

Davisville Schol Council Meeting
November 2, 2017
7pm

In Attendance: Ms. Farrelly (Principal), Tamara Kolber (Council Co-Chair), Heidi Kerney (Council Co-Chair), Val Upfold (Co-Treasurer), Farah Namazi (Co-Secretary), Naomi Buck (Co-Secretary), Tanya Murdoch, Najat Mohsa, Karen Elstone, Michelle Venton, Anya Laskin, Anne Mullins, Violeta Rangel, Morgan Hedges, David Wells, Leyla Gholami, Peter Oakham, Wynsome Walker, Gillian Goldblatt

Welcome Remarks, minutes distributed, attendance

Staff Report: Mr. Bell (presented by Ms. Farrelly)

- **Math Lead:** As an ongoing part of the Ministry's Renewed math Strategy, we are happy to announce that we are able to support a 3rd math lead teacher at the school. Interested teachers are now in the process of seeking to support in the primary division. Currently, both M. Bell, and Ms. Chong are supporting the Junior division, and are looking forward to collaborating with a 3rd lead. Responsibilities as a Math lead include attending 5 PD workshops and sharing best practices at the school, in order to promote stronger math programming and student achievement.
- **Collaborative Inquiry:** Staff have formed our CI groups, and areas for inquiry have been established. Staff will begin the process to be released and to come together to identify learning goals and put practice into place, shortly after Progress reports.
- **TTC's Annual Poppy Campaign kick-off 2017:** At the end of October, Grade 6 students from M. Bell's class were invited to attend the annual TTC Poppy Campaign kick-off event, to help inform the public about the importance of supporting legions, and the significance of wearing the poppy for Remembrance Day. Students had an opportunity to meet with veterans and receive a poppy as a way to demonstrate the importance of this tradition. One student, Evan Edgell, was selected to read a WW2 veteran's story on live television, with the late veteran's children in attendance. The event was covered widely by Toronto media sources, and the students had a opportunity to share their learning with the public. Davisville is very proud of our students, and their participation in preparation of Remembrance Day.

Administration Report: Ms. Farrelly

- **The school move**
- *Transition Committee:* Shona Farrelly (principal), Cecile Robertson (vice principal), Teresa Samuel (staff member), Carol Spellacy (parent), Morgan Hedges (parent), Beata Szatan (parent), Stephanie Chadda (parent), Lynn LeBlanc (parent), Dan Collins (parent), Tammy Rayner (parent)
- Cecile, Pat and I will be meeting with Mario Mansera from the TDSB on Monday November 6 at 10:00 a.m. to do the first walk through here to determine a schedule and process for moving items from this school to our new site. We will be setting our first meeting with the committee the week of November 20th. An

email will go out to the parent representatives. If you have any questions or concerns, please make sure to let a representative know so they can share your views at the meetings.

- *Transportation Committee*: Shona Farrelly (principal), Cecile Robertson (vice principal), Susan Johnson (staff), Erin Reinelt (staff), Carol Spellacy (parent), Laura Quinn (parent), Lois McKenzie (parent), Dave Wells (parent), Carrie Cox (parent)
- I will be going to Avondale PS (currently being housed in a shared facility with Bayview Middle School) on Monday November 6th at 1:30 to meet with the principal to discuss challenges and successes and to watch the dismissal process for my own learning. Cecile and I will be meeting with the transportation department On Friday November 10th at 1:00 p.m. They will be bringing a very preliminary plan with them for feedback from an administrator's point of view. We will then set up a meeting with the transportation committee to share the tweaked plan, to get feedback from parents and to send that feedback forward to the transportation department for them to tweak the plan. We have asked that they develop both an "assigned seating" plan and a "non-assigned seating" plan with pros and cons for discussion. Please continue to share your thoughts and ideas with any committee member so they can bring it to the larger committee.
- The Buster Bus program did come and do presentation for the K-3 and 4-6 students on October 18th. Safety getting on and off the bus as well as riding the bus were the main topics. There will be 2 more transportation presentation before the end of the year.
- *Child care and Before and After Care*
- Donna, Karen, Cecile and I will be meeting with Louise Humphreys and Anne Marie Schiraldi on Wednesday November 8th at 9:15 to discuss options for the before and after program during the summer. It appears that the school may officially close on June 30th, which will necessitate the moving of the program for the summer. VRA will not be ready to accept the program this summer as the construction will still be going on.
- We are aiming for a large community meeting to share from the TDSB and from the 2 committees. We are looking at the either right before or shortly after the winter break.

Staffing Update:

- Jackie Comor – new grade $\frac{3}{4}$ teacher for the remainder of the year
- Ginnie Caldwell – new JK/SK teacher for the remainder of the year
- Alyne Alvarenga – new temporary secretary replacing Pat Varlokos who won a promotion at another school
- Kelly Endert – new additional 0.4 prep teacher for JK/SK and some primary classes – for the remainder of the year
- Still short 2 Lunchroom Supervisors. If you are interested, please go on-line and fill out an application and then call Cecile to book an interview.

Academics

- We continue to look at our EQAO scores for further guidance in how to help students improve. Our school struggles with the Measurement strand of math and so many of our collaborative inquiry groups will be focusing on

Measurement. We've been having divisional meetings to share best practices and to focus on making learning more interactive. We are hosting weekly Lunch and Learn workshops for staff every Thursday with our Learning Coach Julie Atkins. Last week we focused on guided reading strategies. This Thursday we are looking at student profiles and extended the discussion around guided reading. Julie is also helping teachers on an individual basis in their classrooms with any questions they have around small group instruction.

