



Parents' Association

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**APPLEBY COLLEGE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION -
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, 14 January 2025 at 7:00 PM

ATTENDEES

Officers Of the Association			
Past President	Elena Dannikova	Treasurer	Bonnie Chen
President	Kathy Vucic	Recording Secretary	Poonam Hardas
Vice President	Jane Sahota*	College Shop Coordinator	Sarah Chapman*
Communications Officer	Kira Thomson *		Nami Dhillon
Executive Committee			
Sustainability/Lost and Found	Ashley Xu	New Parent - Belonging Representatives	Rimi Mohindra*
	Stella Zhang		Richard Yuan*
	Meghan Amm*		Monica Malhotra*
	Cindy Wang*		Vera Zhao
College Shop – Tuck Shop	Sara Smyth	School Spirit Representatives	Susan Shao
	Sarah Bina*		Joanna Shan
	Pam McKenzie*		Steven Latimer
	Michelle Marsden		Jordan Fenn*
	Andrea Phillips*	Campus Life Representatives	Lillian Mi*
NISPA Representative	Sheetal Malhotra*		Liling Yang
Volunteer Coordinator	Tamara Seales-Knights*	Chapel Guild	Julie Olujic*
Book Return & Sale	Bal Chahal		Jane Manansala Oh
	Yan Peng*	Grade Parties & Staff Appreciation	Natalie Salmastlian
	Emma Zhang*		Jessica Yin
Fundraising Coordinators	Muge Demirkesen	Social Coordinators	Maggie Wang
	Leena Grotra		Eva Dashti
	Sally Collins		Sweta Randhawa
Newsletter	Tara Grant		
Photographers	Ceylan Erkaya*	Open Houses	Hawa Iyamabo*
	Sophie Liu		Karen Ferreira*
	Jessica Ding*		Kim Lefebvre*

(Regrets - Indicated above with an *)

Guests			
Kathleen Kirkpatrick	Jude Alexander	Weifang Dong weifangdong@dwf113@gmail.com	Naheeda(Nadia) Jamal (NaheedaJamal2@gmail.com)
Candance Whitney	Denika BErtoli	Joey Larierre	Sally Ghaemi

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Kathy called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Elena made the motion to approve the minutes and Nami seconded it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Agenda Review -

Kathy welcomed everyone, including participants joining via Zoom.

Innes van Nostrand joined briefly and extended New Year wishes and reflected on the successful events of 2024. He highlighted many exceptional events including Chapel event. He mentioned that the return of students and faculty has brought renewed energy to the campus. Faculty resumed on Monday, followed by students on Tuesday. Innes shared insights from a recent Round Square meeting, emphasizing the importance of fostering strong relationships with parents. He noted that this is already well-established at Appleby.

Innes expressed gratitude to the Gala co-chairs (Vera, Jen and Elena) for their volunteer efforts, noting significant community interest that will support the three key priorities for the school including Cockwell Hall. He spoke about his pizza lunches and house dinners with Grade 12 students where he gathers feedback on improving Appleby College. He was pleased that there was minimal negative feedback from students. Regarding Cockwell Hall completion, Innes acknowledged the volatility in the building market. The Board is collaborating with a reputable architect and has engaged Dalton Construction as the general contractor. The project is expected to go to tender within the next four weeks, with estimates anticipated in March. In the next two years, Cockwell Hall will be connected to Walker House via a bridge. This construction will occur over two summers to minimize disruption to school activities and ensure student safety. Additionally, Cockwell Hall will include new boarding rooms connected to Walker House to accommodate Appleby's growing Boarding Life program.

Kathy provided a summary of the Past events such as Tree trimming and Holiday Market. She thanked for the multiple Christmas tree donations. She announced that Vera, Latimer and Elena will co-chair Gala for April 2026. Kathy highlighted some of the key upcoming events including Dumpling Night, Information Breakfast on Feb 6th, Boarder break on Feb 12th, Festival of Authors on May 24th. She reported that following Officers meeting, it is suggested to cancel Trivia night and Niagara Wine Tour and sought feedback from the group.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Elena reminded that she sent an email on ACPA roles and invited people to join as there are many current volunteers leaving. She expressed the need for many volunteers for the Gala.

