

# Erindale School Council

## Meeting Minutes-October 24, 2018

In attendance: Melanie Nicholson, Mrs Ramadan, Djamila Benaner, Susan Kolompar, Denise Whitlow, Mrs Hernandez, Faris Abdallah, Sumble Kaukab (VP), Jolleen Mathews (VP), Sandra Parise (Teacher) , Razia (Settlement Worker)

Regrets: Therese Edwards

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Approval of the Minutes from May 8, 2018

### 3. Report from our Student Council

- Football team has had 2 games and much enthusiasm and a 'Spirit Squad' is in the making to encourage and cheer on athletes (including other sports teams)
- BBQ with a selfie booth and MSA hosted activities
- Halloween Activities coming up with food, games on stage, pie eating contest and more
- SAC working with other leadership groups to form Supercouncil
- Carnival
- World Fair
- Continue to support transitions from elementary to secondary school through various initiatives by Link Crew, SAC etc.

### 4. Principal's Report

#### September and October 2018

- We have a football team coached by a group of our staff and community coaches. The kids have been engaged and training and it's been wonderful to have the kids come together and feel connected to each other.
- One of our coaches won the coaching award and our team got to go to celebrate with the Argonauts last Saturday.

Coach Gord Gallimore received the **BMO** Community Coach of the Year Award this past Saturday, October 20, 2018. This award recognized commitment to the school and school community in Athletics. The Coaches were nominated and their submission reviewed by a panel from **BMO** and Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment partnership team. Gord received a trophy, personalized Toronto Argonauts Jerseys, and tickets to the game and pre-game celebrations on Saturday. Our trustee paid for the bus for our football team to attend.

#### AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING THIS YEAR:

- We did the Terry Fox Walk and raised more than \$800 – kids enjoyed the walk!
- We had the Ice Cream Social – Grade 8 info night and Grade 9 meet the parent night on September 27<sup>th</sup> and it was a great success. Food trucks outside and the car wash were a huge success.
- We did the usual MADD assembly at the beginning of the year on Sept 26<sup>th</sup> and included Grade 11's this time as well as Grade 12s.
- this Friday we have a guest speaker coming to talk about climate change
- November 6<sup>th</sup> is our coffee house talent show
- Yesterday we had a successful parent's night after progress reports went out

- The focus of the board this year is E cubed: Equity, Empowering Modern Learners and Engage Math. As a school we have been focusing on Empowering Modern Learners (previously) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning, and Engage Math. Last year we started to delve into equity. On our PL day we had a speaker from Unlearn for half a day. The staff dialogued about issues around equity and explored concepts around inclusion. It was very well received with lots of interest to continue the work.
- Another focus for us is Transitions: helping our Grade 9's transition well to secondary, helping our Grade 8's learn and be comfortable with high school:
- Grade 8's are coming on November 14<sup>th</sup> for a visit while its Grade 9 take your kid to work day.
- In grade 9 we have had two collaborative days already – September focus was on team building October focused on privilege and empathy. November will focus on Mental health

UPCOMING:

- Student census will be coming out in November and a letter went home explaining the process

5. Transitions between grades and from neighborhood schools ongoing

- Community initiatives to include a flyer advertising our Football games
- Collaborative Day activities supported by leadership groups to build sense of community among students to extend to larger community

6. Positions for Parent Council discussed

- Chair for 2018-2019 is Melanie Nicholson
- Secretary for 2018-2019 is Therese Edwards

Guidelines for Parent Council to be shared to members of Council via email (document)

7. Parent Council Initiatives

- More advertising of upcoming Football Games, events at Erindale
- Fundraising opportunities by Parent Council investigated to support Band Trip
  - Yard Sale/Garage Sale
  - Sell a table for Yard Sale for \$25 and the money goes to Erindale or \$25 for table and the proceeds also donated after offsetting the cost of table, ballot for a grand prize, no item to cost more than \$25
  - Possible issues are storage of the items for sale as the school has storage issues due to permits / school use
  - Cookie Dough sales, bake sales
  - Charge for games/buyouts
  - Silent Auction
  - Gift Card Sale

Melanie Nicholson to work with Mrs. Ramadan to coordinate and continue fundraising possibilities before the New Year, if possible (research more possibilities and report back to the Council members)

8. Dates for next meetings: Jan 15, Feb 12, April? (4 meeting minimum)