

Islington Junior Middle School  
**School Advisory Council Minutes**  
May 13, 2019  
Minutes recorded by Lauren Tedesco

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### Welcome & Introductions

- Co-Chairs open meeting with introductions
- Approval of minutes from April 15, 2019 meeting – carried

### Principal's Update – Rocco Coluccio

- **STEAM Night:** 4<sup>th</sup> annual event, very successful with great turnout, standing room only in the gym for the speakers and student PowerPoint presentation, community partners and SAC had information tables in the foyer, a lot of positive feedback on the opportunity to visit other classrooms
- **Schoolyard:** 2.5 feet deep water in some areas of the schoolyard, TDSB is aware and came to visit the site, pumped out water and will be setting up temporary fencing to block off the areas for student safety, drainage issue to be resolved before new plans begin construction, IJMS on top of priority list
- **EQAO:** taking place May 20 to June 4 in the morning and a few afternoons, morning schedule reduced to avoid disruption of grade 3 and 6 student testing
- **Events:** Track and field for grade 4-8 and ultimate Frisbee this week, Riverdale Farm for kindergarten kids coming up, grade 8 graduation and school trip in June
- **Website:** new volunteer form will be posted along with meeting minutes, include the new email address and remove the old SAC website if possible
- **Volunteer Forms:** new forms being handed out by the office
- **Canadian Parents for French:** Opportunity to further engage, bring them in for a parent information session in the new school year tagged onto SAC or after SOTM assembly, demonstration of online tools and resources
- **Electronic Sign:** started digging for the new sign in front of the school, will replace the current sign, timeline could potentially be end of June for full installation

### T-Shirt Contest

- Shirts debuted at STEAM Night, school will promote the t-shirts in the school office and at the SOTM assembly, final orders will be placed in first week of June for delivery before the end of the school year, opportunity to sell them at Curriculum Night in September, potential to add the order form on the school website as well

### Parent Volunteer List

- New parent volunteer form has been created to add list of opportunities and ways to volunteer in the school, section added to list any special skills or talents as well as days/times available
- SAC will contact the old volunteer list to gauge interest in volunteering in the next school year
- New Google Sheets volunteer list will track all volunteers and be shared with school staff
- Discussion on the role of a class rep: would help with communication with parents in each class, rep would act as a liaison between teacher/parents/SAC on volunteer opportunities and needs in the classroom
- Parent recommendation: include a parent volunteer profile in each school newsletter to highlight involvement and encourage other parents to volunteer

### September Planning

- SAC recommendation: hold the first SAC meeting in third week of September to maximize parent interest and engagement. As well as prepare for SAC presence at curriculum night.
- Principal Coluccio: will look for date for curriculum night after reorganization date (teachers and students organized into their final classrooms for the school year)