

Davisville Parent Council Meeting
Thursday December 13, 2016
7pm

In attendance: Tamara Kolber (Chair), Tanya Murdoch (Past Chair), Val Upfold (Co-Treasurer), Wendy Bhim (Co-Treasurer), Farah Namazi (Secretary), Shona Farrelly (Principal), Cecile Robertson (Vice Principal), Kayla Rudberg-Rotman, Chris Trussell, Wynsome Walker, Chris Thompson, Alison Stanley, Amber Lepage Monette, Patrick Robinson, Anya Laskin, Anne Sas, Ulrica Jobe

Treasurers Report: Val Upfold

- see attached

Staff Report: Mr. Bell

- Mathematics
- Ms. Reinhalt has made efforts to ensure technology in school. Most recently Netbooks have increased in number from 14-30 so each child can use individually
- Ms. Rawlinson-paper engineering club wrapping up, she will roll out a new initiative for junior grades in the new year
- Initiative: Change for Change donation bin for food bank. Not asking for food donation as information provided was food banks not distributing all the food and its being wasted, also food bank can get more dollar for dollar therefore this year asking for financial contribution
- Parents offered to support eco club: Lea and Tanya Murdoch
- Mme. Mantello has organized french book fair with a new supplier. Kids can sign up to view and purchase next week. English book fair to be held in the new year.
- Congratulate Lesley Stoyan and Chris Trussell on behalf of staff
- TDSB wide collaborative inquiry. Amongst our staff, new model will roll out based on three tenets w/in the board. At davisville, collaborate re: numeracy programs in the school. Ex/ experience of risk taking, how to measure achievement, critical thinking etc. Will provide contribution to TDSB from every level

Administrative Report: Ms. Farrelly, Ms. Robertson

- Thank you for recognition of St. Lucia Day from Ulrica and family
- Carolling schedule pending
- January 16 delegation from Saudi to tour the school w/ a Masters of Teaching at OISE professor, looking at how we teach english and french
- Safety: Huge safety concerns in the parking lot!!! Children have been seen having snowball fights in the parking lot. Children should not be in parking lot. Also no snowball fights, snowballs must be thrown at the snowball wall only. Play structure is closed for winter. These rules apply at all times (after school hours also as daycare is still running)
- Illness: 24 hour, fever, vomit, diarrhea free before returning to school to prevent spread of infection.
- Received certificate from Veterans for outstanding fundraising for poppies
- Anti bullying campaign-successful in raising awareness as we take a firm stance against it. "At Davisville we close the door to bullying." Going to continue with antibullying messages. We have an anti bullying committee, and other initiatives coming
- TDSB Collaborative inquiry math and also literacy focused, how to analyze reading diagnostic tools, sessions being held w/ SK, Junior and primary staff re: these literacy diagnostics
- Staff Changes:

- Charlotte Kim – today was her first day back with us since June. She is one of our lunchroom supervisors
- Maja Nikolic– she started with us today. She is replacing Angela Singh who was in replacing Im Kang in Room 102 (JK/SK)
- Patrick Hinrichsen will finish in his classroom today – Angela Singh will move into 309B at the end of today as we try to find an LTO.
- Jyothi Satyan Hiremaglur has won the permanent OA position at Spectrum. She will assume Spectrum duties over the next week as we transition her back.
- Karen Rose will stay on with us. She will just change chairs again and move to DPS until that job is posted and a permanent person is hired.
- Wendy Xu has won a permanent lateral transfer to Beverley Glen PS effective January 9th. We are currently trying to secure a temporary RECE until the end of the school year.
- Tanya Hamilton will be on maternity leave beginning January 9th – we are currently looking to fill this position with an LTO.
- Natalie Robson will complete her one year Exchange program with us at the end of December. Jennifer Sepetdjian will be on leave, so we are currently looking to fill this position with an LTO.

NSRT Update:

- December 14 is NSRT meeting
- Agenda: status of project and building design, discuss preferred option, status on where preliminary plans are with city of TO
- some concerns: Safety, kitchen, parent committee have top 10 priority list
- Significant safety concerns, we need people present at next public meeting to voice concerns
- Next public meeting in March date to be determined

Fresh Schools Update:

- proposing another hand washing program
- propose lunch buddies have pumps of hand sanitizers
- figure out how kids can wash hands before lunch
- John Malloy to engage TDSB health and wellness
- Appletree Group has put in to be an official partner of the TDSB
- Student nutrition advisory committee (SNAC): Christ sits on board, comprised of superintendents, public health, etc , how can we make snack better; looking at what can cafeterias be used for, province still has funds coming to TDSB

Fundraising Update:

- Direct ask Fundraiser raised \$9000, 120 families contributed at varying levels
- continue to accept donations

Spiritwear:

- Order will be placed in January as not enough families participated to place the order in time for receipt before holidays

Multicultural Night:

- amazing night, thank you to staff who put it together
- close to 400 people, kids loved it

Games Night:

- success, bingo was VERY popular
- Look to hold the event again in the spring,
- bingo, board games, popcorn, talk of mural painting
- ask families for donation of games, playing cards now and after holidays to contribute to the event

Library: Heidi

- french immersion book fair 19th-23rd
- need volunteers monday am 8:30-9am, also set up, and half hour shifts. Sign up sheet just outside library. Also open afterschool time
- suggestion to send sign up sheet online, Heidi to send to Tamara for DPC sunday e-newsletter.

Eco Club: Tanya

- Tanya/Lea met w/ eco staff (Mme. Cenac-Lopes, Ms. Breslaw)
- Club meets every second monday
- Propose eco-art every alternate meeting
- could use extra volunteers
- our school is eco platinum, ecomindfulness is spread throughout the school, celebrate it more. Wanted to focus on reduce our footprint from transportation "no idling signs", encourage ABC day every Friday (ABCDEF), survey in new year to find out if this is an issue. Concern expressed re: segregating kids as many children do not have a choice of how they get to school

Movie Night:

- kindergartens afternoon so they can participate
- movie night for Grade 1-6
- grade 4-6 must sign in if they are attending to improve accountability of kids

Other Business:

- next meeting-how can we clean surfaces of school
- choir-Kiwanis competition depends on decision of each music teacher. Ms. K would like to work with grade 4-6
- Mr. Schragg has a recorder ensemble (Gr. 3) for winter concert

Review of November minutes:

- Approval with Tanya Murdoch's noted changes
- Approval motion by John Hiddema, seconded by Ulrica Jobe

Motion to adjourn meeting: John Hiddema, seconded by Kayla Rudberg Rotman

Meeting adjourned: 8:23pm

Next Meeting: January 26, 2016