Sir John A. Macdonald Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018 Staff Room



A.	Call to Order	Time: Meeting called to order by Katie Sears at 6:40pm					
B.	Roll Call and Regrets	Attendees: Chair(s): Christina Wong and Katie Sears Treasurer: Pouneh Biazarikari Communications Officer: Simone Francis Parent Members and Participants: Sorin Maier, Karen Lau, Sandeep Dhillon, Oana Bota Administrative Team: Tara Wagg Debbie Wong Regrets: Kathy Lott Sunny Yik Lisa Zhou Bin Chang Lisa Zografos Dorothy Koutlemanis					
C.	Approval of Minutes from last meeting		To be approved via email.				
D.	Discussion carried forward from previous meeting	1. Movie Night	1.February 1, 2018 Movie Night showing Coco (Katie on behalf of Sunny): School notified, ticket orders in process, due tomorrow, January 24, 2018. Who can prepare the tickets next week? (approximately 1-2 hours in or out of school hours) Lisa Zografos will order pizza and popcorn, confirm pizza deadline.				

- Juice/ Water purchases (2 case of water in Katie's basement from ProGrant)
- Volunteer Coordination: Need someone to oversee volunteers.
- Review Movie Night Flow from map
- Confirm list of required items from caretaking and SJAM.
- So far 66 students+ parents + siblings (minimum 120 individuals expected since each child has to be accompanied by at least one adult.)
- Reminders for School Cash Online can only be sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- There are 596 seats available (capacity in the auditorium) i.e with chairs or 1,000 without chairs
- A report with the list of kids is to be provided by Debbie, the deadline for this report being Thursday, January 25, 2018 so that School Cash Online can be closed on Friday. Once we have tentative numbers by the weekend i.e. January 27/28, we can reopen the School Cash Online if necessary.
- The movie and meal ticket templates are to be emailed by Katie to Pouneh and Simone, who volunteered for this task. The tickets are to be ready by Monday, January 29, 2018 to give to the teachers so they can give them to the students a few days prior to movie night.
- Juice/ Water cases are to be purchased from Costco.
- Approximate number of volunteers available for movie night are 20, which includes parents and high school students (former SJAM students will be given volunteer hours). Some adults will be required to oversee the volunteers. Several people

E. Financial Update New Business (as submitted to Council Co-Chairs and Approved for Discussion by Co-Chairs and Principal)	1. Highlights from ProGrant	will be required to assist with the ticket collecting as well as pizza handouts and being in charge of the cash box. The food donation boxes will be kept to one side (right) upon entrance through the main doors and into the foyer. Boots and coats are to be kept on benches and chairs that will be lined in the main hallway outside the gym. Tables will be required in the hallway for the Pizza boxes, plates and napkins. The Coco dvd and projector will be required ahead of time to set up. Reimbursement cheques for the pizza and popcorn will be issued by Debbie, hence an invoice is ideal. An email reminder will be sent to the community together with the official movie trailer link suggested by Christina. Financial review (Pouneh) including Invest in Education. \$1,947 is the current balance. \$2,125 is the total received for Invest In Education as of December 2017 via cash and cheque. 1a. Summary of ProGrant event (Christina). 1b. In-School follow up since event (Kathy) was unable to attend due to illness Christina provided some parent feedback regarding the PRO Grant Event by reading the feedback forms completed by the attendees. 1a. Some suggestions included an earlier start time because of school night, interested in similar parenting workshops, would be wonderful if school could offer leadership programs for the kids after school or as part of the curriculum, etc. Some positive feedback included interest in similar future events and interaction with other parents well received and suggested that it would be great if this information on the 7 Habits was presented to the kids too.
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 Year-end BBQ (Katie) Theme? Goodbye from SJAM? 1b.The Leader In Me, which is not part of the curriculum as well as exploring the various habits, which is optional, is being explored in the classrooms.

2a. Another event was planned in advance of BBQ, causing the BBQ to exceed the number of permits, therefore we have to plan a new date. The date confirmed in October was Thursday, May 24, 2018. New proposed dates are on Tuesdays to avoid permit conflicts: May 22 or 29 or June 5.
2b. Who would like to join the subcommittee? Proposed Sub-Committee Dates:

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
Tuesday, March 6, 2018
2c. Decisions that need to be made
ASAP.

Food: M&M Meats? Additional suggestions? Need to confirm who will reserve them.

Bouncy Castles: How many? 2, as in past years? Will request that Winnie connect with her contact as in past years.

2a. The BBQ date has to be changed due to a conflict with the boy scouts event. The date selected by the school council is June 5, which will be confirmed by Katie.

2b. The idea of the entire school council being involved in planning the end of year school BBQ rather than having a subcommittee is being considered, however others are welcome to join, in which case a sub-committee may be required.

- Some ideas for the school BBQ includes wristbands for the kids which entitles them to use all the facilities offered, same as last year.
- The tickets will be offered through School Cash Online.
- There will be food and drink tickets similar to last year.

2c. The consensus is that M&M Meats is the best option for food as they bring their own BBQ and cook the food similar to last year. (this is to be invoiced).

3.Connecting with community

3.Ideas for connecting with the community of SJAM (Christina) I.E. Coffee morning,

4. Working as partners in education – overview of school activites this year

community chat on parenting etc. Ask Billy Pang to join us?

- These are great ideas and Billy Pang can give the community an idea of what is going on within the community as well as enable parents to ask questions as well as raise concerns etc.
- Some venue ideas include outdoor classroom, gazebo in the park, relationship building and chai n chat is another idea as well.

4.Tara reviewed the Principal's Report since Kathy was ill. (Please see the attached handout).

- Feb 2 is a PA day supporting students with learning disabilities in math, anti-bullying, guest speakers and workshops as well as lunch monitors are being discussed.
- The transition plan to Wilfred Laurier involves visits the classrooms, tour of the school, meeting the teachers and orientation activities for the kids moving to the school in the new school year.
- Sorin found a company, Maker Kids (grades 3-6 or ages 8-12) which includes Minecraft, Coding and Robotics. The cost is \$140 for 10 weeks at 1 hour/ week or \$325 for 10 weeks at 2 hours per week. There is a minimum of 6 kids required in the class. Perhaps this can be introduced after the March break. (Update: Sorin was initially told by the robotics company that they were Board Approved, but unfortunately Maker Kids was not found on the YRDSB Approved Service Provider List that was provided by Kathy. As a result, a different robotics company other than Maker Kids was selected by Sorin shortly after our SC Meeting).
- The name of the new school (Unnamed Cathedral School) is to be determined shortly and will be announced on March 5/6. Victoria Square is the name voted by the community.

Motion to Adjourn by : 1. Time:

Katie Sears 8:20 pm

Next School Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 (Sub-Committee meeting for End of School Year BBQ) – staff room							
	Last School Council Meeting for the School Year: April 3, 2018 (to be confirmed)						