**LN21 Sir Alexander Mackenzie Sr. P.S.**

**Parent Council Meeting**

# May 24, 2017

# M I N U T E S

**Next Meeting: October 12, 2017 ~ in the Library at 7:00 p.m.**

**In attendance: Dwayne Khan, Narisha Ali, Moaz Jivraj, Ellen He, Alison Gassi, Jack Levy**

**Duration: 7:00 p.m. – 8:16 p.m.**

Meeting start time: 7:00pm

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | DISCUSSION | **ACTION** |
| Principal’s Items |
| Welcome and Introductions | A brief introduction led by Mrs. Gassi took place between all members to begin the meeting |  |
| Principal’s message | Renaissance Fair* The Renaissance Fair is a STEM event and is coming up for three days in June (June 21 – 23)
* This is the third year we have had a the Renaissance Fair
* So far the students have taken part in the preparation by formulating questions and putting their ideas down on paper slips that have been shared in the cafeteria
* Each group has also filled out questions to share, made groups of three or four, and submitted lists of materials to simulate or create their projects
* We will have working sessions in groups on various days leading up to the fair
* X-Movement Group will be coming in during the fair
* The students will rotate between X-Movement and the Renaissance Fair (when they are not in the fair they will be outside with X-Movement)

Sports Teams* 40 – 45 kids went to the track and field qualifying meet at Birchmount Stadium
* About 40 kids will be going back for finals at Birchmount

Trips* Music trip to Boston departed and returned safely
* The trip was fantastic, but too short to see all that was on the itinerary
* We will have the Sudbury trip in the Fall next year
* We will have the Camp Muskoka trip for Grade 8s in the Fall next year
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| SLC | Ellen He spoke on behalf of the SLC* The SLC recently hosted a fun night where Gr. 8 students played capture the flag and watched a movie
* The SLC is hosting a Jeopardy game at one of the upcoming assemblies
* Mr. Waite’s retirement assembly (SLC has been involved in planning this, and each class did something special for him such as a skit, movie, or message)
* The Grade 7s are having a ‘water-themed’ fun day on June 28 (games will include tug of war, duck duck goose etc.)
* Grade 8 grad trip to Niagara Falls is on June 17, students travel by coach bus
* Regular school dance will be happening on June 16 during periods 5 and 6
* Grad dance will be on June 27 after the graduation ceremony (invitations will be sent out soon)
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| Staffing | Alison Gassi* SAM gained two teaching positions
* Projections for next year are about 410
* We will have seven Grade 7 classes and eight Grade 8 classes
* We have picked up an additional late extended French class (we will have 3 Grade 7 late extended, and 3 Grade 8 late extended French classes next year)
* Catherine Gray is a new teacher joining our staff
* One teacher on leave is currently holding the other spot
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| Crosswalk Update | Dwayne Khan* Mr. Khan brought a petition to sign for the crosswalk to be considered
* The sooner the petition is submitted the sooner the crosswalk gets considered
* Heather Rd has a tremendous amount of traffic because of drivers bypassing traffic on the main roads, and this is concerning
* There are too many people doing U-turns on Heather Rd.
* Traffic is further complicated by pick and drop-offs at the start and end of the day
* It was suggested that the police are called if traffic rules are violated
* It was suggested that something about safe pick-up and drop-off procedures could be added to the school website
* Perhaps some signage could be considered for the front of the school
 | Alison to update the pick-up and drop-off info on the school website. |
| School Equity Continuum Feedback | Jack Levy* Jack attended the Equity Task Force meeting at 140 Borough Dr. with SAM parent Mrs. Sivanesan on May 3 from 6:30 – 8:30pm
* A survey was shared at the meeting and Jack shared the survey with the Council
* Some members felt that the survey was problematic as it was meant for a few council members to complete and therefore would not include everyone’s voice
* Council felt that it was not fair to only ask some members to take part and not others
* Council also felt that not all questions were relevant to SAM students and parents
* This discussion centred mostly around question number 18 which pertained to community involvement
* This prompted questions about volunteer hours for high school students about relevance and safety of placements
* Mrs. Gassi indicated it was incumbent upon students and parents to seek out appropriate placements for students that are safe and positive
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| Other business  | * The date for the first meeting in the Fall was discussed and concluded that it would be October 12, 2017
* It was agreed that the first meeting date would be communicated on Curriculum night on September 21 next school year
* Some parents asked about helping out for graduation and Mrs. Gassi indicated that the event is traditionally organized by SAM students and staff
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\*\* Meeting adjourned 8:16