

## **Minutes from Council Meeting, December 5, 2017**

Attending: Tamara Kolber, Heidi Kerney, Anne Mullins, Anita Huang Teshima, Anya Laskin, Val Upfold, Gillian Goldblatt, Dave Wells, Mike Kilby, Tanya Murdoch, Shona Farrelly, Denis Bell, Naomi Buck, Wendy Bhim, Steph Chadda, Wynsome Walker, Jocelyn Mackie, Erin Trescases, Jason Chaves, Violeta Rangel, Amber Lepage-Monette, Naduly Figliano (?)

### **Staff Report (Denis Bell)**

- 1. The Winter Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:45 PM at North Toronto Collegiate.**

#### **The presenters are:**

Junior Choir, Primary Choir, Band, Ms. Rawlinson's class, Mr. Ross' class, Ms. Hulquist, Rock Ensemble

Sanela will send a letter home soon with the particulars about what to wear and where to drop off/pick up children.

- 2) Ms Rawlinson's class is organizing the annual collection of money for the Daily Bread Food Bank** again this year. It's always a good fit with the kindness and caring character trait for December

If you could please mention that Room 204 will be organizing, on behalf of the school, the collection of money donations for Toronto's Daily Bread Food Bank, December 11-22. We will be providing collection jars to each class as in previous years.

#### **3) Mme Gambin / Ms. Harte Holiday Mail**

Davisville has a longstanding tradition of a Holiday Mail program. It will be up and running again this year **beginning on Monday, December 11th and ending on Friday, December 22nd.**

For those of you who may be new, it's a time where **students develop and refine their letter writing skills by sending letters and cards to various students and staff throughout the school building.** Each hallway is given a designated street name (e.g., the office is Star Avenue, the adjacent hallway is rue Chocolat Chaud) and each room is given a number. Volunteer mail carriers sort and process and send the mail.

#### **4) PALS Conclusion - highlights of student voice and leadership**

Peer Tutoring Primaries on Mondays 12-1230, Juniors on Tuesdays 1130-12

We have reached maximum capacity and there is now a waiting list to join in. This is an opportunity for students in need to receive additional support with things like reading, writing math

and help with concepts. Students bring work to these sessions and grade 6 students are learning how to guide learners, ask provocative questions, and extend tasks to advance their comprehension.

### **5) Literacy Budget for French Immersion -**

I am happy to announce that dedicated team of FI teachers has come together to divide up the roles and responsibilities of fulfilling the resource needs of the French immersion department. We thank you for all of your support. We agreed with admin's recommendation to begin to diversify our resources to include tech/apps website subscriptions, along with more in the way of French culture, music, audio files and French games.

It was determined also for example that more novels sets were required in Junior FI, so I located a supplier and went to their store to identify 12-15 titles of interest. They also offer teacher discounts of 15%

6) Junior English 2000\$ Budget As a staff, we felt it would be best to ensure Junior English had greater access to this budget and so they are beginning to come together to discuss needs/wants for their program. At our next parent council meeting, I intend on sharing more information and developments with you.

7) Spirit week

8) Collaborative Inquiry

CI dates for staff release are **Monday December 18th and Tuesday December 19th**. Math focused and twofold: Professional development and student growth and achievement.

6 threads of inclusive design areas of professional development focii:

- 1) Student voice
- 2) Engaging parents, families and community
- 3) Analyzing data
- 4) Designing instruction
- 5) Establishing the environment as third teacher
- 6) Building leadership capacity

### **Administration report (Shona Farrelly)**

#### **Music**

*(In Anthem News)* - 30 members of the junior choir went and sang the

National Anthems at a Raptors Game in November; 50 members of the junior choir had the opportunity to record 3 versions of the Canadian National Anthem with 50 members of Cardinal Carter High School and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra which will be sent to all the schools within TDSB; finally Mme. Andreasen's class (via Mr. Shragge's music program) will be singing the Anthems at a Toronto Marlies Game on December 17th. Tickets are still available.

*(Other Music news)* - Several students from both Music programs sang and played instruments at the first annual Tree Lighting at the Holiday Market next door. It was so great to see everyone there enjoying some festive cheer.

### **The New School**

*Transportation Committee* - We had our first meeting on November 30th; parent rep Steph Chadda will be making a report tonight.

*Transition Committee* - Our first meeting is scheduled for December 13th (5:00 - 7:00 here at the school).

### **Requests to move to another school**

We have had a few calls from neighbouring English schools letting us know some of our families are calling about registering at a new school for September 2018. Please know that most schools in this area are closed for Optional Attendance which means they can not accept students outside their catchment area. If you do happen to find a school that has limited Optional Attendance and your child is accepted at a new school, the new school becomes the home school. You give up your right to return to Davisville. Students in French Immersion are placed into a program. Like when the issues arose with John Fisher, students were permitted to return to their English Home School, but not move into another French Immersion program. I have been told the same will hold true for Davisville.

### **Lates and Holidays**

We continue to struggle with late arrivals everyday. Please do your very best to help your children arrive before the final bell. If you are entering via the front door, this means your child is late and needs a slip to go to class.

We have had a huge number of families come forward letting us know they are going on holidays. Please note that if your child is absent for 15 school days, they are demitted from the school and their classroom. A new

registration is required upon your return and your child will not necessarily go back into the class they left. This is because we have “rolling enrolment”. This means we have students who leave the school to go to another school on a regular basis. We also have many students who register in our school on a regular basis. We fill the spots with the vacancies. We are flexible to try and place the child in the same class, but it is often not possible. Please keep in mind that school is 194 days. We cherish each day your child is with us.

### **Childcare Survey Grade 5 English only**

Students in Ms. Chong’s class will be receiving a childcare survey that is looking towards grade 6 at Hodgson. They are due back to the main office by December 15th.

### **Kindergarten Open House Information**

We have a tentative February 6, 2018 date. TDSB is moving to an online registration form which will be rolled out soon. Watch for more details to follow.

### **Treasurer's Report (Wendy Bhim)**

See attached

### **Hot Lunch**

We're starting Rose Reisman hot lunch in January. Gillian Goldblatt and Patricia researched. Starting with Tuesdays, if successful, we'll add Thursdays. Sample menus passed around. Financial support available and additional 'free' lunches will be provided.

### **After school activities**

Gillian and Patricia have investigated further after school programs. DIY and Glee have currently very low enrollment. In winter term, we'll be offering Logics Academy and Mad Science. Programs will run Tuesdays and Thursdays. For Grades 1-6.

### **Marlies Game**

Over 100 tickets already sold.

### **Winter Concert**

There will be no bake sale.

### **Transportation Committee Meeting (Steph Chadda)**

debating assigned vs non-assigned buses, the preference is for assigned buses. Next mtg will be in January. Discussed routes. Transportation application forms will go out to entire school.

## **Other Business**

### **Transition**

Shona indicated that she has been allocated no additional support staff for the transition and they are scrambling. On June 29, school will be decommissioned, everything has to be out by then. Mover has not yet been determined. Parents have offered to help organize move on a weekend.

Lost and Found – all items will be donated in January

Carneval- March 1

Fun Fair – Saturday June 2