



Parents' Association

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APPLEBY COLLEGE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 13 May 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	Patricia Smallbone	Gabby Duffy
Denika Bertoli	Sally Ghalmi		

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Kathy called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

SPECIAL GUEST

Innes expressed his immense gratitude for all the progress and events over the past three months
Innes joined ACPA to provide an update on the three things –

Appleby College Accreditation:

Appleby College is a member of the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS) group, which follows a five-year accreditation cycle. The accreditation process is guided by 12 standards, each with a set of indicators used for evaluation. There are two key components: a comprehensive self-study followed by a peer review visit from a team of educators from across Canada. The visiting team will be on site from February 8–11, 2026. They will spend five days reviewing the school, AC will share feedback with the community, and identifying actions for improvement and implementation. The school welcomes inputs from parents. AC remains confident about receiving re-accreditation, reflecting the strength of its programs and community engagement.

Discussion on Civil Discourse and Pluralism in Schools

Across North America and globally, one of the most challenging issues schools and universities have faced is how to engage in dialogue around difficult and controversial topics. These issues have deeply impacted many academic communities.

There is now a growing focus on establishing a **framework for pluralism in academic environments**—a way to foster **civil discourse** on campuses while supporting students as they explore complex issues. This framework is grounded in three core pillars:

1. **Commitment to freedom of expression**
2. **Disciplined non-partisanship by the school**
3. **Commitment to intellectual diversity**

These principles are intended to create a respectful and inclusive learning environment where diverse perspectives can be examined thoughtfully and constructively. The school is using this framework to guide discussions with key stakeholders.

AI Literacy and Integration in Schools

The school recognizes the growing importance of AI literacy and is committed to ensuring that students are equipped with the skills to engage with AI meaningfully. The school is currently navigating changes in this area and is actively exploring opportunities to integrate AI into the learning experience.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Agenda Review -

Kathy welcomed everyone, including participants joining via Zoom.

Kathy congratulated Lillian Mi and Lillian Yang on an outstanding Boarder Break event, which featured excellent food and strong community participation.

She highlighted the upcoming 'Festival of Authors' and played the information video. She encouraged everybody to come listen to the authors, buy books, join for a few hours or for the whole day.

The final event of the year is the AGM, scheduled for May 29th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Sign-up is required. The new slate of members will also be invited to attend.

The responsibility will be passed on to the next President, Jane Sahota.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my final year after seven years of service. The new slate has been announced, many new members have joined and many old members have retired.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing to report. There will be another meeting on June 10th, which will serve as social event to meet the new slate

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nothing to report

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

COLLEGE SHOP COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Gift cards with seeds are now available at the college shop, with a percentage of proceeds donated to Canadian non-profits. The recent Friday Night Live event was very successful, and the college shop sold \$800+.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

SUSTAINABILITY / LOST & FOUND

The sales target of \$18,000 was nearly met, falling short by only \$300. The Lost and Found items will be displayed in the dining hall and then donated after exams.

TUCK SHOP

There are \$325 remaining to reach the sales target. The Tuck shop will have chips and pop sales planned at the Festival of Authors event.

NISPA REPRESENTATIVE

The team visited UCC and discussed the different PA formats and approaches to recruiting members to the Parent Association.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Nothing to report.

BOOK RETURN AND SALE

Book return sale will be held on Jun 4th

FUNDRAISING

The team held a follow-up meeting with the jeweler to discuss any potential changes to the current offerings. Updates will be brought back to ACPA for review. There is also a focus on promoting early engagement with families as they begin their Appleby journey.

CHAPEL GUILD/ TREE TRIMMING

Flower arrangements for the Graduation Day have been ordered.

GRADE PARTIES/ STAFF APPRECIATION/ RUM BALLS

Great work at the Staff appreciation with games table, gifts and the food.

SOCIAL COORDINATORS

Nothing to report.

ACPA NEWSLETTERS

Last issue is planned for June 5th

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Nothing to report.

OPEN HOUSES

Nothing to report.

NEW PARENT AND BELONGING REPRESENTATIVES

Nothing to report. Asian Heritage Day was run by students. There was a Tea ceremony organized.

SCHOOL SPIRIT REPRESENTATIVES

The team had a DIY photo frame at Arts Night, which was a big hit.

CAMPUS LIFE REPRESENTATIVES

The last Boarder Break was a huge success. Graduation themed.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

CLOSING

Next meeting run by Jane in the dining hall on June 2nd. The motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Marsden and seconded by Nami Dhillon.

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Poonam Hardas, Recording Secretary:



Approved by

Kathy Vucic, President:

