

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Public School**  
**School Council Meeting #04 Minutes**  
**For April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm in the School Library**

**Attendance:**

Billy Pang (Trustee)	Nazish Hussain*
Peter Tse (Superintendent)	Jenine Lafayette
Deborah Joyce (Principal)	Charity Stappas*
Kathryn Gravill (Vice Principal)	Gianluca Arcari
Lena Sadaka (Teacher Rep)	Syed Hussaini
Mymi Huynh (Chair)	Yang Yang
Joyce Allimonos (Treasurer)	Sam Saif
Sufia Khan-Hussaini (Secretary)	Elisa Lau
Juliann Ng	Marlee Corcoran
Wendy Cheung	
Diana Yau	Dorothy Tong

	Items	Minute Notes
	<p><b>Healthy Snack Speaker by Marlee C.</b>  <i>Inquire about PPT for more details and information</i></p>	<p>Teacher from John McCrae Public School presented on a Healthy Schools Initiative: Pick champions to develop a team and focus to work out the Healthy Schools Action Plan. To get started! Start small!            If interested Contact Public Health Nurse: Andrea Collins and City of Markham Partnerships about PLAY Program and workshops, look into PE2GO Workshops and see helpful contacts on Marlee’s PPT Slides for more ideas which include: The Big Crunch, Snack program, School-Wide Walks, Random Acts of Kindness. Keep in mind: we could potentially receive \$400 + \$50 for staff wellness Action Plan due in Oct. the OPHEA initiative due Sept.</p>
	<p><b>Healthy Snack Introduction by Yang Yang</b></p>	<p>Discussed a meeting with other parents that would like to implement something with some of the funds from school council. Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> a Food Handling course is being offered from 9-4pm there is no Fee and this may be nice to have to do the healthy food initiative. Start with two food groups a fruit and maybe granola bar put out in the foyer. Not to replace snacks but to have something for students that may be hungry. The idea is to pilot the project before the end of the year to see how it works before starting to plan/budget it for next year. There is a possibility of funding it with a small grant. Based on the popularity of the program it will be determined if it is viable or not. Noted that it was well received at SJAM, and fruit was usually used.</p>
:	<p><b>Update from Administration by Mme. Joyce &amp; Mme. Gravill</b></p>	<p>Mme. Joyce is so happy to be here! Discussed, School Council Event Dream Big!, 3 Policies are being reviewed by the board (see board website), Principal Profile is to be created with input by school council.            Mme. Joyce asked school council if there would be interest to fund a board approved/vetted chess club through an outside vendor, motion passed.</p>

	<p>Action Mme. Joyce will call chess companies on board approved list, particulars are negotiable. Questions: Is lunch time enough time? What is the period of time needed to run this program?</p> <p>In regards to a wish list for our school, Mme. Joyce shared a recent discussion during a staff meeting about where to spend money to make classrooms as inclusive and engaging as possible and she is continuing to have those conversations. She explained that such a list must be deliberate and purposeful and will come back to council about it.</p>
<p><b>Review &amp; Amend the Constitution by Mme. Joyce &amp; Mme. Gravill</b></p>	<p>The constitution needs to be reviewed for changes and amendments. A subcommittee should review the constitution as a whole and 14 days prior to bringing it to school council it should be offered to the school community and will be amended by vote. The subcommittee hopes to start those conversations now to bring changes in September. Subcommittee members: Mymi Huynh, Joyce Allimonos, Sam Saif, Diana Yau, Wendy Cheung, Nazish Hussain</p>
<p><b>Math Night Update by Elisa Lau</b> <i>See Math Night memo attached for more information</i></p>	<p>Math Night was very well received and there was full engagement. Positive feedback! Big thank you to Shelly and the entire administration team for their support! Thank you to the volunteers and to the 41 student volunteers (38 from Gr. 7-8!) and 11 staff members! Thank you from School Council! 7 local companies attended. Can they post and advertise their booths at our school with no children in the picture? Deborah will investigate if that is ok to do.</p> <p>For the PRO Grant we must report back by June 12<sup>th</sup> for expenses and 15<sup>th</sup> for the online form. Pro-Grant Deadline for next year is May 25<sup>th</sup> / May29<sup>th</sup>. What do we want to request for our topic that fits with modern learning? Grant for coding? programming? mental health for families and students? Financial responsibility for kids? Robotics grant outside of this to be investigated.</p>
<p><b>Multicultural Week Update by Mme. Joyce &amp; Mme. Gravill</b></p>	<p>Very well received. Students were so excited! Lots of things donated from different cultures and nationalities. Successful. Over budget. Positive. Worthwhile. Social Identity a part of our story. Proud of letting other people know about it. 7 speakers. So much that went on.</p> <p>Coming up: Canada Day – National Aboriginal Day</p>
<p><b>Fun Fair Update &amp; Financials by Joyce Allimonos</b></p>	<p>Financials see report. 30 K for wish list.</p> <p>F U N Fair June 1<sup>st</sup>. rain date June 8<sup>th</sup>. Check with Lincoln and SJAM if its same day. Time 4:30pm-7:30pm.: inquiring into fire trucks, police cars, Glama Gals Spa, beauty supply outlet, balloon company, guy on stilts with Canada Flag, bubble soccer, bouncy castles, photo booth – no deposits have been made.</p> <p>Last year complaints were that there were no chairs or tables, weather permitting this could be discussed further but the bigger flow of people going through also needs to be kept in mind – flow of traffic. Mme. Joyce</p>

	will look into providing hand sanitizer by food stalls from Board approved list. What food will be provided needs to be discussed further? Subcommittee open for more volunteers.
<b>Student Council Update by Mme. Lena Sadaka</b>	Initiatives: Spring Fling Dance took place with snacks and DJ with the extra money that remained \$150 was donated to Sick Kids and \$150 to Breast Cancer; the students council also helped prepare for multicultural week with the sound system; Raised money for free the children organized by Mme. Dhingra; Stuffed math fun night loot bags and helped at the different stations and communicated with the parents; also have been contributing to the newsletter; Applied to Speak Up along with 1300 application, didn't get the fund that was for to plan intermediate activities for mental health, will reapply next year to Speak Out. Advocate for student engagement.
<b>Canada 150 by Mme. Joyce &amp; Mme. Gravill</b>	Mme. Joyce shared some fantastic ideas brought up by a parent for activities to celebrate Canada 150. These will be talked about and discussed further.