Mental Health Initiatives

- Mindfulness – Judy is 3 sessions in with some of the primary classes and Room 101. She has noticed a huge change in how students are managing in the classes. Some students have been asking her to come in for more sessions.
- The Monday Mindful messages are also being well received. We continue to start each staff meeting with a mindfulness moment.

Sports

- Cross Country – we had 4 students make it to the All City Finals (Carwyn, Andy, Zoe and Anthony) All the students did really well and made us all proud. Our top student, Zoe, made it to 11th in the City. Way to go!
- Boys soccer – the boys made it to the semifinals before losing in a tough shoot out.
- Girls basketball is just beginning.

Music/Choir

- We are trying to put together a choir concert in December but we are struggling to find a location and a day that is not a day of significance. More details to follow.
- 30 students selected from the junior choir will have the honour of performing the Canadian and American National Anthems at the upcoming Raptors game on November 7th. Ms. K will go with this group.
- Mme Andreasen's class will be singing the anthems at a Toronto Marlies game on Sunday December 17th. Mr. Shragge will go with this group.
- Our entire junior choir was invited by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra to record O Canada (in both French and English) which will be combined with the TSO orchestral recording of O Canada. This recording would then be distributed to school boards/schools for use with morning announcements. This will happen later this month.

Sunday Calls

- A parent came to see me early in the year with a feeling that she wasn't receiving enough information from the school. Her other child attends a local school and the principal at that school made "Sunday calls" which she and the other parents appeared to appreciate. Many times parents do come to share that they feel out of touch with the school (even though we do have a monthly newsletter, an active website, an active twitter account, an active School Council newsletter and e-bulletins from the office). I thought this would be a good idea. I have received quite a bit of very positive feedback, including 2 sets of parents who tell me they save the message to share with their children. However, I have also received 3 very negative emails about the calls and the feeling that my voice on a Sunday is an intrusion. Please know that is not my intent. I am here to ask you for your

honest feedback. I will not be hurt if you tell me the calls are unnecessary and/or a nuisance. The challenge with this software is that it's an "all in or all out" option only. If we take you off, then you will not receive safe arrival calls.

Finally...

- Diwali – a huge shout out to all our parents who came to help set up, cook, and teach staff and students about Diwali to showcase a part of the many amazing cultures in our building.

Treasures Report: Val Upfold

- 62K in bank, but many costs to account for that have not come out yet
- raised 33K so far this year
- see attached report

Council Co-Chair Report: Tamara Kolber

- Mme. Andreasen's class performing anthem at Marlees game sunday December 17th 4pm, anyone can buy a ticket, Ricoh Coliseum

Hot Lunch: Gillian Goldblatt

- parents are asking for hot lunch
- proposing Rose Reisman kids lunch program, nut and tree nut free, currently used in other TDSB schools. They can serve kids in lunch rooms and provide prepacked lunch for kindergarten rooms, they provide their own staff for serving and clean up. Lunches are served on plates/cutlery that are washed or recyclable material. Minimum 35 orders, very flexible in offers. Ordering is online 2 days prior, may trial 1 or 2 days, available start in January, approx 5\$ per lunch
- Follow up questions: referral from other schools using the program, can staff purchase lunches, can you purchase program in advance of that week

Additional items:

- Michelle Venton: where to find details on budget, Tamara Kolber to send summary in email newsletter
- Tanya Murdoch: freecycle has started, can include spiritwear, skate exchange to start in January
- blanket workshop to experience Settler-Indigenous Canadian relations for parents next wednesday

Motion to approve minutes: Val Upfold, seconded by Morgan Winton-Hedges

Motion to Adjourn: Heidi Kerney, seconded by Michelle Venton

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm

Next meeting Tuesday December 5, 2017, 7pm.

Attachment: Treasurers Report

**Davisville Junior Public School
Sources and Uses of Operating Funds from Aug 2017 to Nov 1, 2017**

Operating cash on hand at the beginning of the period (Aug 30 2017) \$32,365.25
 Add revenues: Net funds raised (see breakdown below) 33,016.86

Activity	Expenditures	Receipts	Net Proceeds	Percentage
Pizza	1,226.83	26,270.00	25,043.17	
Bag to School			-	
Fun Fair		300.00	300.00	
QSP			-	
Police Check			-	
DVDs			-	
Spiritwear			-	
Mabel's Labels		80.69	80.69	
Bake Sale			-	
Move Aft			-	
General Fundraiser			-	
Direct Ask			7,593.00	
Ecoclub, Book, Rummage			-	
Class Reimbursement			-	
Pub Night			-	
			\$ 33,016.86	

Subtract operating expenditures (see breakdown below)
Total Expenditures

In-class Seminars	995.00
Library	
Atheletics	
Graduation	
Class Start Up	
Class Enhancement	952.82
Annual Events (skate night, carnival)	17.54
Technology	
Clubs	
Field Trips	1316.74
Babysitting for Council Meetings	
Office Supplies/Admin	
Bank charges/cheques/misc	
French Resources	
Musical	
Music	
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,282.10

Operating cash on hand at the end of the period \$62,100.01
 Difference 0