

## SAB School Council

### Meeting Minutes: November, 2019

#### Acknowledgement:

#### ATTENDANCE – total 19

\* Paul Younger, \*Kristen Fox, \*Melissa Churchill-Smith, Japmeen Johal, Sara Durbano, Melissa Bangma, Bonnie Lootsma, Corinne Frey, Blanka Krajc, Corinne Harper Jones, Christine Sheehan, Tammy Wong, Teresa Silveira, Sarah Vandervoort, Renee Atkinson, Amar Bawagi, Suman Lagali, Michael Kanelec, Amira Kamel-Zia

*\*2019-2020 Council Executive members*

Start time: 6:38 p.m.

Approval of agenda: Melissa Churchill-Smith, Paul Younger

Approval of minutes: Melissa Churchill-Smith, Paul Younger

#### **SAB 100th Anniversary update - M. Kanalec**

Few teachers have already signed up for certain ideas/activities

- Idea 1: Appoint Chantelle from La Muse Art Studio to design and develop an artwork consisting of Tile mosaic/ stained glass art to commemorate 100 years of SAB. Parent volunteers are requested to meet with Chantelle during her demo at SAB on the same day as the next council meeting (just prior to the council meeting). Mr. Kanalec will inform the parents through newsletter on Nov 29/30, and Council will put a call out on the Facebook group etc.
- Idea 2: Ian Bates' vegetable garden. Laura King has informally volunteered to care for the garden during the summer holidays. As well, partnering with the day care provides an opportunity to care for the garden when school is not in session. Another idea is to partner with the senior center across the street.
- Idea 3: Suggestions inspired by Humber college 100th anniversary celebrations were made - To dedicate a classroom to each decade of the 100 years i.e., 60s, 70s etc. Showcase art, photos, stories, music from those years/decades; kids and parents and alumni dress to mimic the decade, fun song/music for the decade;
- Idea 4: Find out if there was a time capsule ever made, and add to it or else make a new 100 year capsule; Contact a local historian who can add archive materials; ask grandparents/parents in the community for stories/archive materials;
- Idea 5 : For the celebrations, Food truck for kids and parents rather than do the BBQ led by council members. Consider using the Legion to host the food & drinks. Find out if there is a celebrity alumni who can make an appearance

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Ask: Form a Centennial planning committee to plan and participate in implementing the plan  
Other ideas: combine with spring concert; plant trees and plaques; dinner & dance

#### **Feedback on online appointment booking for teacher meetings**

- General feedback was positive
- There were certain glitches with regards to start time being before school dismissal time. Attributed to growing pains
- Teachers to make sure the time slots don't start before school ends or that the teachers remain available for the slots offered to parents.

#### **Lunches:**

- Pita lunch was late by an hour. Therefore, the council is exploring using another pita lunch franchise in the future. Examples - pita express, other pita pit location - to match the quality and nutritional value
- Other lunches are working fine
- Pay by cash or check if the Cash Online is closed and parents still interested in ordering lunches. Contact Paul or Kristen for details.

#### **Bazaar update by Teresa:**

- Thanks for all parent volunteers for preparing the gift baskets.
- Donations being dropped off in office - unclear whether some are basket items or intended for silent auction
- Last day for basket donations is Thursday/Friday; collection on Monday morning; call for volunteers to help pack baskets on Monday afternoon
- Good number of volunteers have signed up; still looking for a Gym leader volunteer (for all games combined since each game is either run by the company staff or student volunteers)
- Little kickers will be added to the gym
- Renee is interested in volunteering for gym leader and will contact Kristen

#### **Fundraising update:**

- Suman - \$6700 from Big Box of Cards

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- Tracy - Final numbers are not in yet, approx. \$12-13K from Chocolate Almonds
- Discussion on the new fundraisers with teachers revealed that the partnership worked very well during the campaign, but chasing the parents for outstanding boxes/orders through the teachers generated a bit of friction. Idea was floated to run these major fundraisers through a committee rather than individual leaders next time. Name checks/matching was a challenge for all fundraisers, especially when checks bounced.
- No Poinsettia, or Purdy's for now. Purdy's will be revisited in the Spring.
- Council to consider alternating between Big Box of Cards and Maple Syrup for fundraising.
- Grade 5 moving on fundraising and plan needs to be fully aligned with the teachers interests and appetite (e.g., past rituals include harbourfront visit, Marie Curtis beach but because of fatigue and risk level; it has been scaled back to Marie Curtis park and ice-cream truck)
- Attendee asked if council could spend money on Math materials - Jump Math materials; better quality consumable books for students. This was implemented successfully at certain Peel region schools.

#### **Budget update by Melissa Churchill-Smith**

- Melissa presented the proposed budget for SY 2019-20 with adjustments to factor the inflation or other discretionary incremental allocations to classrooms/teachers.
- She also noted that lunch programs aren't as profitable as projected in the past years; however, are offset by better than expected profits from the two fundraisers this year.

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#### **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – Mr Kanalec**

##### **Thanks to**

- Big Box of Card and Chocolate Fundraising Leads
- Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers + Lead
- Bazaar Volunteers

##### **Staffing**

- Mme Nolan will be taking time off for an unknown period of time. Mr Wangner will fill in
- Mr Triggiani will be taking time off for a week
- Ms Linda B will be back by the end of November.

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#### Safe and Caring Schools

- Buddy Bench is in the hallway outside the main office. Discussed indoor v/s outdoor placement ideas
- Winter is upon us, children must be sent with appropriate clothing

#### SAB Communications

- Online booking feedback for student led conferences
- Early French immersion forms for JK students went home in November
- ESA application open till Dec 20th (Karen Kain info night) (Grade 5 occurred on Nov 5)

#### Teaching and Learning

- 6 part eSchool series on TMC's Self Regulation led by Dr. Stuart Shankar - for everyone including principal & teachers
- Marian Small's MathUp - math learning environment in partnership with Rubicon company will be introduced to English students (4 teachers) in phases. Costs approx. \$800 per licence and is assigned to the school for life-time; updated for the first 6 years.
- Mr Kanalec to consider jungle sports or Move Ed or X-Movement

#### School Events / Activities

##### November

- 1 – Hotdog Lunch
- 11 – Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 11 – Council Meeting
- 14-15 – Progress reporting to parents and PD Day
- 23 - Winter Bazaar
- 25 - Subway Lunch
- 29 - November Spirit Day

##### December

- 6 - PA Day

**Daycare Report** – no representative

#### Open Forum

- John Malloy's recent opinion piece on racism was discussed.  
<https://www.toronto.com/opinion-story/9670838-tdsb-committed-to-a-system-free-from-discrimination-harassment/>

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- Flyers for winter bazaar were offered so volunteers can pick up and spread the word

Meeting Adjourned: 8:21 pm