

Davisville Parent Council Meeting
Glebe Road Church
Tuesday October 16, 2018
7pm

Attendees: Shona Farrelly (Principal), Brandon Culakovski (Vice Principal), Fay Chang (POR, Position of Responsibility), Lisa Potter (POR), Anna Gibson (Staff), Heidi Kerney, Gillian Goldblatt, Farah Namazi, Christine Kilby, Anya Laskin, Lynne LeBlanc, Tanya Murdoch, Wendy Bhim, Julie Kelk, Alexis McBride, Morgan Winton Hedges, Wynsome Walker, Amber LePage-Monette, Anne Mullins, Val Upfold, Michelle Venton, Alison Stanley, Chris Thompson, Philip Birmingham, Marc Hoekema, Teresa Beevor, Patti Jardine, Violeta Rangel, Tim Caillbert, Patrick Robinson, Franca DiSalvo, Anita Huang Teshima, Aleksandra Djeikic, Melissa Gould-Wise,

WELCOME, LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND INTRODUCTIONS

7:00PM –

7:05PM

I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is situated upon traditional territories. These territories include the Wendat, the Anishinabek (A NISH NA BECK) Nation, the Haudenosaunee (HOE DENA SHOW NEE) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit and the Metis Nation. I would also like to recognize the enduring presence of Aboriginal peoples on this land.

Principal's Report: Ms. Shona Farrelly

1. **Status of the old building** – while it may not look like anything is happening at 43 Millwood Road, please know that there is a great deal of internal demolition happening now and the external demolition is expected to start by mid-November. We have requested TDSB “harvest” 150 bricks from the old building to incorporate into our “time capsule” and as a fund raiser. We have also asked TDSB to harvest the wood from the 125 year old silver maple in the big yard and from the “knotty” climbing tree outside the exit by the parking lot. We hope to have student and parent input into uses of the harvested wood.
2. **Status of the current building** – as we settle into our new temporary home, we are happy to announce that all the new water fountains have been installed; a new card access system has been installed (this will be up and running as soon as we all have our new cards); and the gyms floors are also being repaired. We hosted a Community Meeting on September 27th for the residents in the Vaughan Road area. It was very lightly attended so we ended up having a very positive round table discussion around working together and partnering for shared use at this site. We are pleased to be entering into a gardening partnership to take care of the flowers at the front of the building and we have already met with City of Toronto Representatives to start discussions on how we can open the building to more community use during the summer months and after school hours.
3. **Status of the new building** – many of you have been asking about the status of the new school. On October 10, 2018 there was a motion at the Board of Trustees meeting where a recommendation to hire Percon Construction to be the contractors to construct the replacement school building and below grade parking was presented. Funding must be approved before a construction contract can be signed.

Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC) continues to work with the City of Toronto to create a Shared Use Agreement regarding use of the expanded gym and below grade parking. The TDSB feels confident that these negotiations are going very well and they hope to have an agreement and a release of the current \$6.8M that the City has committed for the below grade parking by around the end of this month. Should TDSB be unable to secure a commitment from the City for the full costs attributed to the work required for the City owned and operated aquatic center, TDSB

will approach the Ministry for additional funding to cover the entire cost premiums related to the City request.

The TDSB has sent in a resubmission of the original Site Plan Approval. The City had originally asked for more land as an access point for servicing the future aquatic center. This is no longer a request from the City. The TDSB is comfortable adding a holding place marker on the Site Plan Approval for a future aquatic center that would be funded by the City.

It is important to note that the TDSB feels we are on track to have construction of the new building to commence in November and that we are still on track to open September 2020.

4. We are thankful to have 11 parent volunteers stepping forward to set up a Diwali celebration on November 2nd. Diwali is actually on Nov 7th but most families will take the day off. We have well over 100 students celebrating this holiday. Last year School Council paid for some of the raw food items that the volunteers then made into yummy treats for all students. Is Council okay with doing this again this year? They have also asked about the possibility of using the snack volunteer shuttle on the 2nd to get set up.
5. Snack program – we are so thrilled to have this program again this year, but we are VERY short on volunteers. We would love to have more help so that the snack can be delivered directly to classrooms as in the past. We are struggling with some students not being respectful and taking snacks from other classes or taking more than the allotment from within their classes. We want to make sure all children have access to snack every day. If you can help, please connect with Nachely or Treya.
6. Davisville has once again been asked to participate in the Annual Poppy Kick Off. It will either be the grade 6 class at Davisville or we may look to Spectrum students.
7. Halloween – an interested group of staff are putting together the logistics of this day. We will be hosting non-Halloween (but fun) events in the Library for students who do not participate. There will also be a parade, but the parade will take place in the yard, around the track. We don't know the area well enough to go out as a full school yet. Once staff have determined the details, they will be shared with families.
8. Picture Day retakes and all class photos happen on October 29th.
9. We've already had a half day visit from our 2 Learning Coaches. They met with 3 grade groups on October 11th. We will be bringing them back for future sessions once we've met with our Central Coordinating Principal who is coming in on the 24th.

Q: Who to connect with regarding status of new building? Steve Shaw.

