

# Sir John A. Macdonald Public School

## School Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2019 7:00-8.30 p.m.

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><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p><b>Co-Chair:</b> Katie Sears Elaine Saeed</p> <p><b>Vice-Chair:</b> Tracy Griffin</p> <p><b>Communications Officer:</b> Sandeep Dhillon</p> <p><b>Parent Members and Participants:</b> Christina Wong, Regina Chan Bouttarath, Kitty Cheung, Lisa Zhou, Simone Francis</p> <p><b>School Representatives:</b> Kathy Lott, Tara Wagg &amp; Katherine Moore</p> <p><b>York Region District School Board Superintendent of Education – CEC East:</b> Peter Tse</p>	
C	Approval of minutes from last meeting	Previously approved via email	
D	SJAM Community Time	<p><b>Topic:</b> Outdoor Space planned for 2018 – 2019 - <i>by Kathy Lott</i></p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Principals Report - <i>by Kathy Lott</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning was well underway, this school year, for a natural outdoor space to support student learning.</li> <li>• However, upon consultation with YRDSB they have requested that we put the proposed plan on hold and await further direction. This is because YRDSB are currently awaiting feedback from a natural play area pilot study at four other schools in the region. The board would like to have the feedback and findings from the pilot to best advise SJAM about our Outdoor space.</li> <li>• In the meantime the YRDSB has suggested that we proceed with shade umbrellas and/or small shade trees and they will advise on what is appropriate/consistent with other schools in the region.</li> <li>• Report is out now <a href="#">[insert link here]</a> and summarizes some important information from the Principal and</li> <li>• Ms. Lott will be retiring at the end of June this school year and the Principal selection process is underway. Superintendent, Peter Tse offered insight into the criteria for potential candidates, how the selection process works and suggested a decision will be made on, or</li> </ul>

			<p>around June 5. It is intended that parents have an opportunity to meet the incoming Principal at the SJAM Community Carnival on June 11 (and at other school events throughout June).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report also includes information about how SJAM works to ensure safe and inclusive learning environments for students and families. This is in response to a rise in a range of discriminatory behaviour from students in recent months.</li> <li>Parent input on the School Plan is welcomed.</li> </ul>
E.	Discussion carried forward from previous meeting	Topic: Annual BBQ - by Katie Sears	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BBQ has been rebranded to Carnival to better reflect all that the event offers. Carnival will take place on June 11 5:30-8:00 p.m.</li> <li>Food and drink packages available at the event.</li> <li>Wide variety of activities planned for ALL AGES.</li> <li>Wristbands available in advance via School Cash Online or on the day.</li> <li>Volunteers needed.</li> </ul>
		Topic: Staff Appreciation Breakfast - by Elaine Saeed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The breakfast was a surprise to the staff and teachers. They appreciated that the food came to them, and the flowers with the invitation to the Carnival were also appreciated.</li> </ul>
		Topic: Astoria Lunches - by Elaine Saeed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very popular lunch option.</li> <li>Portion size is good.</li> <li>Vendor has been reliable and efficient with drop offs.</li> <li>School Council would like to continue offering this option as it is well liked.</li> </ul>
		Topic: Parent Survey - by Sandeep Dhillon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent feedback indicates there are some areas where School Council can put more focus. Top three suggestions to explore are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition of a new event next year, perhaps with a fundraising goal a) Games Night b) Pancake Breakfast</li> <li>Low cost community programs e.g. Peace by Peace or Ready, Set, Goal by Future Possibilities for Kids.</li> <li>Survey to students asking for feedback on what types of School Council activities they would be interested in attending (can also incorporate feedback on after-school programs here too).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Financial Update	Account Balance - by Katie Sears	<p>Funds available = \$3456</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Profit from Astoria lunches have provided a boost to funds available.</li> <li>School Council also offered financial support to several students in Grade 6 -7 so that they could attend the trip to Ottawa.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro Grant application was approved to cover the expenses related to Jump2Math night that took place earlier in the school year (2018). Funds will be applied to school budget.</li> </ul>
G.	New Business	Preparation for next year - <i>All</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First meeting of 2019-2020 will be on October 2, 2019.</li> <li>• Parents are interested in refreshing the after school program offering. Some School Council members are willing to take the lead and work with the school and school board to help bring new after-school programs to students in time for September 2019.</li> </ul>
H.	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn by: Katie Sears Time: 8:40 p.m.	