

Unnamed Elementary School in Markham (formerly known as Sir John A. Macdonald Public School)

School Council Meeting Minutes

Dec 7th, 2021, 5:30-6:30pm

Virtual Meeting (Go To Meeting)

Estimated Time			
A.	Call to Order	Time: 5:30pm	5:30pm Sharp
B.	Roll Call and Regrets:	Attendees: Lisa Zografos, Winnie Ng, Myrtle Lieu, Jen Chan, Rohullah Faqih, Jenny Yoo Carolyn Brndiar, Michael Yoshida, Katherine Moore, Jadas Lau, Regrets: Sandeep Dillon, Mina Wong	5 minutes
C.	Land Acknowledgement	Katherine Moore https://www2.yrdsb.ca/about-us/land-acknowledgement	5 minutes
D.	Approval of minutes from last meeting	Motion to approve by: Lisa Zografos Seconded: Winnie Ng	5 minutes
E.	Principal's Report	Update from Principal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gifted Testing for Grade 3's was on Dec. 1st 2. Virtual Scholastic Book Fair Dec 6-10 Update from Katherine Moore on Student Senate <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Senate running a food drive and accepting donations. Abundance of pasta, low on hygiene products 2. Planning end of the year assembly 3. Planning renaming ceremony in January Grade 7/8 Girls Volleyball Starting - Requires participating students to be double vaccinated	5 minutes

F.	PRO (Parent Reaching Out) Grant (Deadline for submission is December 14th)	Winnie Ng <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year, the speaker grant amount was \$500; need to confirm exact grant amount for this school year Paul Davis' response regarding the Online Safety session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent event is for adults only; content is not suitable for children Recording is not permitted Parent/guardian version of session is 70min + Q&A He hosts by Zoom and will take care of all the logistics; just needs Principal as co-host to be online \$500+HST (could be up to \$800 - will verify) Topics to include: precautions about internet, views on technology, how much parents allow/limit Jen Chan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion on speaker about Conscious Parenting Speaker Christine L'abbe holds virtual workshops - customizable agenda/topics Focus on mindfulness of interactions, deep connections, mental health, behaviours (heightened concerns especially after Covid-19) \$199+HST Jen to gather pamphlets from Toronto Police Services - Child Protection Service for Principal & Vice Principal Tie both workshops together as part of a Wellness Workshop Tentative Time Choices: March-May, Tuesday - Thursday Winnie, Jen and Sandeep to work on PRO Grant Deadline: moved to Wed. January 19th, 2022	20 minutes
G.	Invest in Education	Myrtle Liew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed graphical and communication piece Need stats from Carolyn Strong emphasis on Technology especially since Covid-19 Use School Cash Online Fundraising, vision for future Send pamphlets around spring to promote awareness for fall 	5 minutes
H.	School Renaming Discussion	Lisa Zografos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustees voted to rename the school as part of Indigenous reconciliation efforts Process is driven by the School Trustees and School Board The Chippewas of Georgina Island and the local school community provided input The final name is the decision of the School Trustees and School Board following the criteria identified within Board Policy #445.0 The name Woodbine Heights was put forward at the PMC (Property Management Committee) meeting held on Nov. 23, 2021. The PMC did not vote in favour of this name as there were several concerns raised that the name was not in alignment with Truth and Reconciliation The School Trustee has indicated that he will still move the name Woodbine Heights for approval at the December 14th Trustees Meeting [Based on the outcome of the PMC meeting, it may be unlikely that this name does not pass] Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Brndiar and Mr. Yoshida to give input into the School Renaming Policy development Update to be provided at the next school council meeting on the outcome of the December Trustees meeting No actions required from the Council at this time 	15 minutes
I.	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn by: Winnie Ng Seconded: Lisa Zografos Time: 6:47	