

Davisville Parent Council Meeting

February 10, 2016

7pm

In Attendance: Tanya Murdoch (Co-Chair), Tamara Kolber (Co-Chair), Farah Namazi (Secretary), Val Upfold (Co-Treasurer), Anya Laskin, Aleksandra Stanimirovic, Ulrica Jobe, Wynsome Walker, Renata Vaccaro, Steph Rickard-Chadda, John Hiddema, Anne Sasu, Renata Kozakova, Anne Mullins, Pam Byrne, David Wells, Mehrraz Ahangar, Corey Rotman, Kayla Rudberg-Rotman, Lynne LeBlanc, Laura Greer, Amber Lepage-Monette, Luciana de A. N. Seviar, Shona Farrelly (Principal)

Review and Approval of minutes: F. Namazi

- Misspelled Cheryl Kam (corrected)
- motion to approve: John Hiddema, Seconded Wynsome Walker

Fundraising Committee Chair

- Required to elect new fundraising Chair
- Tamara Kolber nominated Lynne LeBlanc, Val Upfold seconded. Motion passed

Budget report/vote to approve – Jyothi Satyan/Val Upfold

- currently \$30k+
- see attached Treasurer Report
- same financially as last year this time
- see attached Davisville School Council Budget deadlines 2015-16, budget approved

Staff report – C. Kam/K. Cenac-Lopes- read by Principal Farrelly

- Eco-Club -recycled hearts being sold, waste free lunches, bring in bottle caps for mural
- Sock Monkey Making club
- Drama club for juniors
- City of Toronto after school activities sheet sent home w/ spring programs and summer camp

Administration Report – S. Farrelly

- Too many children are coming late in the morning and interrupting classes and the front office. Also, all latecomers must come around to the front office off of Millwood road, as doors will be locked promptly at 8:45 for safety.
- EQAO dates – grade 6 – May 25, 26, and 27th with May 30 as grade 6 make up day. Grade 3 – June 1, 2, 3 with June 6th as their make-up day. French Immersion grade 3 only math portion. English 3s, English and French 6's write both math and language. Please do not schedule trips or appointments during this time. Please note that EQAO marks are not calculated into any report card marks.
- Kindergarten – FI is full with students from Davisville and siblings only this year. There are 43 on our waitlist. Students are being redirected to either Brown PS or Northlea. English just had their Open House – thanks to the amazing staff who ran the evening. Registration appointments are available through Connie or Carl on February 18th and the afternoon of Feb 19th but all students who live in our catchment area are guaranteed a spot.
- Skate night a success- Thanks to parent volunteers
- 3 Toronto Public Health workshops scheduled. *Kids Have Stress Too* – for parents with students

ages 4 – 9. *At Home Alone* is a workshop for parents AND their 10 – 14 year old. *Doing Well in School and Life* and is designed for ages 10 – 16. Look for posters for dates and details.

- Staffing Process – every year the process for designing our classrooms and choosing specialty staff begins in February. The school receives staffing numbers in March and works with the School Staffing Committee to develop staffing models which are shared with the full staff for their input. At the same time, there is a parallel process with parent representatives. Once all input has been gathered, the administration makes a final decision on which model to send forward to the Superintendent for her approval. This must take place by April 15th. Once the approval has happened, staff are then invited to share their 3 preferences for the following year
- Officer Janet – she will be coming for her annual visit to the classes. Each grade has a different focus. Feb 22, 25, 29 and March 31. No grade 3 program exists
- Kiwanis – Junior Choir – Feb 22; grade 1 – Feb 24, Grade 3 – Feb 26 and grade 2 – March 2nd.
- Rockin Clean Up Party and Hand washing program – run by Chris and Leslie (and Renata) – it was amazing. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and the volunteers from Starbucks and the donations of the cleaning items. The students really seemed to enjoy themselves and take pride in being responsible for cleaning their own classrooms. We did adjust to allow each classroom to choose when to clean, but to try and do it once/week.
- Report cards – came out today. Families can request an interview on Thursday evening and Friday morning. Friday is a PD day and Monday is Family Day so no school
- Speech Arts – in school English competition is on March 2nd; area finals on March 9th (we are hosting). In school French competition is February 19th: and area finals are on March 29th
- New School Information-I did attend the first meeting about the new building on December 17th. There will be much more information to come. There has been a change to the design process. We will be meeting with parent reps on February 17th and we hope to share more details at that time. The first meeting was just to review the information and discuss preliminary thoughts regarding the number of classrooms we will need in the new building. We will continue to share information as we receive it. Trustee Laskin is also very good about keeping information updated on her website.
- Carnival March 3, This year we have Ballet Creole and an exciting Magician
- Grade photo March 7
- March break March 14-18

