

Minutes

Davisville JPS / MTSD School Council

Wednesday, May 18th, 2011

6:45 – 7:45 PM

TLC Conference Room, 3rd Floor

In attendance were the executive council: Rob McCreedy and Sherry Giles (co-chairs) Nancy MacDonald (treasurer) and Tanya Murdoch (secretary)

Tricia Boyce (principal) was in attendance with the principal's report. There was no teacher representative attending.

Also attending were the following parents:
Meredyth Hilton ,Anne Sasu

Proposed Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of March 29th Minutes
3. Principal's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. LDT Rep. Selection Process
6. BLU Bylaw Review

Meeting convened at 6:50.

Meredyth Hilton reported on T-shirt sales... all T-shirts sorted and delivered on Monday, and we have some more shirts to sell at the fun fair, we made a small profit on sales to date, the hoodie sweat shirts sold at cost but are super cool.

1. Principal's Report:

Enrollment numbers will be finalized in June. We have the first LDT (Local Design Team) meeting with the school board on May 31st. We are growing, adding 2 more French teachers and possibly a couple more support/arts teachers. All classes are moving around next year, and some teachers are switching the grades that they teach, but no one is moving schools at this time, just a couple off on leave. As the French Immersion side grows every year and English enrollment remains steady, we may need to look at new ways to use the space in the school.

At a previous meeting, the teacher representative made a request for funding from the school council, to cover a dance and/or and arts program. The programs went ahead

over the past few months and were enjoyed by everyone, and the school paid for both programs at \$1500/\$1600 respectively. Principal Boyce requested that school council bear some or all of the costs. We all agreed that we should put \$1500 towards this if the budget could bear it. Nancy reviewed the numbers at home and found that we could.

June is a busy month: the last day of school is June 29th, report cards out June 28th, June 7th is kindergarten orientation. Grade 6/8 graduation is the 27th.

Grade 6 students have an all day orientation at Hodgson PS this year, on June 16th.

Spring concert May 26th. No bake sale planned.

June 6-10th EQAO Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, one hour in the morning and afternoon. Grades 2, 4&5 students in split classes are accommodated in other classes.

2. Approval of March 29th school council minutes:

Tanya proposes that these minutes be accepted as official minutes as read, Nancy seconds, minutes approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Raffle account is now cleared.

We still have outgoing expenses (about \$6500) for the banner, grad, pizza lunch, T-shirts and Fun Fair. Depending on the fun fair, approx. \$12000 is projected to carry over into next year to cover start of year expenses.

Secretary's note: These numbers were amended by Nancy after the meeting on further reflection. The amounts here represent estimated numbers.

We discussed the need for a fundraising guideline, for school council, so we would have a list of expected amounts we would cover, and extraordinary efforts as well.

We also agreed to buy a button maker for \$260 which could be used at the fun fair and by the school.

4. LDT Representation selection process:

The first meeting of the LDT (or LSCDT-Local School Community Design Teams, looking at future use and possible redevelopment of Davisville school building and property by the

TDSB) has been set May 31st 2011. The Davisville Parent community needs to nominate two representatives to be on this team, just as we did for the ARC consultations last year. There will also be a parent representative from the Spectrum school council, as they will be a separate school housed in our building from next year. There was some discussion about the roles of the different bodies (the TDSB, the LDT, the School Council and the Building and Land Use (BLU) Committee, a parent committee under the school council bylaws)

Rob put forward a motion: one of the two parent representatives should come from school council, and one from the BLU committee. Tanya seconded it, motion was passed. (This motion was also proposed and passed at a BLU committee meeting a few days earlier)

We then needed to decide who should be the parent representative from the school council. Meredyth nominated Rob to be the parent representative from School Council, he accepted, no one else was nominated or expressed interest in filling this role, he became the representative by acclaim. The BLU Committee is accepting nominations from anyone interested in being the second parent rep, and will vote by e-mail.

5. BLU Bylaw review:

As a committee the Building and Land Use Committee is under the umbrella of the School Council. Someone from the School Council Executive must be on every committee that forms for it to be valid. The BLU has many active members focused on the upcoming Land Development plans for Davisville PS/MTSDHH building and grounds, and have been working hard to develop a protocol so that it can remain a transparent and valid group that can really gather and analyze ideas and input from the larger school/parent community. To that end, Vivek Bakshi wrote up a protocol agreed on by members of the BLU committee for approval by the school council. The protocol was distributed and read at the School Council meeting.

Amended one typo in section 3.(b) last sentence in third paragraph should read “ not less than five(5) Business days” rather than “ten (5) Business days”

The protocol seemed reasonable and well thought out to all present.

Motion (put forward by Rob): to approve the Building and Land Use Committee Protocol as a guide for the steering committee, and that this protocol (with amended typo) be included in proposed school council constitution.

Seconded by Tanya and passed by group.

The protocol (as read, not amended) is attached to these minutes.

Principal Boyce asked that copies of all the minutes and agendas from this school year to date be printed out into a binder to be accessible to interested parents in the office. Rob offered to do this.

Next Council Meeting scheduled for June 15, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.