

**Davisville Public School Council Meeting**  
**February 22, 2018**  
**7pm**

**In Attendance:** Tamara Kolber, Violeta Rangel, Nachely Gifliano, Sarah Jane Wells, Anya Laskin, Ammeyleyla Gholami, Tanya Murdoch, Lara Friedlander, Ulrica Jobe, Renata Vaccaro, Jacsom Jose Chaves, Wynsome Walker, Farah Namazi, Lynne Leblanc  
Staff: Denis Bell, Lisa Potter

**Welcome Remarks**

**Administrative Report: (Ms. Farrelly, presented by Mr. Bell)**

1. My apologies for not being here tonight, I had a previous commitment. Thank you to Mr. Bell for reading my notes and bringing back any questions.
2. Garry – Things seem to be going very well. Thank you to all our parents and students who have been supporting Gary either with kind letters, food, gift cards and other items. He has written back to the school twice. He is very appreciative of all the support. I have invited him to meet with me to discuss other ways we can support him. I will keep you updated.
3. Community liaison Police Visit – about half the school has been done and the other half is still to come this is a program that we do every year. Each grade focuses on a different topic.
4. Visionary Leadership – I've gone to day 1, our next meeting is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Its called building momentum. May 15<sup>th</sup> is called re-imagining learning. Denis Bell and Susan Johnson will be attending with me in March and May. The focus is on the TDSBs new global competencies which will be reflected in the new reporting system next year. Right now our school is focusing on global citizenship and character. We are building a portfolio to show how our school is already engaging in global citizenship.
5. Renewed math strategy – Patricia Chong, Denis Bell, Laurance Bogner and Kisrene McKenzie from Spectrum Alternative will be engaging in cross school learn with Brown P.S and Oriole Park P.S under the leadership of Julia Atkins.
6. Transportation Update – we have worked with Staff to determine our new school times for next year. It is from 9:00 am to 3:45 pm with a 65 minute lunch hour to accommodate extra-curricular programs. Our next transportation committee meeting is on February 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns about transportation please email any one of the committee members, myself included.
7. First Aid – Susan Johnson and Dan Schenkman have just completed a 2 day first aid course. They have been added to the first responders list of the school.
8. Saudi Arabia – there is a delegation of teachers and principals coming to Davisville the morning of March 1<sup>st</sup>. The focus will be on Spectrum, but they will also be seeing our fabulous Carnival day. Tina Tiralongo, Erin Reinelt, Christina Janetos and myself will be hosting teacher

candidates from Saudi Arabia in April and May.

9. Kindergarten Open House – Thanks to all the kindergarten staff that attended or worked behind the scenes to make this a very successful open house. The on-line registration went very well.
10. Skate Night – it was awesome. Thanks to our parent volunteers who helped make it such a success. Thanks also to our fundraisers who set up the on-line camp program.
11. Staffing – we have lost 2 Lunchroom Supervisors to fulltime jobs. We are sad to see Suchitra and Lizbeth go, but are thrilled they now have fulltime work. We are interviewing now to replace them. Ms. Hultquist has been replaced by Mr. Telgez. He will be with us until the end of the year. Mr. Brown, Mr. Hampton and Mr. Howlett are still with us while Ms. Robertson is off. This will go until the end of April. At that time, if needed, new retired administrators will be brought in.
12. The move – I went yesterday to look at assigning the classes in our new building. I will be going back again on March 6<sup>th</sup> to fine tune the plans. I continue to have bi-monthly conference calls with the Superintendent, the Trustee and facility services. We are looking at Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. as our Community meeting. There should also be a “Project Bulletin” coming just before March break.
13. When we return from March break, the new staffing numbers will come in and we will be looking to meet with the parent reps as soon as that happens. These parent reps will be looking at the student and staff numbers and helping us develop potential staffing models for next year. A staffing model is simply how the school is set up (how many kindergarten classes, primary and junior classes, straight and combined grades). It’s a really interesting process and we value parental input.
14. Thanks.

