# SJA School Council

# Minutes

# Tuesday, September 24, 2019

1. **Welcome and Introductions - Chair**

Attendees:

Paula Wilson

Kerri Courville

Geeta Gera

Kristin Farinas

Mrs. DeCristofaro-Slater (teacher rep)

Ms. Nathalie Roy (principal)

Jennifer Fitzpatrick

Nubia Cabezas

Joanne Cheng

Sarah Nugent

Andrew Freed

Damien Ladd

Gordon Fitzpatrick

Hana Elomrani

Dana Rose

1. **Principal’s Report – Ms. Roy**

* Introduction – 2nd school she’s been principal (St. Brigitte’s last year)
* 332 students this year
* Putting up wall decals in the halls for body breaks
* Soccer tournaments starting this week
* Has received EQAO results but not read them yet
* Photo’s October 3rd

1. **Chair’s Report – Paula Wilson**

Chair Report

Welcome back everyone and welcome to any newcomers joining us tonight. I hope that everyone had a restful summer and is ready for another terrific year at SJA.

Play Structure Fund

We ended last year on a high note with our very successful Spring Fling Dance. We were able to top up the play structure fund and leave it better than expected. If we can have another year like that, we are well on our way to applying for the various grants and funding available to us. For those of you who are new to the discussion, we need to raise our part of the funds before we apply since there is typically a timeframe within which we need to spend any grant dollars.

Home Depot community partner

The manager (Scott Boston) of Home Depot, College Square reached out to me in August looking to help us out with something for our garden. Home Depot was very generous with their donation to our silent auction and are eager to help us through the application process to help fund our play structure, when the time comes.

I was in touch with Ms. Brawley earlier in September regarding what we could come up with for the garden. It’s a tough time of year to put things into the garden but I noticed that the buddy bench paint needs refreshing. Scott is looking for a one day project that his staff can complete start to finish. This might be a good fit. He did say they would like to come back in spring for another day of work on the garden. If this is something that makes sense to everyone, I can contact him and connect him with staff to put the project wheels in motion.

Elections

We have been extremely fortunate to have had many years of outstanding volunteers as executive members, event coordinators, and helpers. There is nothing that we can’t do.

As mentioned at the meeting in June, I will be stepping down as chair having held the position for three years. I will happily take on a smaller role should it be needed, but at this time this is what is best for my family and for me personally.

1. **Treasurer’s Report – Gordon Fitzpatrick**

* We have $17,700 saved
* Gordon to get June’s BBQ funds from Stephanie – approximately $400
* Pizza made about $13,000 last year.
* Subway? Profit margins are not great; Gord willing to help if someone is willing to pick-up the subs and distribute. Not much interest from the group.
* Last year we gave to Literacy and Gift of Play. We want to do Gift of Play again – brought in a good amount.

1. **Election**

Council opted not to fill the Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior Rep positions this year as it is mainly a communication role and this is being done primarily via the mass texts and synervoice messages that go out.

* Chair - Dana Rose
* Vice Chair - Paula Wilson
* Treasurer - Gordon Fitzpatrick
* Secretary - Geeta Gera
* Parish Rep - Kerri Courville
* CSPA Rep - Nubia Cabezas
* Kindergarten Rep - Decision not to fill position
* Primary Rep - Decision not to fill position
* Junior Rep - Decision not to fill position
* Community Rep - Joanne Cheng

**Motion:**

SJA School Council approves the slate of nominees listed for the available executive positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

1. Lunch Programs: Pizza (Keri Courville) Subway, Mazzola

* Pizza starting Wednesday, Oct 2
* Mazzola starting Friday, Oct 4
* Mazzola not providing cutlery this year. Ensure parents know to pack their own for their children. Boomerang lunches on Fridays.
* Subway or something else discussed. Ms. Roy knows a company that does a varied food menu and will find the name so that Council can review and potentially implement.

1. SJA Christmas Market Event, Saturday, November 23 (Paula Wilson)

* 5th year
* 11 confirmed vendors. Room for at least a dozen more.
* Kijiji add calling for vendors going up soon.
* Refer any artisans or vendors to our facebook page or email sjamarket@gmail.com.

1. Fall/Spring Additional Fundraiser Ideas

* No Purdys. Not as profitable as in first year.
* Wreaths and planters. Looking at ccfarms.ca. Potential to get things rolling asap to have wreaths in hand for pick-up at Christmas market on November 23.