

# St. Alphonsa Parent Council

## Meeting Minutes 04/24/2025

Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies	Participants Invited	Attended	Apologies
Melissa Pouw	x		Tania Picardo		x
Teacher Rep		n/a	Lina Asfour		x
Karen Rasmussen		x	Susie Dagraca		x
Lauralee Schelborn		x	Kelly Raposo	x	
Sandra Iovski	x		Lavina Viegas	x	
Amit Shenoy	x		Tracy Fernandes		x
Marijana Neves		x	Sheldon Bernard	x	
Claudia Biasutto	x				
Gwyndeline Vishnu-Pink		x			
Simonne Konda		x			

**Time:** 6:00PM to 7:30PM (EST)

**Date:** Thursday April 24, 2025

**Venue:** Virtual

### 1. **Record of Discussion**

#### A. Routine Matters

- **Call to Order and Attendance**
- **Opening Prayer:** Tania Picardo - At Board Meeting
- **Land Acknowledgement:** Tania Picardo -At Board meeting
- **Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Amit Shenoy and Sandra Iovski
- **Approval of January 29, 2025 council meeting minutes:** Approved by Sheldon Bernard and Claudia Biasutto

#### B. Standing Items

#### Chair's Report (Lauralee Schelborn)/Treasurer's Report (Amit Shenoy)

- Spreadsheet "Parent Council Budget 2024-25" was reviewed by Amit Shenoy.
- Points of discussion:
- Shrove Tuesday Income was about \$589 and Valentine's Dance Income \$737.90
- Expenditures from popcorn, shrove Tuesday and Dance supplies were reviewed
- Running Balance in the account is \$14,000 dollars
- March has Shrove Tuesday income of \$588.37 and popcorn we earned just over \$1000
- Teachers have started to give input for items they need for their classrooms
- (items in spreadsheet that are green are final)
- Upcoming we expect some income from Pizza Night, Ice Cream Sandwich and upcoming food days
- Family Fun Night has been put on hold for now, possibly hold next school year, we have set aside 1000 for Graduation ceremony

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- We will have a good balance of close to \$10,000 for September, for next school year
- For June 4 meeting we need to note that we are allocating that amount for the next school year
- This year, Council has met all of our financial goals for our school events

### **Principal Report (Melissa Pouw)**

- Swim to Survive went well. Grade 3 and 7 – Susan Fennel pool – great opportunity and students enjoyed; hoping it can happen again next year.
- Dance Showcase primary team had a great time being “bad guys”
- Chess Team did really well, they have new uniforms for their tournament. Both teams advance to board finals
- Catholic Education Week
  - May 7 Journey to Learning
  - May 7 Spring Showcase
  - May 9 Boys to Men; April 25 Thrive Together
- Spring Showcase will be during the day on May 7
- Camp Muskoka May 12 – 14 for Grades 7/8s
- PA Day May 16 and June 9
- Current/Upcoming Clubs/Teams
  - Intermediate – Flag Football, Beach Volleyball, Ball Hockey
  - Junior/Intermediate – Track and Field, Soccer
  - Primary – Art Club, Energy Club, Clay Club, Friendship Club
- Budget update: August 31 is year end
  - Purchased to date:
    - TV – to replace broken TV in main lobby
    - Jerseys – to replace missing over the years
    - Stage Mics
    - Chess Jerseys and time clocks/pieces
    - Science materials
    - Kindergarten outdoor equipment
- Play Day will be June 20
- Rocks and Rings – curling in the gym – May 20-23
- Intermediate and Primary Stairwell paint has been refreshed
- Each Class gets \$10/student/class for classroom supplies
- Mascot item for the school potentially on list of possible purchases budget dependent
- We received a mention for the goose bins from Eco Schools Canada

### **Parish Report (Tania Picardo)**

- Mass for Pope Francis on April 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Jerome Parish at 7pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confirmation Rehearsals will take place on April 29 and 30
- Confirmation Retreat will be on May 24 at St. Augustine Secondary School
- The Archdiocese is hosting a Pilgrimage to Rome in November. If you would like to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/ArchTORome2025>.

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### **Community Rep Report (Gwyndeline Vishnu-Pink)**

- **Celebrating Brampton Youth!** This National Youth Week, the City of Brampton wants to give a special thank you to all its youth. From May 1-7, join us for a week of FREE activities and events!
- **Family Yoga at the Mother's Day Market.** All ages. Saturday, May 10 from 10am - 3pm. Ace Acumen Heights - 21 Coventry Road Brampton, ON L6T 4V. [www.handstocentre.ca](http://www.handstocentre.ca)
- **Crayola Colourwhirls at Staples Brampton Store** Wed, May 7, 2025, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at 80 Great Lakes Drive Brampton, ON L6R 2K7 In this session, you will: Make and Take your own unique piece of art
- **Carassauga Festival of Cultures.** Saturday May 24, 12 pm to 11 pm and Sunday May 25, 12 pm to 7 pm at 2475 Truscott Dr., Mississauga, ON, Canada.

### **C. Information/Updates (Simonne Konda) OAPCE Reports**

- No updates this month
- See their website for information and events: [www.oapce.org](http://www.oapce.org)

### **D. Action Items**

#### **Planning Update on Ice Cream Sandwich Initiative**

- Ice Creams Thursdays will begin next Thursday May 1st and continue for 6 Thursdays in total. Parents have until end of day Friday April 25th the purchase ice cream on School Cash Online.
- Tania Picardo will be purchasing the ice cream from Costco and they will be distributed to students after lunch recess weekly.
- Gwyndeline Vishnu-Pink will repost on X today as a reminder to parents.

#### **Planning Update on Domino's Pizza Night Initiative**

- Flyers have been prepared, they will be distributed around May 15
- The next Domino's Pizza Night will take place on Thursday May 22nd. Gwyndeline Vishnu-Pink will be sent an electronic copy of the flyer to post on X and Tania Picardo will ask Ms. Pouw to share the same on her weekly newsletter the week prior.

#### **Planning Update on Staff Appreciation Lunch**

- June 13 selected as the date
- Logistics – Council is able to cover the lunch and hallways, supervision on behalf of staff
- Start advertising through social media and Email by Ms. Pouw and Gwyndeline Vishnu-Pink
- Sandra Isovski will monitor which items are being donated

### **E. Adjournment**

**Meeting Adjourned – Motion: Ms. Pouw Approved: Claudia Biasutto**

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**Council virtually attend the DPCDSB Public Budget Information Webcast**

### **F. Future Meetings**

#### **Future council meetings**

- June 4, 2025 – Final meeting