

St. Thomas Aquinas School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2026

Attendees:

2 STA Staff In-Person: Anna Gomez, Ferdinand Filiplic

5 In-Person Attendees: Victoria Kuras, Adam Brown, Melissa Gibson, Carol Caines, Janice David

15 Online Attendees: Lincy Cecili, Aba Sapon-Amoah, Onyinye Nze, Tina Mtshiya, Alma Rodriguez, Amy Paris, Oluwasegun Ogunfowokan, Chelsey Howat, Omo Tubosun, Amy Brenneis, Anuoluwapo Oluseyi, Chinonso Amakiri, Bernardo Castillo & 2 other online attendees.

Call to order @ 6:43 pm by Victoria Kuras

Review of Previous Minutes: Approved by Carol C. & seconded by Tina M.

Financial Update by Janice D.:

- 2025/2026 School Year
 - Opening Balance - Sept 1, 2025 - \$28,390.86
 - Income to date: \$31,425.53
 - Disbursements to date: \$20,648.85
 - CURRENT BALANCE (as of Jan 12, 2026): \$39,167.54

Healthy Hunger Update by Tina M.:

- November HH brought in \$1,553.45
- Gr 8 Leadership Team helpers for Nov HH were a great help. Thank you!
- A December Christmas Donut Treat from Krispy Kreme & Mochi was given to the students on behalf of Parent Council. – Cost \$1,930.59
- Upcoming HH is on Jan 30th. Orders to be place by Jan 25th.
- Cobbs has an Easter fundraiser that Tina will bring info about to the next meeting.

Fundraisers:

- Christmas Shop
 - Total Expenses: \$18,084.24
 - Total Income: \$29,760.15
 - **Total Profit: \$11,675.91**
 - **VOTE:** Do Christmas Shop again next year?
 - **YES – 4 in person, 6/15 online NO – 0**
 - **VOTE:** Give \$5000 budget to begin shopping for Christmas Shop for next year?
 - **YES – 4 in person, 8/15 online NO - 0**
- WEM
 - April 25th – Evening Event; \$35/ticket; 750 minimum tickets; 6:00pm – 9:00pm?? Times to be confirmed
 - Pickup tickets March 25th; start selling around Family Day.
 - Brochures & Advertising to be created in the next couple of weeks
- Casino
 - Bylaw amendments have been completed & draft copies were handed out at the meeting. A digital copy will be available to view on our website.
 - Special resolution meeting to approve amended bylaws has been called for our next meeting on Feb 9th, 2025.

Principal's Request:

- 40 Chromebooks & Cart quote: \$19, 873.35 – asking for \$21,000 – These would be for the next school year, we will hold off until March mtg to vote on this request.
- Math Sets – counting blocks to help with adding for all grades 1, 2 & 3 classes
 - ~\$37/set – Requesting 10 sets/class, 5-6 classes/grade, so ~\$2400/grade Total: \$7200
 - **VOTE** to approve giving funds to the school to purchase math sets:
 - **YES: 4 in person, 6/13 online**
 - **NO: 0**

Open Floor - Questions

Next Meetings Scheduled for:

- Monday, February 9th @ 6pm
- Monday, March 9th @ 6pm
- Monday, April 13th @ 6pm
- Monday, May 25th @ 6pm

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:18pm

Minutes Approved by:

Date: _____

Victoria Kuras, Chair

Sarah Palmer, Vice-Chair

Janice David, Treasurer

Melissa Gibson, Secretary