Vice Principal's Report: Mr. Culakovski:

- Making himself visible and around to support the kids
- Math: see attachments
 - PA day: ½ day compliance training, ½ day math. Attachment introduces new math direction for the ministry. In the last 3 or 4 yrs looking at renewed math strategy. Focus on inquiry based problem solving for math. Parent guide to fundamentals to bridge old and new. Mental math strategies, proficiency w/ addition, subtraction, multiplication, automaticity in our students w/ respect to math skills.
 - Movement from rote learning in math. Fundamental math is not rote learning, must also understand meaning in math-financial literacy, reasonableness of our answers, estimations in real life application.
 - As students approach higher grades often see struggles with the fundamentals of math.
- EQAO results: see attached, recommendation to look at EQAO.com for further data
- Bus:

- a) schedule: happy, have worked out internal issues, continue to have some challenges regarding bus company, drivers, protocols, connection between transportation department and bus company, not enough drivers
- Student behaviour on busses is a challenge. “Its like a schoolyard w/o supervision”. Please reiterate to your children that there is no climbing over seats, no switching seats. Mr. C has reinforced with drivers to use their pink slips as needed

Staff Report: Lisa Potter

- Ms. Heath: Music Dept
 - Both Primary and Junior choir have started and that I handed out permission forms last week and still waiting for a number of forms to be signed by parents and returned. Please check your child's backpack.
 - Both Choirs are performing at the RemembranceDay assembly and we have entered and are waiting for acknowledgement to participate in the TDSB Choral Festival in November.
 - If there are any parents that want their child to be in the choir I am still accepting new members at this point (until next week). The Primary Choir meets on Tuesdays at lunch and the Junior Choir meets on Thursdays at lunch.
- Ms. Rawlinson: Lost and Found
 - There are now tow large tables and two bins to accommodate all the lost items. The reason for so many lost items? Very few items have names on them! Please ask parents to label EVERYTHING with the child's Full Name using permanent marker or purchased custom labels. Swim bags should hav ehte child's name on the OUTSIDE of the bag. W will begin to throw out any unlabelled food containers, as earlier in the year there were flies and bugs around the rotting food.
 - If there is a name on a hoodie for example, the child's name will be put on the outside with masking tape so it can be identified easily.
 - Anything left unlabelled and on the lost and found table will be donated after a 30 day period.
- Mr. Baillie and Ms. Comor: Boys Volleyball
 - There will be tryouts this week for grade 5 and 6 boys volleyball. A reminder will be made in the morning announcements. Regular practices start next week.
- Ms. Francesca: Girls Basketball
 - There are over 60 girls participating in this years basketball program. There is even a potential for a tournament. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements
- Ms. Harte and Ms. Harnick: Cross Country
 - All the students represented the school very well at each meet. We have 5 students moving on to the city finals. We are very appreciative to all of the parents who volunteered their time to help us with practices and at the meets.
- Eco Club: will meet on mondays, first meeting next week

Treasurers Report: Wendy Bhim

- We currently have just under 55K
- **For the period (August 1 – October 15, 2018) we have spent 7100.00**
- These expenses include:
 - From our 2017/2018 school year
 - 419.00 for in-class seminars (an expense from last year)
 - 715.00 for a school wide performance
 - 200.00 from fun fair
- This year we have spent

- 54.00 – Class enhancement (Bogner)
- 1810 – Athletics (new Davisville tent)
- 100 – donation to sick kids
- 110 – on police checks
- 3600 - Pizza
- In the time period from Aug 1 to Oct 15 we have deposited 38900.00 on Pizza Lunch
Further breakdown - Pizza
Each week pizza cost: 1100/week - (700 for pizza and 400 on juice and snack). There are 32 pizza Fridays. Pizza will cost approximately 35000 for the year.
Some parents have only signed up from September to December and may sign up again in January. Pizza will gross 25000.
- Our budget committee has a meeting scheduled on October 25th to review and finalize our budget.
- see attached

Council Chair: Heidi Kerney

- Feedback has been collected re: allocating funds in preparation for October meeting. Plan due to board by October 31
- Ms. Farrelly has sent information to staff and received 1 response
- School statement of needs form: Heidi will contact voting members of council re: SSON, it will be submitted for this year
- School Council Insurance: We have not taken out insurance policy in the past. Heidi is motivated to do so now as council is hosting meetings off of TDSB site. Insurance rate is \$150/year. Any feedback welcome. Heidi supported by those in attendance.
- PRO Grant Funds – are to be disbursed in Sept. – Ministry is reviewing all received applications including the joint application submitted in June by DPS and MCPS – Myself and Sarah Claydon (Chair at Cody) had this event booked and decided to keep the date as we want to encourage participation between Hodgson feeder schools and feel that the topic is important – please join! Wed. Oct 17th at 7pm – Cody gym.
- Library volunteers: Library is up and running. Need volunteers for books to shelve
- Specialized programs w/in TDSB: Heidi will send these out
- Heidi will also look to establish a new building committee after Municipal elections

Health and Wellness Committee Report: Wynsome Walker

- Co partner attended first meeting last night. New committee w/in TDSB will be meeting monthly w/ Parent reps. 20 attendees at meeting.
- **PIAC Parents Make A Difference Conference 2018: November 17, 2018**
 - PIAC's 12th Annual Parent conference is coming to Earl Haig S.S. on Saturday, November 17th. "All TDSB parents and guardians are welcome to join us for this free event and take part in our workshops, keynote speaker presentation, information marketplace, networking opportunities and more!"
 - http://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/Community/images/PIAC_Parent_Involvement_Conference_Poster.jpg
- Nov. 28, 2018: "Mindful Parenting" presented by Sue Hutton at Lawrence Park CI from 6:30 - 8:30
- April 6, 2019: the annual "Parents at Partners" Conference open to all TDSB parents

Melissa Gould-Wise: Talk to candidates now vs later re: how they will support us? Heidi recommends

Facebook page TDSBSchoolCouncils

Question: any possibility of play structure? Answer (Shona Farrelly): no, we are purchasing loose materials, kids are happy

Ms. Farrelly: There is no lead in the water/pipes.

Motion to approve minutes: Wendy Bhim, Gillian Goldblatt, seconded by Teresa Beevor, Michelle Venton

Motion to adjourn: Morgan Winton-Hedges, Seconded by Amber Lepage, Michelle Venton

Meeting Adjourned 8:37pm

Next Meeting: November 13, 2018