

Minutes from Council Meeting, January 16, 2018

Attending: Tamara Kolber, Heidi Kerney, Anne Mullins, Dave Wells, Christine Kilby, Tanya Murdoch, Shona Farrelly, Naomi Buck, Wendy Bhim, Jason Chaves, Violeta Rangel, Naduly Figliano, Morgan Hedges, Dalany Martin (?), Sinead Harrington, Ashish Phatak, Thiago Ferrari (?), Yvonne Asekunowo, Lynne Leblanc, Cindy Wasser, Roopa S, H Reddy, Srianu, Ulrica Jobe

No Staff Report

Admin Report

1. **Curriculum Update** – Our first group of staff members will be taking part in a half day Renewed Math Strategy planning session. The plans from this will then be shared with staff as we move forward with our collaborative inquiry. Staff will be released for a total of one day (cut into 2 quarter days and one half day). Tomorrow I am attending a Vision Building workshop all day at Apple Canada. This is in connection to making technology more seamless in our schools but not connected to Apple products. There are 2 more days when I will be bringing Susan Johnson and Denis Bell with me to develop a school wide plan. Speech Arts for both English and French are upcoming. Island School is also coming up on January 29th.
2. **Staffing update** – We have a new interim vice principal, David Hampton, who has joined us and will likely be with us until the end of April. He will be with us 4 days a week so we can keep him the extra month. If Cecile is still on leave, another retired person will be sought to fill the gap. Jinsun Park and Jessica Galati have gone on maternity leave. Seema Khanna has replaced Jinsun until the job is posted. Christina Janetos is filling in for Jessica Galati for now. Emily Hultquist will be leaving us on February 16th. Her job is currently advertised. The fulltime secretary position currently being shared by Anne and Alyne is now posted and interviews will be upcoming. Paula Dasouza, one of our LRS, has resigned. We have a variety of substitutes coming just now.
3. **Transportation/Transition Committees** – The transportation committee has its next meeting on January 23rd. We are hoping to have a person from transportation with us for this meeting as we work through the routing for next year. Please email any questions/concerns to any committee member. The transition committee is still on hold as we are still unclear about when we will have access and to which parts of the building.
4. **Optional Attendance** – I have been hearing from parents and from principals in neighbouring schools that families are asking to move their children into a different school so as to avoid bussing for 2 years. Every child has the right to attend the public school in their geographic area. Families can apply under optional attendance to go to another school. However, you can only apply to schools that are designated either “limited” or “open”. The application must be signed by David or I and received by the new school by Friday, 16 February 2018. Parents/guardians will be informed of acceptance or non-acceptance no later than March 9, 2018, and parents/guardians must

inform the requested school of their acceptance of the offer by Friday, 23 March 2018. Please note that if you accept another placement, you do give up your right to return to Davisville.

5. **Time of day next year** – David and I will be meeting with the staffing committees from both DPS and SA to discuss bell times for next year. We need to align our schedules for the 2 years we are there for bussing reasons. We are looking at possibly moving to a later start (9:00) and possibly adjusting the lunch hour (depends on after school programming as well). If you have any strong thoughts either way, please email me.
6. **Support for the move** – each teacher has been given a half day at this site and the new site with 2 movers each. The office has now been given 3 weeks of additional time to help manage the move. A request has now gone forward asking for an additional administrator for next year. Support has also now been confirmed for later this year. What that looks like is to be determined.
7. **Fundraising for another program** – I've been involved with the Vision Department for about 15 years. I started when I was a VP here and we had a program for students who are deaf. I am still in contact with them. (Read letter). Thoughts?
8. **Kindergarten Open House – February 6th**. Several staff have already signed up to do the presentation. This year there is an online option for registration, but you still need to book an appointment to review the registration and show original documents as proof of address etc. Shivani will be hosting a “kiosk day” on Feb 13th to help any parents/guardians interested in completing the form on line. February 14th and 15th will be in person registrations and document days. We will have an additional secretary on hand those days.
9. **Gary** – a seemingly homeless graduate of the school has been sleeping on school property (a kindergarten playground). He has created no problems and always clears out before children arrived. We discussed ways of supporting him. Tanya Murdoch suggested setting up a mail box to allow for communication.

Treasurer's Report (Wendy Bhim)

We currently have just under 47.5k in our bank and 8.5k in our Donations account with TDSB.
A total of 56k
For the period we have spent just under 11400.

Some expenses included

825.00 - Music
810.00 - Athletics – (Cross Country Buses)
811.00 Class Enhancement
1900.00 – Classroom Start up material
93.00 – ESL
750 – Field Trips
1200 – Food Literacy
621.00 – French Literacy

200 – Games Night
850 – In-class seminars
3000 – Pizza Lunch
150.00 – Silent Auction from last year

This month we have deposited 7500.

3700 in Marlies tickets

2500 on Pizza Lunch

1450 on our Direct Ask Fundraiser

Fundraisers

If you have made a donation and requested a tax receipt it is current being processed.

Our Direct Ask Fundraiser raised just under 10k

Our Teachers have spent just over 20% of funds allocated to their classrooms from field trips, in class seminars and class enhancement. 20k left to spend.

Other Expenses

8k on Literacy kits

4k on Tech Resources

2k on French resources

3.5 on Guest Honorariums

4 on music, dance, library

2.5 on Graduation

School Safety

We need to improve the situation on Millwood. Too many accidents waiting to happen.

Hot Lunch

Program started today. First day a total success, if that continues the program may be expanded.

Subsidies are available.

After school activities

24 enrolled for Logics Academy, some spots still available. Mad Science starts Thursday. Bursaries available for both programs.

Skate Night on Feb 9, 6:15 – 8:15 at Hodgson, volunteers needed: ice marshals and people to help with bake sale.

Carnival will be March 1 during school day. Volunteers needed.

Fun Fair will also require volunteers. Dave Wells chairs committee.