

# Erindale School Council

## Minutes – October 10, 2017

1. Attending: Sandra Trupp, Melanie Nicholson, Mikaela Nicholson, Theresa Edwards, Chantel Kowdrysh, Sandra Parise, Donna Keller, Sandy Phillips, Sandra Parise
2. Approved Minutes from January 17, 2017, Feb. 7, 2017
3. Report from our Student Council – Mikaela Nicholson
  - Fund Raising for “Colour Run” in spring – powder colour \$15 includes bag, t-shirt
  - Hoping to have a dance this year – during the winter and are exploring off site like other schools
  - Halloween Activities planned to raise funds – pie eating, candy applies
  - Charity Drive – would like to connect with Ford Partner to support their charities – similar to Clarkson.
  - Want to build team – 80% of students want to be involved in school activities
  - Continue carnival
4. Council Business – School Council Chairs – Melanie Nicholson and Chantel Kowdrysh, Secretary – Theresa Edwards
5. Principal’s Report
  - Reunion last year was very successful. Almost 800 people attended. Both Mississauga Mayors were present – Mayor Hazel and Mayor Bonnie Crombie. In addition we had representation from both the federal and provincial governments. The reunion raised over \$8,000 which will cover the cost of installing two water filling stations in the school.
  - At Commencement was had a good turnout and commenced over 230 graduates. Kosta Zoes was awarded the Erinwood Ford Car this year for his making character come to life.
  - Enrollment is up – 722 – 794 Average Daily Enrollment – Two year average. Meant an additional 3 teachers. Hiring is taking place this week. New teachers are scheduled to be in classes by October 26. If we lose any current LTOs to permanent positions that will mean another round of hiring.
  - We welcomed 14 new staff in September – new office staff, new teaching assistants, new teachers and new LTOs.
  - Super first day event for our grade 9’s. It was great to see the swell in numbers. LINK crew with support of SAC, Peer Coaches welcomed the new Raiders to the school. LINK crew ran additional activities for the grade 9’s the middle of September. Our goal is to integrate them into the school as well as get them acquainted with each other.
  - Our MSA organized a Eid celebration on October 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a fun time of games and good food. There was some Henna painting, students were dressed in beautiful cultural dress.
  - The end of September we welcomed MADD in for an assembly for grade 12’s.
  - Our second Ice Cream was another great success. WE welcomed grade 9 families in to meet the teachers and our grade 8 families to find out about Erindale and the transition to High School. Our new Director Mr. Peter Joshua was here along with our new Superintendent, Ms. Nina Jaiswal.
  - I was so proud of our students who were excited to host this event. Our bucket drumming routine has created quite an interest and Mrs. Jack is looking for more buckets to add to our inventory! We saw an increase in the grade 8 families who were in the library speaking to Mr. Simpson about transitioning here to Erindale.
6. 2016 – 2017 Planning
  - ProGrant Application of \$1,000 – Supporting Teens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- Topics of interest for School Council?
- School Success Planning – Four Goals – Numeracy, Literacy, Climate and Mental Health. We will refine these this month and report at the next meeting.

## 7. Upcoming Events

- Progress Reports Distributed Oct. 12
- Erin Mills and Homelands Grade 8 visit Oct. 11
- Day of Purple (against violence) Oct. 24,
- Ontario College Fair at EnerCare Centre Oct. 24-25
- Parent Interview Evening Oct. 26
- Red Cross Training – October 26 – 27
- SAC Halloween Spirit Day – Oct. 31
- Take Your Kids to Work - Nov. 1
- IB Information Night – Nov. 2
- Samaritan Purse Collections Nov 1 - 8
- Remembrance Day Assembly - Nov 11

## 8. Food and Beverage Days

- Friday September 22
- Tuesday October 31
- Tuesday November 21
- Thursday December 21
- Wednesday February 14
- Friday March 9
- Thursday April 19 - World Fair
- Tuesday May 15 - Carnival

## 9. Other Business, Q and A

- Request to have City review timing of light and the Kiss and Ride pattern – principal will contact city and ask about parking lot patterns
- Website needs to be updated – Principal will ask staff to update as needed
- Cash on Line is up and running. Families are taking advantage of it.
- Parent wondered about the school purchasing a vehicle instead of a taxi. Principal indicated that Peed Board did not support that but would try to get more info.
- A question was raised about the price of food in the server. School has no influence over that. It was suggested that we could look for ways to incorporate the server with some of the international days the students organize. Is it possible to introduce “punch cards” where students could get one free after purchasing so many.
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## 10. Next Meeting: Nov. 14

School Council Meeting Dates: Nov. 14, January 16, February 13, April 10, May 7