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