

**Agenda for School Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
7pm – Davisville School Gym**

1. Admin Report

- **EQAO** is coming up for all grades 3 and 6. Requests for exemptions must be submitted in writing to the Principal (only for exceptional circumstances). May 29, June 1 with make ups June 2. Please ensure children are well rested and well fed.
- In order to support all learners for EQAO, all special ed resources are cancelled for two weeks. Special snack and extended recess June 2 for grades 3 and 6.
- **SAFETY** concerns; Mrs. Farrelly repeated the information requesting people NOT to park in the lot at morning drop off. Please use Millwood for drop off. No bus lane access 8-9am, 3-4pm. Requests to do so are not personal and apply to everyone. If you are volunteering in the school that morning, you are welcome to park.
- **GRADUATION** for grade 5's is 2pm in 2nd floor gym. 3-4pm in room 305-306 with refreshments, 4-6pm at the Wallace with a photo booth, games and music. Students and parents only at the Wallace, no staff. Grade 6's are 4-5pm in the 2nd floor gym, 5-6 refreshments, 6-8 at the Wallace.
- This week has been **MINDFULNESS** week with a daily meditation on the PA guided by Ms. Sullada. School Admin met with someone about doing mindfulness workshops in the school and they are booking some for this year and next. Also looking at an after school program.
- Asked if parents would be interested in a Mindfulness program for parents, next year, 45 min/week x 8weeks for JK and SK classes. All grade one students, also 45 min/week x 8 weeks
- **CHARACTER ED ASSEMBLIES** have started back up every month for all grades plus daily announcements to share the knowledge of that month's character trait.
- Chris Thompson inquiry about whether as part of EQAO, does/can the school track which students are getting extra help for math.
- EQAO
- Parking lot, Millwood, bus lane, safety issues
- Grad
- Mindfulness week; daily chime and guided breathing/meditation daily
- Booking a mindfulness coach for this year and next to do in-class seminars
- Integrity
- Upcoming dates
- May 30 meeting for entire community, Q&A from April 25 meeting

2. Staff Report

- Kinder concert was very successful on May 4th, Massey Hall was amazing
- Junior Concert this Thursday, May 11 (Chong, Bell, Ho and Band, then Cenac-Lopes, Ross and Karacostas/Nichols)
- Primary Concerts coming up May 18 (Galimberti, Andreasen, Rogers Reinelt, Harnick, Tiralongo) and June 15
- June 8 Education Night for Grades 1-6. Decision by Kindergarten team not to participate due to large field trip that day and all students likely very tired afterwards.
- Collaborative Inquiry; all groups have met as they focus on numeracy and independent work.
- Community committee for equity; new community committee of teachers and students from both spectrum and Davisville. Attending a meeting on May 15; all invited, registration required. Will discuss what equity looks like in school, and in community. Goal to recognize and promote inclusivity.
- Juniors participated in a half day mini track meet. All students participated in the events with 41 making the school track and field team who competed at Birchmount stadium. Some have qualified for city finals. Track and Field is only for Juniors.
- Ultimate Frisbee season is underway, Tournament is May 16. Grade 5 (coach Ross) and Grade 6 (Coaches Harte and Galati) both attending.
- Boys and Girls soccer are underway (boys Coach is Francesca, Girls coach is Ms Harnick). Girls tournament is May 12, Boys is May 17.
- Ms Rawlinson; Bead Club starts Friday May 5 (junior grades)
- Ms Rawlinson won an author visit for rooms 204 and 208 – pays to enter contests!
- Dig It (choir musical) June 21, 22
- Choirs not participating in spring concerts due to space issues.
- We need more library volunteers to shelve books
- Author Visit May 16

3. Treasurers Report

- Wendy Bhim \$30,000 in the bank.
- Spent \$6000, raised \$2,300.
- Expenses included library books, author visits, music, French resources.

4. NSRT Update

- Chris Thompson
- Discussion around busing,
- Review of April 25 meeting; space issues, look at the hoarding line that is now painted outside
- There is space being held for our community at Vaughan Road Academy for our school should we move for the construction
- Busing was a large discussion point at the April 25 meeting; decision will be made based on health and safety, not based on opinion.
- Look at the painted hoarding lines
- April 25 provided some teacher feedback; school is beyond capacity. Shows stress in the kids.

- Mrs. Farrelly pointed out that Davisville exceeds our enrollment expectations every year. Next year, we will lose the computer lab; it will be turned into a classroom.
- Cathy Gray will give up her classroom next year if need be, so that students can keep a music room on the second floor.
- Plans for new build look wonderful, include a green space above the gyms
- Concerns around traffic on/off Millwood have been raised by the community; send those concerns to the Trustee and City Councillor

5. Earth Week Update

- Lots of things happened for Earth Week; classes made mosaic tiles, Rummage Sale, Used Book Sale, Bag 2 School drive. Sales raised about \$1300 altogether, no total for Bag2school yet.
- Spectrum students helped with the rummage sale, so 10% of proceeds went to Spectrum; plus they were able to find some costumes for their school play
- Used Book Sale was well received; open to the students and parents.
- Mme Mantello was able to get some costumes for her Dramatic programs for the Core French Classes, as was kindergarten drama centre.

6. School Concerts

- We are asking parents whose children are in the concerts to bake and staff the bakes sales.
- Ms. Anita wrote a wonderful song about Davisville that was performed at the Kindergarten concert
- DVDs will be available for each concert

7. Choir and French Plays

- Mme. Mantello is doing a French Wizard of Oz with the core French plays and needs costumes
- Request for support will be sent out in the school newsletter

8. Proposal for Kiss 'n' Ride

- Alex Chang re-introduced the idea of a kiss and ride; would need to be entirely volunteer run. Needs 2-3 volunteers each day. Would eliminate the parking/drop off area on Millwood.

9. Fun Fair

- Tamara/Dave Wells/Eric Eisen

10. Review/Approval of January Minutes

- Motion to approve, tanya seconder Dave

11. Other Business

- Motion to adjourn, John Hiddema seconder Wendy Bhim

UPCOMING DATES:

May 15 – Equity Ward Forum (Mr. Bell)
May 18 – Primary Concert (Harnick, Reinelt, Tiralongo, Rogers, Andreasen, Galimberti)
May 16 – Kids have Stress too (day 2)
May 23-26; grade 3 EQAO
May 29-June 2; Grade 6 EQAO
May 29 – mindfulness workshop at school
May 30 – Ian Allison hosts Public meeting about new school (location – Hodgson Senior School)
June 5 – Jump Rope for heart
June 7 – track and field, day 2
June 8 – All kinders to the zoo
June 8 – Education Night (grades 1-6)
June 9 – PD Day NO SCHOOL
June 15 – primary concert (Gambin, Bogner, Rawlinson, Friedman, Ceneda, Hinrichsen)
June 16 – play day
June 20, 21 – Dig it: the musical
June 26 – grade 5 and 6 grad
June 29 – last day of school for students

In Attendance:

Tanya Murdoch
Tamara Kolber
Shona Farrelly
Denis bell
Alex Chang
Dan Collins
Wendy Bhim
Patrick Robinson
Ulrica Jobe
Aleksandra Stanimirovic
Anne Sasu
Chris Thompson
John Hiddema
Renata Vaccaro
Heidi Kerney
Anita Huang Teshima
Anya Laskin
Corey Rotman
Kayla Rudberg-Rotman
Erin Trescases
David Wells