#### **Staff Report: Mr. Bell and Ms. Potter**

- **French and English speech arts** French: Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, periods 3-4 in the gym. Parents of those finalists are invited. Hosted by M Bell. Winner advances to the East Education Centre on March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - **English:** Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, periods 3-4 in the gym. Hosted by Ms. Gray and Mme Mantello. Winner advances to the area finals at Brown PS on March 6<sup>th</sup>
- **CI next steps** ( timeframe establish, waiting on dates), collaboration with teachers from other schools
- **Student leadership - grade 6** - Students have prepared a math baseball league for junior students and round robin games are underway, followed by a playoff tournament. Please see poster outside the gym.
- **Literacy Order** much of this has been completed by teachers
- **Junior Kiwanis today:** students received Gold standing, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### **Staff Report: Ms. Francesca reported by Mr. Bell**

1. Mr. Jegede and I will be hosting a Gr.4-6 Basketball Drop In every Wednesday morning at 8am (until

approx end of March). Students must have a signed permission form to participate. A lunch drop in will be added if the numbers are really high.

2. Next competitive sport is Co-Ed Badminton (for girls and boys in Gr.5&6 only) - Tryouts start in March.

3. Also... I have organized that Davisville participate in "Play Your Part" again this year:

*Play Your Part is a Right to Play initiative that delivers play-based educational programming to improve children's lives around the world, and Play Your Part is our chance to share their inspiring stories here at home. Last year, through this program, many of our junior students applied to become Junior Play Your Part Leaders who attended a training workshop that prepared them for leadership opportunities here at Davisville. They helped to run our character ed assemblies as well organized fundraising events and our Davisville Play Day all while educating our community on important global issues.*

Our assembly for all gr.3-6 students will be on Tuesday March 6th, followed by an all day workshop for 20-30 of our grade 4-6 students who will be our school leaders for several initiatives this year.

4. Lastly: Looking for parents who have a keen interest and/or expertise in track and field who would like to volunteer to help coach some of the events this year. Please contact Francesca ([francesca.piccione@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:francesca.piccione@tdsb.on.ca)). Please note: Parent volunteer coaches must get a community coaching card (involves attending a 1.5hr course, but you only need to do it once and it valid for any future coaching endeavors with the board). \*Council may consider funding to bring coaching opportunity on site.

### **Staff Report: Ms. Chong (reported by Mr. Bell)**

On Feb 20th, the grade 5 students from Ms. Chong's class went on a Social Studies trip downtown to Toronto City Hall where they met and greeted Mayor John Tory and Governor General (Her Excellency, The Right Honourable) Julie Payette, who was kicking off her first official tour of Ontario in Toronto. Then students went back in time and learned about Toronto's first mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie at the Mackenzie House. Our class will have another trip downtown to the Queen's Park Legislature in the spring. The photos attached are official photos taken by the Toronto City Hall photographer. Davisville's involvement was also featured in the Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, City News, and Bayview News.

Re: Robotics - The robot shipments have finally arrived. I'm just trying to get my head wrapped around all of them and will work with Mme Bogner and Mme Potter to show teachers how to incorporate robotics into teaching 21st century global competencies.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

See attached

### **Carnavale, Fun Fair:**

-have many volunteers for Carnavale

-volunteers needed for many aspects of fun fair, including marketing, volunteer coordinator

-Fun fair is saturday June 2

**Visual Impairment Funding:**

- Students with visual impairments are integrated into classrooms. For field trips, students with visual impairments try to go together from all schools, however costly for transportation (\$1000). Suggestion for a toony drive to assist.
- Motion for Toony Drive: Ulrica Jobe, Seconded by Wynsome Walker

**Approval of minutes:** abstain to next meeting

**Motion to Adjourn:** Anya Laskin, seconded by Lynne Leblanc

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8pm

Next Meeting March 27, 2018, 7pm.