# SJA School Council Meeting Minutes

# Tuesday, March 27, 2018

# 7PM – SJA Staff Room

Attendees: Mr. McGarrity, Paula Wilson, Nubia Cabezas, Robynn Kearns, Mrs. Hodgins, Geeta Gera

1. Call to order – Chair
2. Opening Prayer – Mr. McGarrity
3. Welcome and Introductions – Chair
4. Principles Report – Mr. McGarrity
   1. Out of the reserve fund, the board approved $15,000 in flexible learning environment. SJA is re-furnishing four new classrooms
      1. New desks;
      2. Standing tables;
      3. Guiding tables;
      4. 4x8 white boards for the hallways;
      5. 2 new couches for outside the library.
   2. The board approved $240,000 for play structure for the all schools
      1. SJA has applied for $2500 for single structure. Demolition cost will be ours.
   3. Board approved $200,000 for outdoor classrooms
      1. SJA has applied for $7500 to get benches/sitting rocks/tables
   4. St. Philip donated $2500 to SJA for robotics
      1. **ACTION: send thank you cards. School will get kids to do thank you cards and will send them along with pictures of kids enjoying the gift**
   5. New year SJA school budget is approximately $26,800. Covers all cost except staff salaries
      1. This will change higher or lower if we get more/less kids than the 366 we are projecting
   6. Liability and Insurance for council planned events and activities is covered by the board if the council got permission from the principle to hold the event
   7. Paul Davis is booked for May 29th – he is the Social Networking Safety Expert
5. Chair’s Report – Paula Wilson
   1. Thank you notes from the teachers from the gift cards that they were gifted by council
   2. Maybe go back to old structure where every class has a grade rep? To be discussed at a meeting when there are more council members
6. Treasure’s Report – Gordon Fitzpatrick (update via email)
   1. Funds update:
      1. We have received the cash online for the pizza and subs as well as the cash and cheques
   2. We have $10,559.44 in the bank today with approximately $5,500 to spend to the end of the term
   3. Based on quick Math and minus our reserve... we have about $3500 left over. If we allocate the 2K back to our structure fund we have **$1500 left**
7. CSPA Report – Denise Corbett (update via email)
   1. Presentation on Experiential learning  (OCSB has been engaged in this for a while) - spans k- 12; (link to presentation slides re in the February CSPA Agenda)
      1. Students participate in an activity
      2. Students reflect on the activity
      3. Students derive useful insight from the experience and then apply what they have learned to their lives
      4. Experiential learning engages students and contributes to the transfer of learning
   2. There is a budget surplus that the board wants to eliminate by August so every elementary school will receive 15K for flexible learning environments
   3. Funding available for playground structure partial replacement as well as for outdoor learning spaces - Steve will know more about this as principals are tasked with applying for the $$, although as of end of Feb how this is to happen wasn’t clear
   4. Effective January 2018, OCSB is providing insurance coverage for school councils ; it  
      will be renewed annually and run from Nov-Nov ; details on the Board web site,  
      but it **does** include fun fairs, dances etc.
8. Focus Items:
   1. Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony (June 22) – Coordinator/helpers
      1. Paula will coordinate. Robynn and Nubia will help
   2. PRO Grant-Need volunteer to draft application
      1. First we need to know what we want to apply for
         1. **ACTION: everyone to visit CSPA website and look at past ideas from other schools and come back to the next meeting with one idea**
      2. Application is on the CSPA page as well. Need volunteer to fill it out once we decide what we want to apply for
   3. Spring BBQ Update – June 26th
      1. Knights of Columbus are doing the food again and will give us a portion of what they make
      2. Will likely spend about $200 on prizes again
      3. Will sell chips, drinks and freezies again
      4. Will have a bouncy castle through Dovercourt contact
      5. Maybe a firetruck or another demo like activity
      6. Mr. McGarrity’s daughter will do face painting if she’s available
   4. Spring Dance Update – May 4 (Leads: Denise Corbett & Robynn Kearns)
      1. 6 – 8PM decided
      2. Glow theme with black lights
      3. Will charge $3/person or $10/family and will give kids glow stick with ticket purchase at the door
      4. Robynn will ask some classes to cut out neon stars etc.
      5. Snacks to sell: individual chips, drinks, freezies
      6. DJ: $150
      7. Not sure what the budget is yet – Robynn will look at last time we ran this
      8. **ACTION: Need to advertise this soon**
9. Funds Focus:
   1. Spring Fundraiser – Vesey seeds and bulbs (Lead: Janice Rupert)
      1. **ACTION: Send reminder**
   2. Consider Budgeting for 2018-2019
      1. Mr. McGarrity will share a plan