

Erindale S.S. - School Council Minutes - November 19th, 2019  
Held in the Library Learning Commons

Present:

Melanie Nicholson- Chair  
Ben Keeley- Principal  
Sandra Parise- Staff Representative  
Shondie Mackenzie- Secretary

Community Members:

Joanne Eng  
Lisa MacInnis  
Denise Whitlow

1. Welcome and introductions to new members from the School council Chair.
2. Approval of meeting Agenda- Melanie
3. Approval of minutes from the September 24th meeting- Melanie
4. Presentation from Special Education- Sandra Parise

-Today marked the official launch of the <http://innovativeendeavours.weebly.com> site.

-This site features products that are handmade by students with Mild Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities, while in their Transition program.

- There is also an Instagram handle: @innovative\_endeavours

-Projects so far include fleece blankets, jewellery and gift cards.

-Goals of this program are to help students prepare for employment once school is finished.

- The website is aimed at the Erindale community and allows for online purchases to be made in consultation with Ms. Parise.

-Suggestion to set up a display table at Erindale events, such as the Winter concert to sell items to families.

-Stay tuned to the Erindale newsletter for requests of material donations for future projects. Ms. Parise is also open to suggestions for new project ideas.

5. Administrator's Report and Budget Proposals - Ben Keeley

-The grade 8 Ice cream social was well attended by families and supported by Erindale staff. Community partners Turner & Porter and Ford supplied financial support.

-The I.B. information night for the community had a standing room only attendance.

- Next year will be the first year Mr. Keeley will have access to data to speak to results of the I.B. program at Erindale to date.
- Grade 9 Take your Kids to Work event brought Grade 8 students from our feeder schools to Erindale. Erin Mills Middle school attended in the morning, and Homelands students in the afternoon. Nick Perkins led this event.
- Halloween spirit day was a fun day, filled with activities.
- E.S.L Orientation Day went well
- Remembrance Day was marked with a ceremony attended by community members and a musical presentation by the school concert band
- Autumn sports are finishing and a multitude of winter sports are beginning. Erindale is excited to report having a Curling team for the first time this year.
- A new student led group has been formed called 'The Reps'. They are representatives from other extra curricular groups that are currently impacting the school climate in a positive manner. The goal is for students to lead initiatives that will continue to improve the school climate and bring about collaboration between all students.
- The Awards ceremony will be in December. Moving forward, the focus of these awards will be around student character achievements.
- The school concert band will be going to Chicago to compete in a music Festival in April 2020. Students are currently fundraising by selling Poinsettias and popcorn. Mr. Keeley will be allocating some of the Student Generated Funds toward the trip to help offset the costs.
- Mr. Keeley met with the City of Mississauga to get direction for a safe walking alternative as the NE corner sidewalk is inaccessible for students. He has expressed his continued concern for student safety during the construction on Erin Mills parkway. He has repeatedly contacted the city to locate the Project manager of the site. He hope to have an e- mail sent home by Friday.
- \*note an e- mail went home to families on Wednesday with a new suggested route for students walking to Erindale from the South east direction.

## 6. Other Business

- Question from parent regarding installing an all weather field
- Attendance line calls home seem excessive to parents. New policy from the P.D.S.B is to have the system call home even if students are on field trips or in school activities. The goal being it will spark conversation around the school day
- Request for an update on water testing for lead in drinking fountains - 1 fountain in the North, U of T wing, is flushed every morning for 15 min, and has a sign on it not to use. The other fountains have been certified safe to use.

