

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	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Chair(s): Christina Wong and Katie Sears</p> <p>Treasurer: Pouneh Biazarikari</p> <p>Communications Officer: Simone Francis</p> <p>Parent Members and Participants: Sorin Maier, Karen Lau, Sandeep Dhillon, Oana Bota</p> <p>Administrative Team: Tara Wagg Debbie Wong</p> <p>Regrets: Kathy Lott Sunny Yik Lisa Zhou Bin Chang Lisa Zografos Dorothy Koutlemanis</p>	
C.	Approval of Minutes from last meeting		To be approved via email.
D.	Discussion carried forward from previous meeting	1. Movie Night	<p>1. February 1, 2018 Movie Night showing Coco (Katie on behalf of Sunny):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 re-open 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
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E.	Financial Update		<p>will be required to assist with the ticket collecting as well as pizza handouts and being in charge of the cash box.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Financial review (Pouneh) including Invest in Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,947 is the current balance. • \$2,125 is the total received for Invest In Education as of December 2017 via cash and cheque. <p>1a. Summary of ProGrant event (Christina).</p> <p>1b. In-School follow up since event (Kathy) was unable to attend due to illness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina provided some parent feedback regarding the PRO Grant Event by reading the feedback forms completed by the attendees. <p>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.</p>
F.	New Business (as submitted to Council Co-Chairs and Approved for Discussion by Co-Chairs and Principal)	1. Highlights from ProGrant	

		<p>4.Working as partners in education – overview of school activites this year</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn by : 1. Time:</p>	<p>community chat on parenting etc. Ask Billy Pang to join us?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>4.Tara reviewed the Principal’s Report since Kathy was ill. (Please see the attached handout).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Katie Sears 8:20 pm</p>
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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)			