BLU – Steph Rickard Chadda and John Hiddema

- Feb 17th from 1:30-3, in A3, must RSVP if you want to come
- Midtown hub report-special advisor on hubs meeting
- Midtown Hub held visioning workshop with various associations
- met w/ Josh Matlow, Shelly Laskin, Daryl Sage (Toronto Lands Corporation),
- senior planner at city of Toronto have offered help/service, so attracting lots of attention from various departments/organization
- if you'd like to get involved, fundraising will likely begin this year so will be looking for volunteers
- Community Meeting hosted by Councilor Josh Matlow February 16 7pm @ Greenwood College

Fresh School Initiatives – L. Stoyan (read by R. Kozakova)

- Fresh Food-
 - Snack program running well (volunteers pls contact Chris@dailyapple.ca), intro of Farm

Fresh smoothies from Hans dairy a hit,

- Coming soon a) The Davisville Juicery, b) Brain Food: The Smartest Snacks for Students (a workshop for parents and students about the best foods to eat to ensure optimal learning) scheduled for spring
- Fresh Air Learning-
 - Lesley to take survey in the spring of how many teachers use the “outdoor classroom”
 - Family Fresh Air Fitness workshop brought by Parents Reaching Out grand in the spring
- Fresh Living
 - Healthy Hands workshop in January- good feedback from parents, hand washing has increased significantly, ensure soap availability in washrooms,
 - The Rockin' Classroom Clean Up party: hit with students, most teachers, some classrooms have continued with weekly clean ups, Findings-workshop empowered students, increased collaboration, decreased negativity for short time, some classrooms were filthy, an increased effort to wipe down hard surfaces on a regular basis needs to be made, communication channel to teachers needs to be clarified, many claimed they were not informed until day of despite numerous memos/emails,
 - Parent Workshop: scheduled for Wednesday February 17, 7pm: Clean Police: Feeling Good with Healthy Habits-an interactive workshop on how to boost your immune system and up your game during cold and flu season. Space available, please help promote!
- Renata has been cleaning out school and sorting resources
- freecycle will be closed after tomorrow (has been open for 2 months)

Fundraising report

- movie night (Lindsay Wotherspoon), been sponsored and at capacity, next movie night possibly March 11, April 14, Ms. Kam's students assisting in collecting kids
- bake sale during concert dates, and donations for baked goods at skate night
- winter concert DVD (Tanya), approx 32 orders, more hands needs to help with order forms

Upcoming Fundraising

- chocolates for choir
- Sharman Fletcher and Tamara Kolber to launch spiritwear in March
- Technology fundraiser-ask fundraiser letters will be sent out in April
- Ms. Farrelly-re: tech, we have a tech committee on staff, little/no support for computer labs, trying to develop mobile carts, we had to fund some critical tech issues last year
- Q (Ulrica Jobe): can we partner with a corporation, A (Ms. Farrelly): cannot collect through donations due to virus/software issues
- fun fair silent auction

Earth Week Planning

- rummage sale, bags to school campaign
- approx April 18-25

Volunteer/community Update

- Feb 29, Niru Kumar and Tamara Kolber hosting an afternoon tea (community building)

- sign up as a volunteer if you'd like (sign up sheet passed around)

Carnaval- March 3- T. Murdoch

- looking for volunteers, February 22nd to prepare, March 2nd after school

Library report – Anya Laskin

- successful Scholastic Book Fair
- Council helped buy a promethium board, but some issues still hampering use. Shona notes that TDSB no longer supporting smart board, only promethean
- Silver birch and Tamarack reading program happening in library

Choir report -Anne Sasu

- December 2015 approx 30 kids sang national anthem at Raptors game
- Kiwanis upcoming
- Massey Hall spring concert for TDSB Junior Choir
- Music program growing
- chocolate fundraiser supporting music program for the whole school

Any other business?

- Steph Rickard-Chadda-start talking about playground budget for the new school
- feedback from parent on Gr 5/6 concert, surprised at number of kids running around, Mme. Farrelly agrees with full support of Council to announce that quiet/respect at concerts is required for the benefit/respect of performers and spectators
- Kindergarten concert is April 28
- FSLAC report-Steph Rickard-Chadda
 - if anyone wants to join, pls contact Steph
 - placed approx above 90% of requests into French Immersion

PIAC -Corey Rotman

- April 16, 7/8 workshops to understand the education system and resources offered by TDSB, Chris Trussell and Tanya Murdoch will represent school at PIAC dinner on February 25

Meeting Adjourned: Motioned by John Hiddema, Seconded by Lisa Kelleher

Next council meeting April 13th, 2016

Attachment: Treasurer Report

Davisville/MTSD Parent's Association

Sources and Uses of Operating Funds From Aug 2015 to Feb 5 2016

Operating cash on hand at beginning of the period (July 31, 2014)	\$21,208.41
Add revenues: Net Funds Raised	\$19,729.77
Subtract Expenditures	\$ 10,201.23
Operating cash on hand at end of period	\$30,736.95