

St. Thomas Aquinas School School Council MINUTES

Date: September 26, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

*'Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture, and Serve'*

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm - Nicole **7:01**
2. Opening Prayer - Mike
3. Introductions- Nicole
  - **15 attendees total: Nicole Z, Mike, Jason, Iska, Maria, Virginia, Krista, Dianna, Leah, Alexandra, Jenna, Nicole M, Tara, Carla, Melissa**

2023 - 2024 AGM - Call to Order

A. Role of School Council

- School Council is a means for parents and community to work together to support and enhance student learning. School Council provides a venue for parents to reflect their wishes of the broader community of education of its students and to actively participate in giving advice and support to the principal.
- Roles that are not to be taken on by a School council include:
  - School governance
  - Employment issues
  - School management
  - Listening to complaints

B. Voting

- a. **Secretary : Tara Lawrance until a volunteer comes forward**
- b. **Treasurer : Nicole Manchur (self-nomination, all in favor)**
- c. **Vice Chair : no volunteers at this time**
- d. **Chair : no volunteers at this time**

4. AGM Closed. Opening of Regular Meeting **@ 7:11 Nicole serving as chair until a regular chair can be found**

Approval of May 2023 minutes - Nicole

- Review of the Agenda:
  - Motion to approve: **Leah**
  - 2nd **Iska**

5. Principal Report: Nicole  
[September 2023 Principal Report](#)

### Advisory Question of the Month:

#### Parent feedback in regards to 2023-2024 school year start up

- Meet the teacher before school starts... increase the comfort level for students by knowing who teachers are and where their classrooms are
- Shared that staggered entry was appreciated by some because smaller student numbers for the first days

#### 6. Trustee Report: Mr. Murray Hollman

- *Regrettably unable to attend due to a Board Meeting this evening*
- *Normally will send report or attend if possible*

#### 7. New Business- **None at this time**

#### 8. Reports

##### a. Budget: **Carla**

- Suggestion to look at a 1-3-year action plan to replenish funds
- See attached sheet
- Continue to collect \$15 fund (direct for school council) from students, included in school fees- originally was voted in by school council to eliminate the need for school fundraising all year (approximately \$5700 (80%) to come from school fees)
  - In the past fundraising was AdMazing Coupon Books, Privilege Day, and flower sales
- Approvals of budget items:
  - Suggestion to budget for money to be budgeted per student rather than per class
  - Motion by Nicole, to budget for \$20/ student for \$9240 total for 2023-2024 school year
    - Second- Jenna
    - Motion to approve- all in favor
  - Question by Leah C to consider increasing fee from \$15-25... something to consider in the Spring
  - Staff appreciation- not allowed to use school funds as those are tax dollars allocated for students, so in the past SAC has funded that.
  - Family events would come out of school event money allocated in the budget
  - Motion by Leah to put forward \$750 for Staff Appreciation
    - Second Diane
    - All in favor- passed

- **Motion by Leah for \$2500 for school events**

- **Second Diane**
- **All in Favor- passed**

b. Committee Sign up

- i. Fundraising Committee **no volunteers at this time**
  - Are raffles allowed? Application to AGLC? Raffle box.
  - Privilege Day?
- ii. Staff Appreciation **no volunteers at this time**
- iii. Shrove Tuesday **no volunteers at this time**
  - A tradition for STA staff but we would always welcome help and volunteers
- iv. Year End BBQ **no volunteers at this time**

Additional Questions:

- Is there any consideration for doing meetings via Google Meet in the future?
- Meeting every two months?

9. Announcements/ Correspondence: Nicole **None at this time**

Next meeting date will be: Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Future Meeting Dates

January 30, 2024, March 26, 2024, May 28, 2024

10. Closing Reflection: Mike

13. Adjournment: **8:01**