**SJA School Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

**Call to order** - Paula Wilson

**Opening Prayer**- Mr. McGarrity

**Welcome and Introductions** – Chair

**Principal’s Report** – Mr. McGarrity

* On the announcement of my retirement, I want to thank the council for all of its hard work over the past three years. It has accomplished a lot for a relatively small but very dedicated group. Once the new principal has been named, I hope to introduce him or her to the council.
* Maddalena DeCristofaro has been awarded the Director of Education Commendation Award, an enormous honour in our Board.  Faye Hughes was a nominee as well.
* We have received MathUp Classroom licenses for all of our primary math teachers. Our junior teachers received them in September. This is an excellent math resource that is written by Marian Small, follows the Ontario curriculum and incorporates the three part math lesson (activation, main task/activity, consolidation).
* As a staff we have gone through the first five units of the Additive Phase professional school development materials of the MathUp School program. We are about to move into midpoint focus tasks which will help us assess the difference in math achievement.
* Our Lenten Social Justice  Projects are off to an excellent start.
* Education Updates to date.

**Teacher Rep -** Sandra Hodgins

Sandra expressed gratitude, on behalf of the teachers, for the teachers’ luncheon. Thank you to all families for their generous contributions and to Michelle Boniface, who did an incredible job coordinating the luncheon.

The teachers were very thankful and really appreciate the gift cards that they received from the parent council.

**Chair’s Report** – Paula Wilson

Thank you to Mr. McGarity for your continued support of our council initiatives. We will miss you next year but wish you all the best as your begin your next chapter.

The mural in the hallway looks incredible. Thank you to the teachers for helping to make this happen. Speical thanks to Ms Maguire and Mdme Pharoh for coordinating the mural.

The school has received a $2000 grant for the school garden. This money will be spent, over the course of the year, to expand and improve the garden.

Paula noted that we will need a coordinator for the Grade six leaving ceremony, to be held at the school on Jun 21st – Robin Kearns volunteered and will try to find a second grade five parent to help.

Our school board Young Voices Choir will be performing at Westminster United Church on March 31st.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Gordon Fitzpatrick

Gord was unable to attend the council meeting but submitted a financial update via e-mail.

The school cash online deposit will be received shortly. Once received, an update on discretionary/available cash will be provided. Rough figures show that we have about $3,000 to spend, keeping our reserve and structure funds aside. However once school cash online is received, that number will increase. A detailed breakdown of funds will be provided as soon as possible.

**Focus Items**

1. Spring Fundraiser - Janice Rupert/Hana Elomrani

Sponsor letter to be drafted, for approved, by end of this week.

Dance-a-thon kick off April 11th

1. Spring Dance – Robynn Kearns

St Paul’s Cafeteria has been booked for May 10th, from 3-10pm, Dance to be scheduled for 6:00-8:00pm

1. Spring BBQ – Robynn Kearns

The KofC have agreed to BBQ again this year. Tentative date, Tues, Jun 18th

 To confirm: Ice cream truck and DJ, Steve Bergin

**Other business**

On March 5th, the following motion circulated to council members via e-mail. While working on the gift cards for teachers and staff, the question has come up as to whether or not Stephanie should receive gift cards. It was pointed out how much she does for us, and Mr. McGarrity also said she does purchase a lot at Dollarama for bulletin boards for example, along with other things.

*‘I would like to make a motion that we purchase $50 in Dollarama gift cards for Stephanie Guilfoyle along with the teachers, EAs and ECEs.’*

Motion by Michelle Bonifaca, Seconded by Dana Rose, Unanimously passed by Council.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:00pm.

Attendance:

Paula Wilson, Chair

Nubia Cabezas, Vice Chair

Janice Rupert, Secretary

Kerri Courville, Parish Rep

Dana Rose, Primary Rep

Joanne Cheng, Junior Rep

Sandra Hodgins, Teacher Rep

Robynn Kearns

Mr. McGarrity