

**Erindale School Council**  
Minutes – January 16, 2018

1. Attending: Sandra Trupp, Melanie Nicholson, Theresa Edwards, Donna Keller, Kee Chye Sim, Hannah Si, Amina Danial

Regrets: Sandra Parise, Chantel Kowdrysh, Mikaela Nicholson

2. Approved Minutes from November 14, 2017
3. Report from our Student Council

Melanie Nicholson provided report in lieu of Mikaela Nicholson. There is not much to report since we are at the end of the semester. The Valentine's Day fundraiser by Student Council will be Krispy Crème donuts and flowers.

4. Principal's Report
  - a. Lovely Sounds of the Season by our bands.
  - b. Met with a full house of IB parents on Nov. 23 regarding next steps in IB courses. We are looking at 80% continuing to grade 11, which is very good.
  - c. Course Option Selection is completed. Students will confirm their courses in February.
  - d. Successful Toy Mountain Campaign – six bags of toys collected.
  - e. Fabulous Pep Rally – students enjoyed the opportunity to complete by class with the entire school in the gym– great job by SAC.
  - f. Project Santa was another huge success. Senior students hosted students from Brookmeade this year.
  - g. Board is working with City to review Kiss and Ride Lanes and the traffic lights. Nothing will happen quickly. Police are also involved. Council discussed short-term improvement options, which Sandra Trupp with consider.
  - h. Library damage due to broken water pipe occurred over the holiday break. We will now move to part two of our plan to redevelop the space into a Learning Commons using non-board funds that have been set-aside for that purpose. The board will be covering the cost of the ceramic tile flooring. Council discussed having more colour such as student art in the library and the halls.
  - i. Mr. Simpson (Guidance Counsellor) is retiring at the end of January.
5. Annual School Council Principal Consultation occurred.
6. 2017-2018 Planning – ProGrant Application of \$1,000 for “Supporting Teens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”.

Discussion occurred regarding the topics and who the target should be (i.e. parents or students or both?). Some topic suggestions included: “what am I good at” for career considerations?, “what are the jobs of the future?”, “how can I help the community/world with my career?”, “7 habits of highly effective teens”, “Financial Acumen”...

Sandra Trupp will narrow down options/presenters based on this input and send an update to the group prior to next Council meeting.

Suggestion to put together application for next year’s ProGrant with the topic plan and time frame was supported.

#### 7. Upcoming Events

- a. Exams Jan 24-28. Exam Snow Day is Jan 30. If busses are cancelled then exams will be cancelled.
- b. First Day of Semester 2 and Exam Review – Friday, February 2.
- c. Boys’ Empowerment Evening – Thursday, February 8.
- d. PL Day February 9, 2018.

#### 8. Next Meetings: February 13, 2018

School Council Meeting Dates: April 10, May 7