

**Davisville Public School Parent Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, Jan 26, 2017**  
**7pm-Davisville School Gym**

**Treasurer Report: Wendy Bhim**

- We currently have just under 60k in the bank. From our last Council meeting on Dec 7 to now we have deposited 5700.00 and 4900 has been spent. Our deposits are from Spiritwear, movie night, Pizza and mabel's labels fundraisers. Some of our expenses included: Classroom Enhancement like books and classroom supplies, Pizza lunches and spirit wear. From our budget meeting last week we have allocated 12k to enhance our reading material. 6 thousand for both French and English streams. This was made possible from our direct ask fundraiser back in November. Although there is 60k in the bank we have allocated most of this to be spent by the end of the year. 10k to technology, 12k to reading material and kits, 7k to field trips, 10k to In-school seminars, 8k to fun fair and 8k to choir, athletics, graduation and classroom top up.
- See attached

**Staff Report: Mme. Cenac**

- Right to play assembly
- Eco Club-in process of doing transportation survey

**Staff Concern: Mme. Mantello**

- Explained reasoning behind book fair schedule. Typically 2 book fairs per year, had opportunity for French book fair so we did it but were limited in scheduling. French book fair was well attended. English book fair initially scheduled for October but had to cancel due to limited volunteers. English book fair was scheduled for May, due to parent requests, moved book fair to January
- Note: have attempted several times to connect with independent book stores such as Mabel's Fables.
- Made aware of parent email to Volunteer coordinator and commenting on social media making negative comments toward Mme. Mantello. She equally supports all students and is very conscientious and sensitive toward the diversity in the school.
- Ms. Farrelly requests parents to stand up for our school if negative comments are made
- Tamara Kolber extends her thanks to Mme. Mantello for all the work she has done and continues to do for the school.

**Administrative Report: Ms. Farrelly**

- Parking lot: starting monday no parking in parking lot unless you are staff or volunteering
- graduation: Grade 5/6 English, Gr. 6 French
- Hodgson is closed for enrollment
- February 2: transition night for 5/6 in english program
- Service animal: Concerns around children with allergies. Next notice will indicate that service dog is coming to school, service provider will complete 2 assemblies to introduce children to service animal
- Tour from Saudi Arabia from people studying to be teachers to learn about literacy. Tours led by Ms. Farrelly and Ms. Robertson. Visitors noted warm, caring atmosphere, snack program, "care of the whole child"
- Now Ruz: Mehrnaz (Settlement worker) would like to celebrate Now Ruz in school
- Document received from lawyers of CUPE (300 pg) indicating requirement of snack program to be run by CUPE member Nutritionalist

**Administrative Report: Ms. Robertson**

- Carolyn Bennet coming to Mr. Bell's class .
- Kindergarten Open house, Kindergarten Registration February 15/16
- Collaborative Inquiry: staff exploring an aspect of teaching practice. How can we enrich our knowledge of curricula, staff working together (mix french/english), gender gaps etc. Are we disengaging male population.
- Report cards February 15
- Interviews February 16/17
- First Aid workshop last friday for lunch room supervisors done by Hafeez Fizani, 2.5 hr
- February 15 6:30-8:30pm, helping your child do well in life/resiliency, 6-12 yrs old, registration required.
- Character education: TDSB every month we celebrate a character trait. Assembly to celebrate children who demonstrated the trait
- Mon february 6-9: officer Janet, talk to all students: traffic safety, community helpers, bullying, internet safety and awareness. No curriculum for Grade 3 & 7.

#### **Fresh Schools: Chris Trussell**

- workshop spring: mindfulness for you and your kids
- public health dietitian visited and approved the snack program
- new supplier, trying to cut away waste , partnered w/ Flaky Tart to provide flatbreads
- in contact w/ Real Food for Real Kids re: lunch program service

#### **Parent Council: Tamara Kolber**

- Skate night February 10. Need volunteers, skate marshalls, 6:15-8:15, baked goods are offered with a donation jar for the school
- Skate exchange is on please contribute skates/helmets
- Games night end of february proposed. Donations of games welcome
- Fun fair: need a co-chair/chair/committee

#### **Class Coordinator: Amie Heenan**

- coordinator for a JK class, childcare aftercare is full. Does anyone have suggestion for childcare? Tamara Kolber suggested Renu may be willing to look after kids.

#### **NSRT Update: Chris Thompson, John Hiddema**

- Chris Thompson, Dawn Canning, Daniel Antonius, Karlye Ziniack are all on NSRT parent team, John Hiddema (observer for midtown hub) NSRT, this is presenting Dec 14<sup>th</sup> meeting:
- this presentation is based on the constraints of this space, it is on Davisvilleparents.com, the Sept 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, and Dec 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is there. Highlights follow:
  - community meeting
  - presented parent priority list
  - Vaughn road academy is closing down and TDSB plans on keeping it as an asset site, change to a jk -12 location,
  - ground breaking summer 2018, completion in 2-3 years
- Ms. Farrelly suggested DPS/Spectrum meeting with parents and trustee followed by community meeting

**Motion to approve December Minutes:** Wendy Bhim, seconded by Heidi Kierney

**Motion to adjourn:** John Hiddema, seconded by Amy Luckock

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:55pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday February 28

Attachment #1: Treasurer Report