St. Avila Home and School Association September Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: St. Avila Library

In Attendance:	
Administrators	**Parents / Community Members**
Mme. Diane Wiebe (Principal) Mme. Janique Beaubrun (Vice-Principal)	Kate Mills Natalia Ventocilla Kavitha Nadarajah-Gbeve Soujanya Chavali Jenn Generao Nataliia Obraztsoua Sandra Ericastilla-Somers Faidar Ogun Adwoa Amofa-Badu Rida Amin Myriam Bara
SAHASA Executive (2025-2026)	
Alana Isaak (co-chair) Arifa Mark (co-chair) Erin Yellow Bird (secretary) Mallory Cordingley (treasurer) Jen Verch (member at large) Lindsey Heibert (member at large) Abdullah Zubaer (member at large)	

Meeting called to order: 6:33 p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions — Arifa
2. Additions to the agenda — Arifa
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes: moved by Jen G; seconded by Alana. Motion carried.
4. Approval of the agenda: moved by Natalia; seconded by Jen V. Motion carried.
5. Administration report — Mme Wiebe and Mme Beaubrun (see attached report)
6. Power Point Presentation for the upcoming year — Arifa
7. Other initiatives
    a. Fall yard cleanup (October 20) — Mallory
    b. Dance-a-thon (November 20) — Kavitha
8. New business
    a. Winter Carnival — Lindsey
        - Ideas discussed included broomball, a horse-drawn sleigh, curling, skating at the community centre, hot chocolate, storytelling, and a Red River jig. The event could help newcomers to Winnipeg celebrate winter. Potential collaborations or sponsorships, including with the

Manitoba Métis Federation, were also discussed (Sandra). Additional ideas are welcome.

b. Constitution revisions — Alana
    - The constitution is available on the website and requires updates. Proposed changes included adding succession planning, electing chairs for multi-year terms to support continuity, setting meeting-attendance expectations for position holders, and using the member-at-large role as a pathway to future leadership (Kavitha).

c. Teams event expenditure — Arifa
    - Discussion noted that spending had been approved by email vote. Arifa moved to ratify an expenditure of $310 for treats for the following day's Teams event at the school; Mallory seconded. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment — Arifa

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting: October 7; AGM at 6:00 p.m.