

Michael Strembitsky Parent Foundation Meeting Minutes

Date: 14-April-2025

<u>Attendees:</u>	Samar Al-Hajjaj	Courtney Snider	Kali Greig
	Samantha Miedreich	Jenilee Woodfield	Renee Brass
	Julia Styler	Courtney Zammit	
	Chad Sheppard, Principal	Brent Bigney, Vice Principal	
	Malti Verma, Vice Principal		

Location: MSS Library Commons

1. Meeting was called to order at 19:06 by Samar.
2. Meeting agenda for this meeting was approved by Sam and seconded by Kali.
3. March Minutes 2025, were approved by Sam and seconded by Courtney Z.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1. Yearbooks: Yearbook still are for sale, we are only at 91 yearbooks sold. To break even 176 yearbooks need to sold. This is not a fundraiser. Samar has created a flyer which will be printed at Staples and then put into teacher mailboxes for distribution. School needs a big poster for the Junior High Students.
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1. **Fundraisers**
 - 5.1.1. Healthy Hunger/Pizza lunch & Cobbs: The fundraisers with Cobbs and Papa John's Pizza are going well, generating \$539.00 from Papa John's and \$360.00 from Cobbs. Kali reported that the Cobbs Healthy Hunger distribution was smooth with just five parent volunteers. The upcoming Pizza Lunches are scheduled for April 25, 2025, and May 30, 2025, during which treat bags will also be offered for Kindergarteners.
 - 5.1.2. Concession: There is just not enough time to do another concession for the rest of the school year. We should just keep all the supplies for the September BBQ.
 - 5.2. **Events**
 - 5.2.1. Easter: The Easter event was a success, with little overstock,
 - 5.2.2. Grade 9 Farewell: The grade 9 farewell is still on-going; a specialized committee is doing it. The Grade 9 Farewell dance is being organized by Foundation, and all is done and well. Is there an ask from the committee for funds for the farewell? The funds for the farewell are already budgeted and money was put forth, but there is no response from their committee.

5.2.3 Track and Fun Day: Track and Fun Day will be on June 20th, 2025 with June 24th, 2025 being the rainout day. SPF have an approved budget of \$850.00.

5.2.4 Dunk Tank/Carnival: Nothing has been heard about this end of year event yet. The students arranged it all last year, it was not a money maker for the school. Kona Ice should also come earlier this year to alleviate the line up. Samar to contact Mr. Chinski to coordinate

5.3. Financial Report

5.3.1. As presented by Renee: We generated \$180.00 from the Kindergarten Treat Bags and \$497.00 from the Heritage Popcorn Fundraiser. The current balance in the general account is \$10,571.36, the Casino account holds \$38,969.31. \$5,000.00 from the general account has been allocated in previous approvals and will be deducted once the checks are cashed.

5.4. School Requests

5.4.1. Culture Day: There is a request for \$1,000.00 for food for the culture day event. This was approved by Sam and seconded by Courtney Z. This will come from the General Account.

5.4.2. Indigenous People's Day: is scheduled for May 30, 2025. The request was \$3,000.00, aimed at restocking supplies for traditional games, speakers and performers for the event. However, due to low funds in the general account, the Foundation is unable to fully fund this request. Previously, \$1,700.00 had been approved for motivational female Indigenous speakers from the Amazing Race winners. Currently, the Foundation can offer only \$500.00 towards the Indigenous People's Day event. Suggestions were made to seek sponsorship from local businesses such as Mathnasium or Little Kitchen. Some members proposed more Healthy Hunger events to raise further funds; however we will have the volunteer challenge. The funding request will be revisited at the next monthly meeting in May 2025. \$500.00 funding was put forth, approved by Julia, with seconding from Sam and Courtney Z., and will be sourced from the General Account.

5.4.3 Library and Front Entry School Furniture: The current school furniture is falling apart after years of wear and tear. Contractors came out and gave a quote to replace the current furniture, for \$32,895.13. This is a priority for the school, since all children use these areas and the furniture in them. The Foundation approved the funds for \$33,000.00, which was approved by Kali, and seconded by Sam and Courtney Z. These funds will come from the Casino Account. The casino account does need to be close to zero prior to the next Casino which is in the fall of 2025.

5.5. The Meeting was Adjourned at 19:49.

The Next meeting is Scheduled for May 12th, 2025 at 6:30pm.