

Islington Junior Middle School
School Advisory Council Minutes
April 15, 2019
Minutes recorded by Lauren Tedesco

Welcome & Introductions

- Co-Chairs open meeting with introductions
- Approval of minutes from February 11, 2019 meeting – carried

Principal's Update – Rocco Coluccio

- **Budget:** currently, \$28M deficit in TDSB budget due to provincial government cuts
- **Staffing:** result of cuts, surplus notices happen in two phases, currently staffed at 29, first phase notices out
- **Parking:** TDSB parking enforcement and 22 Division involved in morning drop off, will need to start ticketing/towing due to safety of children and school bus drop off
- **Mural:** new student led and created mural in stairwell based on student achievement, two more planned
- **Operation Smile Fundraiser:** \$600 cheque from Bag2School and bake sale, presented at monthly assembly
- **Autism Awareness Month:** throughout April classes have created puzzle pieces around the school based on discussions, two-day staff training on awareness, bringing message of inclusivity forward
- **Athletics:** senior volleyball team has upcoming conference championships, junior badminton team won their conference
- **Earth Month:** April will include announcements, class visits, well-being and “be good to the earth” led by student council, presentations and workshops, MeToWe Walk for Water to raise money for Kenya
- **WE Headquarters:** students visited the headquarters this week
- **Toronto Public Health Series:** continue to work with Public Health social worker and nurse to organize parent workshops, take place after Student of the Month Assembly, 10+ parents attend from assembly, opportunity for SAC to promote council
- **Platinum Certification:** annual assessment in June, assess initiatives/eco literacy/classes/curriculum/actions
- **Bike Racks:** new bike racks to be installed, move old racks near front of school (built for smaller bikes)

T-Shirt Contest

- Promoted by student parliament, three different winners selected, will combine efforts, contest winners to receive free t-shirt
- SAC in contact with supplier to inquire about cost and production
- Options: yellow, white or black shirt and graphics
- Suggestion to use a vendor from previous work, highly recommended
- Confirmed that \$15 reasonable price for a shirt, allows enough room for fundraising monies
- Pre-order at STEAM Night on May 9th, also send forms home with students

STEAM Night

- Arts Etobicoke is interested in attending, excellent children's programs
- Canadian Parents for French interested in attending, school has a three-year membership
- Principal Coluccio to ask 22 Division, SAC to ask Mabelle Arts
- Option: raffle if parents fill out volunteer form

Volunteer Forms

- SAC to connect with parents listed on a volunteer list to gauge interest, list is two years old

- SAC to create a parent volunteer form which will include list of activities. Suggestions from meeting: walking trips in the community, Scientists in School, snack program, track and field events (driving required), STEAM, readers (English and French, listen while kids read)
- Forms will also ask about other life skills, talents, experience willing to share with students (arts, culture, language, etc.)
- SAC to create a Google Sheet to track calls, sign ups and progress

Section 37 Funding

- Many new developments going up in the direct vicinity of the school
- SAC plans to reach out to Councillor Grimes' office to inquire about funding opportunities for the school

2019-20 SAC

- For planning purposes, need to book first meeting in September
- Have SAC information and volunteer forms sent home at start of school year
- Leverage the Curriculum Night in September

Next Meeting Dates:

- May 13 (final meeting for 2018-19 school year)