

DAVISVILLE PS / MTSD SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (draft) NOVEMBER 8, 2001

In attendance:

Principal Tricia Boyce

Executives: Sarah Miller (Chair) Rob McCreedy and Sherry Giles (co-chairs, Fun Fair Committee) Nancy MacDonald and Val Upfold (co-Treasurers) John Hiddema (LDT Representative, BLU committee co-chair) Susan Bakshi (Eco chair) Michelle Kassel (Communications chair) Tanya Murdoch (Secretary, class parent coordinator) Jacintha Doner (Fundraising chair)

Also in attendance: Victor DiRisio, Gord Miller, Anne Mullins (Class parent), Anne Sasu (class parent), Xinyun Liu, Renata Vaccaro (pizza lunch coordinator) Shelagh Durno, Kimberly Irwin (Movie night coordinator)

1: Introductions

2: Review of minutes

Motion to accept Sept 27th 2011 minutes as official minutes (motioned by: Jacintha, seconded: Val, motion passes)

3: Treasurer's Report: overview: about \$14,000 spent, \$13,000 carried over to this year. Incoming already this year: QSP (\$3300 to date, more details in QSP Report) Pizza lunch about \$2000, 150th reunion made about \$100 in souvenir sales. Outgoing: deposit paid for Scientist in the schools
NOTE: detailed report attached to minutes

4: QSP Report: grossed \$15,700, 37% of gross goes to school, about \$5800, minus a few expenses, net of \$5800 to date (subscriptions renewed through the year via QSP online will continue to fund the school: here is the link <http://www.qsp.ca/Personalize.aspx?profile=tvnd&extTrackID=LaunchEmail>)

5: Principal's Report:

- Thanks to parents! Many recent events success due to parent, teacher and staff help, including: QSP, Scholastic book orders and book fair, 150th Reunion, pizza lunch and DHH Family Night.
- Student recognition ceremonies, focusing on character traits, are held once a month.

- Many field trips already this fall- JK/SK to Round the Bend Farm, a movie outing to see Dolphin Tale (grades 3-6), FI trip to Royal Winter fair, DHH trip to CTV.
- Special Events in the school this fall: Little Red Hen Theatre and Prologue Theatre do shows in the Fall and the Spring. Author /illustrator Ian Wallace speaking to all grades (excluding kindergarten) Nov. 10
- Sports: boys and girls softball teams competed earlier in fall, boys volleyball and girls basketball competing now.
- Scientist in the School programs started in some classes.
- School Winter Concert Tuesday, December 20th. NOTE: growing population has meant some adaptations to the concerts. So, kindergarten classes will perform in BOTH Winter and Spring concerts, but each primary class will be performing in EITHER the Winter OR the Spring concerts. Choir and some clubs perform in both. Schedule: 6-6:45 pm kindergarten concert, then bake sale, then 7-8pm primary concert
- Report cards: coming home on Monday, November 14. Parent/teacher interviews on Thursday November 17th-Friday November 18th (PA Day) This is a progress report, THERE ARE NO GRADES until the second and third terms (in February and June) for all grades. JK doesn't get progress reports this term, and only progress reports, no grades, in February and June.
School population: about 342, plus 62 at Spectrum.

6: Revisit the idea of increasing voting members of school council

executive- everyone agrees to wait until TDSB School Council by-laws are reviewed. Parents can review the summary online on this page on the TDSB website, by searching for school councils and reading the shorter version, a document entitled “summary of school council regulations” or by following this link:

http://www.tdsb.on.ca/_site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=91&menuid=4154&pageid=3467

7: Fundraising Goals: Sarah Miller (Chair) will be seeking input from Staff (at a staff meeting on the 9th) as well as parents and kids about suggestions for specific goals for fundraising efforts (Eg, new gym equipment, a bike rack, camera equipment, special field trip) Please e-mail suggestions to Sarah by Dec. 12th [sbmiller@sympatico.ca]

8: Snack Program update: Racheal Delamaine [rdelamaine@gmail.com] has volunteered to take over the snack program at the school after the last organizer was unable to continue. She is trying to rethink it as well, and seeks input and volunteers as fresh food and less packaging means more preparation. This program is valuable – providing both an education about healthy eating as well as delicious snack for sometimes hungry children. TO VOLUNTEER: contact Racheal or the office.

9: BLU Committee update: meeting of committee last week brought out some new members of the school community, notably some parents from JK DHH, and some kindergarten and grade school parents from the English stream. Review of the data from the survey, not a huge response, but some interesting input from respondents. Letter from Shelley Laskin was sent to all parents at Davisville about redevelopment plans, and next LDT meeting on November 14th

10: Communication Committee report: Website up and running, you can subscribe for updates, and most committees have an author page to post updates. Some traffic on facebook and twitter. Questions about the possibility of school wide list for e-mail, re-vamping class parent e-mail list.

11: Eco-schools update: Last year school received Bronze eco-school status. There is an excellent lead in the school, Kevene Cenac, and an eco club of two students from each class meets once a month. The role of school council is to support their work, like volunteering with waste audits and the monthly ABC Day. The committee met with the eco chair from another local school, and has a copy of the guidelines from the TDSB. There is now a bulletin board for eco-news on the main floor, we are working toward a paperless newsletter, with many classes opting in this month. Updates of eco activities are posted on the www.davisvilleparents.com website. Future projects: applying for school ground greening grants with the support of parents Meredyth and Brad Hilton of artistic gardens landscape designs.

12: Fundraising updates:

Pizza lunch- Renata has taken over from Kimberly to run it, and full staff of volunteer teams twice a month- first run was October 28th and went relatively smoothly. Lunch has been revamped to exceed provincial nutritional guidelines around selling food on school grounds- multigrain crusts, mix fruit/veggie juice, fruit or vegetable side snacks instead of chips.

Book Fair- though not a school council event, does bring in money for books and its success this year was helped by many parent volunteers as well as Maria Mantello, our librarian.

Movie Night- Kimberly organizing this, for Monday November 21st- planning to show "Rio", forms will go out Monday and back Thursday, need about 6 volunteers to sign people in and shush during the movie. Movie should be close-captioned. Sherry will input data from forms for sign-in sheets.

13: After school Programs: currently there are two programs for the fall, sports on Tuesday and Drama (Arts Express) on Wednesday. Discussion about adding more programs for Winter/Spring sessions. These could be via "parks and

recreation”, or private dance or science programs. Suggestions are welcome- please send suggestions to Sarah Miller or to the office.

14: Dates to Remember:

- ABC Day Wednesday November 9th
- Progress reports home on Monday November 14th
- Staff Appreciation Day/Pot Luck/ parent interviews Thursday November 17th
- Parent interviews/PA Day Friday November 18th
- Movie Night Monday November 21st
- Picture Retake Wednesday November 23rd
- Multi Cultural Night Thursday December 1st
- Holiday Concert & Bake Sale Tuesday December 20th

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 16th at 6:45pm