

**Michaëlle Jean Public School**  
**School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 7:00pm**

In attendance: Merav S, Randi M, Sally W, Sally N, Julie

Regrets: Ali, Zenobia, Tara, Oliver, Kim Sato, Linda Taglieri

School Staff: Nadia Russiello, Natalie Bessette

Absent:

1. Welcome (Merav)

Approval of minutes from February 2018 meeting. Julie firsts, Merav seconds, all agree. The minutes are passed.

2. Recognitions and Regrets (All)

Regrets

Ali, Zenobia, Tara, Oliver, Kim

Recognitions

Sally recognizes the pizza committee for increasing to weekly distribution. Thank you to Oliver for organizing the volunteers to allow this to happen.

Nadia recognizes Randi for the Frozen Yogurt program. There is one more week left in School Cash Online sales and then we will start distribution.

3. Committee Chair Reports

- School Climate (Kim)  
Pizza has fewer slices and children ordering for second half of year. Hopefully this has made a positive impact in the office regarding those children who forgot to bring lunches on the off Fridays. It is much easier for families with the consistency.
- Parental, Family, Community Involvement (Julie)

Spring Fair

The date is set for June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The committee is working through the planning process. Hoping for around 80 volunteers. Next meeting will take place next week to work out who will lead the various stations. There is the potential for a conflict for high school student volunteers on June 19 since exams start on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Student Success (Sally Ni/Roger)  
Sally has just returned from China and spoke with Roger, and there is no real update. The programs are still running but nearing the end. There won't be other programs run this school year.

#### 4. Treasurer's Update (Sally Wang)

There are still some items left to be posted in the account. \$21,991 left projected expenses \$6700, so going to have \$12,000 left as balance. We expect to receive income before the end of the year due to Spring Fun Fair, and the Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser. Agendas for next year should be paid a deposit for coming up soon.

Nadia says \$10,000 - \$12,000 is a lot of money to carry over, so we will need to decide how to spend some of that money. Would be simple to contribute to the Outdoor Classroom, but it might be worth speaking to staff to see if there are materials (technology, art, music, etc) that they would be interested in having purchased by Council. Would be ideal to have the Outdoor Classroom constructed over the summer (would take 2 weeks and wouldn't disrupt any summer camps) and then it would be ready by the start of next school year. It would be a productive way to show families a concrete result of their fundraising efforts.

At our June meeting we will vote on the budget for next year.

#### 5. Principal's Report (Nadia)

Projections are in for 2018/2019 which impacts staffing. We are looking at 134 new grade one students, according to projections. We will be an overflow school for Doncrest.

Grade one open house May 24<sup>th</sup> for incoming families. We would like to have School Council representatives to come and speak and meet newcomers from 3:30-4:30pm.

Haiti fundraiser, we have decided not to participate this year as discussed in the newsletter. Michaele Jean was from Haiti, so it is a cause especially important to our school, however this year Schools for Children of the World have been unable to find a program in Haiti.

Welcome to the new custodian Steve Kotsopoulos who comes to us from Bond Lake PS.

French book fair week of April 22 - 27<sup>th</sup>.

EQAQO May 22 – June 4, parents should try to avoid making appointments or vacations at that time.

Portables will be removed as they are not in use. The pathway to the outdoor classroom will be redesigned to be lower and be accessible to all, as a result of the portable removal.

Outdoor classroom fundraising: water bottles, Art for Kids where students have made their art designs and families can purchase products with their children's art, students will be planting herbs.

Pause to Play week focus on reducing screen time and getting outside, week from April 30 - May 3rd.

ECO week next week many activities going on.

First week of July will begin reconstruction on library and gym to make stage accessible to all. Process will take 6 weeks and will be complete in August.

## 6. Teacher Report (Natalie)

Jungle Sports was a lot of fun and enjoyed by all.

Evolution of B-boying where the students learned about dance styles.

Njacko Backo was very well received.

Jump Rope for Heart week coming up.

May 10<sup>th</sup> final concert.

Grade ones had Dairy Farmers visit this week, scientists in the school coming up, Kortright in June.

Grade twos going to the zoo in May.

Grade threes Swim to Survive, will visit BAPS June 14.

ECO town of RH providing gloves and students will pick up garbage.

Thumbprints taken around the Earth.

## 7. Other Business

Principal Profile Update

We are all in agreement on the current document.

School Song is completed! Grade 3s are learning it in Music class and then they will help to teach the other grades as their gift to the school. They will all sing it together at an assembly at the end of the year. Nadia played it for us – it is fabulous!

Leanne would like to do a staff appreciation luncheon May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are not able to use fundraising efforts to support this, but it would be a sign up contribution. Natalie firsts, Julie seconds, all approve to go ahead. There will be also a volunteer appreciation breakfast on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

PRO Grant speaker. Nadia has been trying to arrange triple P come and speak but it might be tight for us to get a series of nights in before the end of the year. Doncrest PS had a guest speaker: Dr. Campbell raising resilient children and strategies for parents. Fee was \$800 plus cost of refreshments. Nadia will look into getting him to come speak to our parents.

Look at results from parent survey from last year regarding some of the issues parents and families are facing. Could do a coffee chat where we meet for coffee with a School Council representative to get to know the interests of families. Could do an email questionnaire to ask parents their areas of interest, as well as interest in coffee chats during the day.

Staff will be planning a wellness night for the Fall.

8. Adjournment 8:24pm

Next meeting: June 7, 2018 @ 7 pm