A question was raised about the Fundraising Coordinator role, specifically whether it involves a single person or multiple individuals. It was clarified that several people will be needed.

She mentioned that a recruitment breakfast is planned, and an invitation will be sent for February 6th.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Term 1 was successful, thanks to all committees for their efforts in increasing income and reducing costs. Please deposit your cheques promptly and submit any outstanding expenses as soon as possible.

She made everyone aware that her email was spammed and that there could be fraudulent activity. She reminded everyone of potential Phishing emails.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

COLLEGE SHOP COORDINATOR'S REPORT

It has been a slow period. Lori emphasized the need to draw attention to products such as mittens and caps. The December social event was delightful, and the team had a productive meeting with the Sustainability team.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

SUSTAINABILITY / LOST & FOUND

Sales have remained flat, with \$3,000 needed to reach the goal.

There is a significant amount of clothing with the Appleby logo. It was suggested that SafetyNet is willing to accept these items. The school approved the donation.

TUCK SHOP

Product costs are rising, and although this has caused dissatisfaction among the students, price increases are planned. Despite achieving impressive sales of \$500 this week, profit margins remain a concern.

NISPA REPRESENTATIVE

It was reported that a Zoom event is planned in January.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Nothing to report.

BOOK RETURN AND SALE

Nothing to report

FUNDRAISING

Two grad rings have been sold so far. If interested, buyers can request a personalized quote directly from the vendor. There is also a suggestion to expand the jewelry offerings to include items like charm bracelets, with further ideas to be shared at the March meeting. Last year, 35-40 grad rings were sold. Samples and a sizer are available at the College Shop. Cufflinks were discussed and noted that there hasn't been a huge positive response for cufflinks.

For Valentine's Day, chocolate bark will be made and available for preorder at \$15 each. Volunteers are needed for February 10th and 11th to assist with preparation.

CHAPEL GUILD/ TREE TRIMMING

It was reported that the next big event will be the Grad Event

GRADE PARTIES/ STAFF APPRECIATION/ RUM BALLS

Staff appreciation is set for April 24th. A backdrop and other decorations have been ordered, and the theme will be Casino Royale, complete with a red carpet. There may be some casino-themed decorations under the Chapel. There is caution regarding the budget, as it is smaller than last year.

There was a discussion about reusing previously ordered and used items. It was agreed that if these items are stored and filed properly, they will be easy to retrieve when needed. Kathleen and Kathy will coordinate and provide further guidance.

SOCIAL COORDINATORS

The market was a huge success, raising \$20,000. Vendors provided great feedback, noting that it was well organized and effectively marketed.

ACPA NEWSLETTERS

Nothing to report. March is the next issue. Market update needs to be included in the newsletter.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Nothing to report.

OPEN HOUSES

Nothing to report.

NEW PARENT AND BELONGING REPRESENTATIVES

DEIB is approaching with 10 countries participating in the international market, running from 11:50 AM to 3:30 PM. Each country should have their setup completed by 11:00 AM.

SCHOOL SPIRIT REPRESENTATIVES

The winter holiday event with food and goody bags was well received, and we plan to continue this during the school play on February 26th. The food will be set up during the dress rehearsal.

CAMPUS LIFE RESPRESENTTIVES

Winter break went well, and the next event is for Valentine's Day. We will be ordering chocolate boxes for the occasion.

NEW BUSINESS

Teacher recruitment night is scheduled for Monday, February 10th, at the AWB campus room

CLOSING

The motion to adjourn was made by Sarah and seconded by Jane.

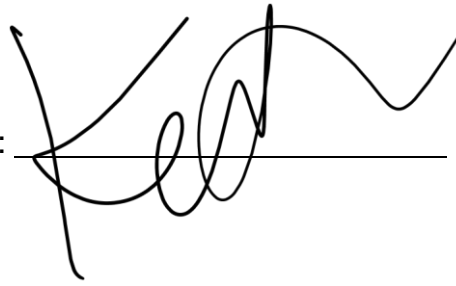
Prepared by

Poonam Hardas, Recording Secretary:



Approved by

Kathy Vucic, President:

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