

Sir John A. Macdonald Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2018
 Staff Room



A.	Call to Order	Time: Meeting called to order by Katie Sears at 7:05 p.m	
B.	Roll Call and Regrets	<p>Attendees: Co-Chair: Katie Sears Treasurer: Pouneh Biazarikari Communications Officers: Oana Bota & Sandeep Dhillon Parent Members and Participants: Christina Wong, Sorin Maier, Tracy Griffin, Regina Chan Bouttarath, Kitty Cheung, Karen Ho, Jeffrey Ko, Lisa Zhou, Sunny Yik, Simone Francis, Brett Sears, Josette Tang, Charlie Fung. Student Representatives: Lydia, Devangi, Alan, Hajar School Representatives: Kathy Lott & Katherine Moore York Region District School Board Trustee: Ron Lynn</p>	
C	Approval of minutes from last meeting	Previously approved via email	
D	SJAM Community Time	<p>Topic: Student Safety at SJAM; Community, Belonging and Mattering at SJAM</p> <p><i>~by Kathy Lott, Principal</i></p> <p>Parent Handouts of the presentations shared have been posted to our SJAM school website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of YRSDB Caring & Safe School policy. • Supporting student mental health and recognizing challenges. • Teachers and school actively support student mental health through all classes and subjects. • Students are encouraged to be Upstanders when they witness bullying. This requires students to stand up for those who are vulnerable/victims and telling a teacher or other adult. • Students attended the meeting to share how they are helping to create community and be leaders amongst their peers. They shared their experiences with helping to create a safe and respectful school environment through involvement in the Youth Wellness, Equity and Me to We Committee/Clubs. • Plan for supervision of school yard and play areas during recess and lunch has been reviewed with Teachers and other support staff. The school has more than adequate numbers of supervisors to monitor students. • Student Youth Wellness Committee have decided to create new role of Recess Leaders to monitor other

			<p>students/classmates to also help ensure students stay safe while outside during recess and lunch (peer-to-peer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are reminded they can share their feedback about their child's education using the following two surveys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YRDSB Every Student Counts (until Dec 14. School Letter sent home with your child contains the link). ○ Fortheparents.ca. Province-wide survey on the education system in Ontario. (until Dec 15).
- F.	Financial Update	Account Balance	Funds available = \$9073.73
G.	Discussion carried forward from previous meeting	Pro Grant Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Jump2Math night. • 200 plus people attended the event. • Was enjoyed by a wide range of students and their families. • 20+ volunteers also supported the event. • Was a positive community building experience that also helped reinforce the overall board and school approach to math education.
		School Council Parent Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft of survey has been created on Google Forms. • The goal is to get a sense the types of events and communications parents would like School Council to focus on to help build a more inclusive parent community and support network at SJAM. • Draft of survey to be circulated to School Council for feedback. Once finalized Ms. Lott will email to parents asking for them to complete using Google Forms.
		Movie Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-committee established and ready to start planning the logistics and event components. • Movie Night will take place on Jan 17th.
		Classroom Activity Bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council would like to hear from students what they would like to see included in the activity bags. • Recess Leaders from the Youth Wellness group will represent students and partner with School Council to finalize bag content proposal. • Sub committee to connect with Recess Leaders and continue to finalize proposal.
H.	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn by: Katie Sears Time: 8:40 p.m.	
Next School Council Meetings:			

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Wednesday, May 22, 2019