Sir John A. Macdonald Public School School Council Meeting Minutes



April 18, 2017 Staff Room

А.	Call to Order	Time: Meeting called to orde	er by Lisa Zhou at 7:05pm			
B.	Roll Call and	Time: Meeting called to order by Lisa Zhou at 7:05pm Attendees:				
	Regrets					
		Co-Chair:				
		Lisa Zhou				
		Treasurer:				
		Amy Xie Communications Officers:				
		Katharine Chen-Sy & Katie Sears				
		Parent Members and Part				
		Christina Wong, Lisa Zografos, Jerica Lin				
		School Representatives:				
C.	Financial Update	Kathy Lott and Heather Zaitlin -Balance in account: \$8256.61 (Not including Pro				
0.			Grant Expenses)			
F.	New Business (as submitted to	ITEMS: 1.Highlights from the	1) SJAM Participants: Kathy, Christina, Diana			
	Council Chair	School Council Forum	Maier, Liza Zhou			
	and Approved for		a) Kathy highlighted the seminar "7 Habits for			
	Discussion by		Highly Successful Teens/Parents/Kids. We could			
	Chair and		look at the agenda and see if we want to invite			
	Principal)		one of the speakers to a future council meeting. b) Christina referenced same seminar as Kathy			
			and pointed out that the ideas in the seminar are			
			beneficial to everyone.			
			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.			
			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.			
		2. Highlights from				
		PRO grant event	2) This was a successful event. We are using this			
		and PRO grant	event to give back to the community. We wanted			
		application for next	to get as many attendees as possible, but we			
		year	were surprised at the high and fast response so			
			we had to close the registration earlier than expected.			
			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.			
			Kathy: We were thrown some wrenches with the			
			weather, but we were able to be flexible on on the			

	schedule and it worked. It was fun to have the
	kids involved, in particular the dancing. The speaker worked out really well and kept the parents and kids engaged. Christina would like to be involved in writing the grant, but has limited time due to her brother's wedding. Lisa assured her that the grant writing would take only about 2 hours. Kathy: The most important part is to choose a topic we are passionate about. Christina will head up this initiative, Kathy will assist.
3) Year End BBQ	 3) We will continue to use the planning template from past BBQs. This has been emailed out to all council members. Each member has checked and confirmed that they are willing to do their assigned tasks. Theme this year is: Canada 150 Raffles: Kathy/Heather will look into board raffle policies, as it was suggested by Jerrica that perhaps raffles are not allowed by the board. Until proven otherwise, we will proceed as planned. We always approach businesses to donate raffle items. We have a master list and each council member will assign themselves. Food: We have retained M&M. Is there any reason we cannot use them? No, but this will be one of our exceptions for the year since it does not 100% comply with district food requirements. There is no price increase from last year Carrots: We can look into giving out carrots with the meals Frozen Yogurt: Selling as in previous years, it meets school food guidelines so should be fine. Jumping Castles: We have retained Fiesta For Kids, are there any restrictions by the school board for jumping castles? Kathy will look into it. Form will go home directing parents to buy food and activity bracelets on School Cash Online. Tickets will send Amy a list of what needs to go onto SCO. Amy will work with Lindsay to arrange the SCO website for BBQ. Kathy will reach out to Police and Fire Department to attend Kathy has confirmed that we have the gym in case of rain. Jerrica suggested we do a time capsule. This may be something that is done by the school inclass. The subcommittee will talk to Kathy to make sure we are not duplicating anything that is going on during school Lisa Zhou: We may do a "proud to be Canadian" art project instead of arts and crafts this year.
4) Working as Partners in Education: Possible Partnerships for school activities this year or next year (Kathy)	 A) Outdoor Classroom Update: SJAM has secured a company to begin this process. Phase 1 will be ready by the BBQ Chq has been written already. Total cost is \$14,000. We need to confirm whether or not

	 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. 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. C) Primary Family Math Night: Tues. May 2 D) Welcome to Kindergarten: Tues, May 9. Council can send a representative. Who will do it? It is 4-6:00. E) Track and Field at Frisby Part: Fri. May 12 Parents are welcome to volunteer at this
	event F) Spring Concert: Tues May 30
	G) Grade 8 Graduation: Mon. June 19
	 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.
5) Fall Council Planning	Election 5) The first School Council meeting date for the next school year confirmed: Thursday, October 5 th , 2017
6) School Cour Constitution Re	
7) Other	 FYI: Suspicious activity ahs been reported in the SJAM parking lot between 10pm – 12 AM, police have been notified are aware of it.

G.	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn by: Lisa Zhou Time: 9:00 pm			
BBQ Subcommittee Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2017 @ 7-8:30 p.m. – SJAM Staffroom					
Fu	Full Council meetings are finished for the 2016-2017 School Year, Meetings will resume in the fall on October 5, 2017.				