

Sir John A. Macdonald Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2018
 Staff Room



A.	Call to Order	Time: Meeting called to order by Katie Sears at 7:04 PM
B.	Roll Call and Regrets	Attendees: Co-Chair: Katie Sears & Elaine Saeed Treasurer: Pouneh Biazarikari Communications Officers: Oana Bota & Sandeep Dhillon Parent Members and Participants: Christina Wong, Sorin Maier, Tracy Griffin, Regina Chan Bouttarah, Kitty Cheung, Sorely Requena, Shawn Huang School Representatives: Kathy Lott
C	Approval of minutes from last meeting	n/a
D	Discussion carried forward from last meeting	n/a
E	Financial Update	1. Financial Overview of School Council Balance in account: \$8362.40 from movie night and BBQ events from 2017-2018 calendar year. Invest in Education Fundraiser is ongoing and donation reminder email will be sent to parents again. (Almost \$900 raised so far via School Cash Online).
		2. Options to spend BBQ funds raised All in agreement to spend \$6500 towards technology and \$1500 towards recess activity bags for each homeroom (Regina to cost out options and report back to Council).
F.	New Business	ITEMS: 1. Projects and Plans for 2018/19 School Year A) All in agreement to dedicate 30-45 minutes at School Council Meetings to address topics parents want to hear about. Topics raised for future meetings, include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Education (Tracy will use next meeting to gather parent input on what they would like to see in the SJAM Outdoor space. Sub-committee formed to begin gathering ideas with the school Eco Team for the outdoor space – to include Tracy, Pouneh, Sorely, Regina). • Student Mental Health and Safety • Giving back • Academics Parent/School Communication Survey may be

required to support with the above initiative (What do parents want to hear about at meetings? How do they prefer to receive communication?). Sandeep and Oana to create a proposal for a Survey for the next School Council Meeting. Survey results will be used to help shape communications to parents for the remainder of the year, ensuring more interactivity and engagement.

B) Pro Grant Planning: Jump2Math Night on November 6 2018 6-8pm. Event will be funded by the school and made available at no cost to SJAM students and parents. It's a kinesthetic, multi-sensory approach to teaching math that incorporates physical exercise, cooperative learning, and giant math stations. This active math program allows parents and students to enjoy active learning together while traveling to each interactive math station.

C) Movie Night: Proposed date of event is Jan 17th (Jan 18th is a PA day). The proposed movies are Chis Robinson and Incredibles Part 2 (there is no cost to Council for the movie since it's covered under the license from 2018). Tracy to lead Sub-Committee to recruit volunteers to begin organizing the event.

We have confirmed that the movie license is available for SJAM until 01/31/2019.

D) School Council BBQ: Proposed event date June 4th. Katie to lead Sub-Committee to recruit volunteers to begin organizing the event.

E) Additional Ideas:

- Student Recognition and Competitions: Sorin proposed we find a way to celebrate the children's achievement and highlight the clubs and activities where they excel, so other children get inspired to participate. The council discussed and they suggested that to ensure student equity we could organize an open house to share information about community programs, if the parents are interested in this (can ask parents in survey – see note A).
- First Aid: Kathy will be sharing more information with parents via email or twitter about the mental health support available to students at SJAM.

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G.	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn by: Katie Sears Time: 8:30 pm
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PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR REMAINDER OF THE YEAR:
Wednesday ,December 5, 2018
Wednesday, January 23. 2019
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Wednesday, May 22, 2019