator/Jr. Graphic Designer effective Dec. 9.
- 150th Birthday events
 - Oct. 5-10, very successful Come and See week with our guests from our Holy Names Network of Schools.
 - Closing Liturgy will take place on Sunday December 8 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Academy, presided by Archbishop Albert LeGatt, followed by High Tea in the School Cafeteria.
 - Request for tea cup donations has been sent to SMA community – collected by Advancement Office.
- Future projects
 - Heritage Centre/Archive Centre – visioning re: next steps beginning.

- *Thank you to Parents' Guild for a successful 45th annual International Day on October 20. The 46th annual International Day is confirmed for Sunday October 18, 2020.
8. Board Liaison Report – Connie Yunyk for Colleen McFadden
 - STRAT Plan – extension into 2021 to ensure all goals being met and implemented.
 9. Miscellaneous/New Business
 - SMA's first ever Golf Tournament will take place on June 11, 2020.
 10. Action Items for next meeting
 - nil

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Next Parents' Guild Meeting:
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Durocher Library