

Islington Junior Middle School
School Advisory Council Minutes
December 5, 2016

Attendees: Jeff Dick, Rocco Coluccio, Simona Emiliani, Trish Launt, Surer Osoble, Deb Petrushchak, Courtney McCann, Alexander Song, Melanie Amadasun, Michelle Munro, Sandra Robinson, Michelle Munro, Joan Kim, Angela Sakkalis, Myeonghee Kang, Mohammadebrahim Amini, Heather Millard, Daman Thable, Hyunjoo Ghang, Youngyi Lim, Hejin Kin, Asma Pasha, Nicole Tran, Su-Jing Min, Xiangru Chen, Mageswaran Palany, Mehiem Ibrahim, MunHee Song

Welcome, Jeff Dick Co-Chair:

- Welcomed members to SAC meeting – introduced co-chairs – introduced Michelle Munro to the attendees

Approval of Past Minutes, Jeff Dick Co-Chair:

- Minutes approved by council members

Principal's Report, Rocco Coluccio Principal:

- Announced POR (Person of Responsibility) given to Ms Kim from Grade 1
- Students from grade 7 & 8 participated in Lego Robotics Challenge
- Junior boys volleyball team made it to semis
- Winter concert rescheduled to after winter break (either late January or early February) – instrumental program not up and running but hopeful to get someone from Board soon
- Kids, Cops and Computers Program supplied 27 students with computers
- Earlier PA system kinks now fixed – no longer ringing on weekends
- Welcomed Michelle Munroe to the group

Treasurer's Report, Debra Petrushchak Treasurer:

- Debra shared results from fall fundraising campaign – raised more funds this fall than in previous year – account funds are now at \$6,577.00, including this year's funds and last year's remaining funds

SAC 101, Speaker Michelle Munroe, Central Co-ordinator, Parent and Community Engagement:

- Michelle Munroed described her role as Central Co-ordinator, supporting school councils/ providing interpretation and sign language services / participating in community advisory committees and parent engagement committees
- Explained main guiding principles of School Advisory Councils (SAC) 1. Responsibility/accountability, 2. Transparency, 3. Inclusiveness
- Overview of guidelines and summarized Regulation 612 that describes what councils do and what they are responsible for doing
- Suggested SAC talk to parents of students to plan actions – raised funds should be spent the year they are raised, or must be spent by 2nd year
- Suggested SAC and school administration move in same direction
- Review School Statement of Needs to build around council
- Board provides a budget for each school to allot towards SAC - \$1.25 per student (\$500 in December) – council has discretion of how funds are spent and determined and voted by voting council members
- Took questions from SAC as time was running short – many attendees asked questions

Scheduling of Future Meetings, Jeff Dick Co-Chair:

- Jeff discussed the desire to include parents who cannot attend evening meetings and suggested offering meetings alternating between morning and evening meetings
- Group requested that the discussion goes to vote with members – likes the idea but wants to ensure voting members are able to attend meetings – group asked chairs if meeting dates could be pre-determined so that group can plan schedules around SAC meetings

Meeting Adjourned