

Sir John A. Macdonald Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2017
Staff Room



A.	Call to Order	Time: Meeting called to order by Lisa Zhou at 7:05pm	
B.	Roll Call and Regrets	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Co-Chair: Lisa Zhou</p> <p>Treasurer: Amy Xie</p> <p>Communications Officers: Katharine Chen-Sy & Katie Sears</p> <p>Parent Members and Participants: Christina Wong, Lisa Zografos, Jerica Lin</p> <p>School Representatives: Kathy Lott and Heather Zaitlin</p>	
C.	Financial Update		-Balance in account: \$8256.61 (Not including Pro Grant Expenses)
F.	New Business (as submitted to Council Chair and Approved for Discussion by Chair and Principal)	<p>ITEMS:</p> <p>1. Highlights from the School Council Forum</p> <p>2. Highlights from PRO grant event and PRO grant application for next year</p>	<p>1) SJAM Participants: Kathy, Christina, Diana Maier, Liza Zhou</p> <p>a) Kathy highlighted the seminar "7 Habits for Highly Successful Teens/Parents/Kids. We could look at the agenda and see if we want to invite one of the speakers to a future council meeting.</p> <p>b) Christina referenced same seminar as Kathy and pointed out that the ideas in the seminar are beneficial to everyone.</p> <p>c) Discussion on Bullying Prevention and Awareness and Substance Abuse: at the SCF a student from Pierre Elliot Trudeau talked about social structure and peer pressure. He suggested that active living, sports, etc are effective deterrents to substance abuse.</p> <p>d) Lisa Zhou commented on the seminar "Parent Engagement vs. Parent Involvement" Most parents who attended were on the council. Important to make people aware what we do other than just fundraising.</p> <p>2) This was a successful event. We are using this event to give back to the community. We wanted to get as many attendees as possible, but we were surprised at the high and fast response so we had to close the registration earlier than expected.</p> <p>Lisa Zhou read a letter from the YMCA Exhibitor. They would like to attend this again and would like to encourage other schools to do something similar.</p> <p>Kathy: We were thrown some wrenches with the weather, but we were able to be flexible on on the</p>

		<p>5) Fall Council Election Planning</p> <p>6) School Council Constitution Review</p> <p>7) Other</p>	<p>council agreed in April 2016 to give \$10,000 towards this Outdoor Classroom. Since minutes of this meeting were not available for inspection during this meeting, Lisa Zhou suggested we take a vote from those present about taking \$10,000 from our accounts (\$7000 from long term, \$3000 from short term account). Vote was taken and was unanimous.</p> <p>B) Our School Plan Focus Areas and board focus areas (See Attached Slideshow prepared by Kathy lott) * recruitment for the Well Being Team, will probably start meeting in September * Discussion on bullying and cyberbullying * Recommendation to check out the board website to learn about many things about the board.</p> <p>C) Primary Family Math Night: Tues. May 2</p> <p>D) Welcome to Kindergarten: Tues, May 9. Council can send a representative. Who will do it? It is 4-6:00.</p> <p>E) Track and Field at Frisby Part: Fri. May 12 Parents are welcome to volunteer at this event</p> <p>F) Spring Concert: Tues May 30</p> <p>G) Grade 8 Graduation: Mon. June 19</p> <p>H) Multicultural Week at Sir Wilfred Laurier: Update from Jerrica: * Kids played games and learned about the various cultures around the world * Different performers presented so the kids could learn about the sights and sounds of different cultures around the world * She made sure to get dancers and performers from a variety of areas around the world. * This was the first year SWL had multicultural week, and they want to extend the invitation to SJAM next year.</p> <p>5) The first School Council meeting date for the next school year confirmed: Thursday, October 5th, 2017</p> <p>6) Kathy Lott and Lisa Zhou will move forward with this.</p> <p>7) FYI: Suspicious activity ahs been reported in the SJAM parking lot between 10pm – 12 AM, police have been notified are aware of it.</p>

G.	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn by: Lisa Zhou Time: 9:00 pm
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BBQ Subcommittee Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2017 @ 7-8:30 p.m. – SJAM Staffroom

Full Council meetings are finished for the 2016-2017 School Year, Meetings will resume in the fall on October 5, 2017.