

## **DAVISVILLE PS @ VRA SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA – TUESDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.**

**Location: Glebe Church – 20 Glebe Road East**

**Attendees:** Heidi Kierney (Council Chair), Brandon Culakovski (Principal), Tina Tiralongo (Staff), Morgan Hedges, Anya Laskin, Dan Collins, Amie Luckock, Amber Lepage-Monette, Tanya Murdoch, Alison Stanley, Pauline Yoon, Patricia Disperati, Melissa Gould Wise, Wynsome Walker, Anne Mullins, Josete Lamoureux, Shana Shubs, Julie Kell, Alexis McBride, Valerie Boyce, Carolyn Scott.

### **1. WELCOME, LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND INTRODUCTIONS**

"We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognise the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples."

### **2. APPROVE MINUTES (NOV.)**

Motion to approve minutes: Wynsome Walker and Anne Mullins.

### **3. PRINCIPALS REPORT – BRANDON CULAKOVSKI**

#### **- General Announcements:**

- Shona is away this week
- Events: crazy hat day on December 20 and recognition assembly
- Pajama day on December 21<sup>st</sup> – movie and fun day
- It is getting cold outside – be mindful to send kids with appropriate clothing
- Label everything: clothes, mittens, hats
- Lost and found has numerous items found with no labels. Thanks to Mrs. Rawlinson for her continued efforts on the lost and found table!

#### **- Information Items:**

##### **- Staffing update:**

- We will be welcoming Kavern Lopes Cenac back from leave after the break. She will be taking over for Mme. Doucette in the FI 1/2 who we thank for her hard work.
- We have had a lot of difficulty finding a teacher for the FI 6 vacancy so we have filled from within using the expertise of Mme Mantello who will assume the French Language responsibilities along with M. Kule, and M. Shragge. This plan provides more than the required 50% of French language instruction. We recognize that this has not been ideal. We cannot confirm who will take on the English portion but feel great about the plan going forward. Mme. Noel will not be returning- we wish her luck in her future endeavours.

Q: Are you trying to hire a full-time position teacher? A: yes, will be a full.

Q: when will there be feedback about kids in FI 6 are doing academically? A: reporting in February – will try to have someone and try to have a plan, Mr C acknowledges that feedback will be challenging in view of the various changes in teachers. He believes kids will not have strong French vocabulary. The program is same in French and English streams, so the class is receiving instruction. Reporting period as defined by ministry, but maybe parents need to check with homeroom teacher. There will be a collaboration of all teachers to provide best assessment possible.

Q: is there formal testing? A: advice to teacher to plan what needs to be done, but not sure how. So need a snapshot, but not sure how it will be done.

- Holiday Mail has begun
  - o This is a letter writing campaign that allows students to send and receive holiday mail
  - o Typically this means hand cramps for the staff but also lots of smiles!!
- Dragon Points-
  - o This is a positive reinforcement system that focuses on the 5 choices to make Davisville Great
  - o Teacher give dots to fill a chart paper
  - o Positive reinforcement program happening. 5 choices that kids can do to improve behaviour – and make Davisville great. Kids chose the 5 tasks. Good tool to notice how students are interacting on a daily basis. Kids are excited about this initiative, that is spearheaded by 2 teachers. The idea is that it does give provide positive actions instead of disciplinary aspect. Allows for student voice and variance between grades.
- Winter Concert on December 19<sup>th</sup>
  - o Playbill in the process of being drafted. Will be shared later this week
  - o Parents asked to stay until the end- expected to be about 1 hour.
  - o Arrive at 6:30, begin at 7:00
  - o Please carpool if possible
  - o Clearly this is not a, “how’s my child doing?” opportunity

Q: The concert seems to be very small, not having all kids participating? A- Actually it is quite large, with both choirs. Kindergarten concert is separate are separate. Note that relocation caused teachers to slow down, so maybe even bigger one for spring concert. But nonetheless, this is a big concert.

- o Parents come in at 6:30 for 7pm start. Once there, be there for whole experience. Carpool, parking tight. Not opportunity to see how child are doing
- Transportation
  - o Snowpants -can be hard for kids to negotiate stairs/buses with them on. Suggest to tie onto backpack, dressing as a “cape”
  - o Continue to be vigilant with behaviour... my pink sheet count is way down... YAY!
  - o We are working on an email database to help with communications from the school. This is a huge undertaking so we thank Shivani for taking this on.
  - o Please discuss student behaviour at the drop-off locations with your child- be respectful
  - o It is getting dark and cold... is your child outfitted accordingly? maybe the reflective bands for kids in dark.
- Some Reading for Parents (I expect a report by the next meeting ☺)
- CBC article on “Parents (are) giving tons of their kids’ personal data away- and the long-term effects aren’t known”

Link: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/kids-digital-footprint-personal-data-1.4826929>

- Q: Why are kids not allowed to play on the hill? A: not allowed always. Safety issues. First, it is dirty and kids return to class all muddy, presenting slip and fall challenges. Thus, when area is

dry they can play but when muddy, then the kids are off. Hill will be available for “sliding”. Safety trumps the fun. Fence line was covered in hedges, that was cleaned but now there are twigs and debris. Someone will bring a rake to clean up. It is an opportunity to play but needs to ensure safety.

- Q: when they can play a playarea for the school yard? A: budget to buy outdoor equipment – skipping rope and things they can play. 2<sup>nd</sup> pole coming up. Playscape will not be coming up, as not part of budget. Suggestion about moving stuff for little kids. Equipment for Kinders.
- Bunkers coming up (3<sup>rd</sup> one) so can have outdoor equipment like little bikes.
- Currently, only have one basketball nets. Maybe can have more than one. A: not ideal, will look into, maybe in spring. May not be that expense (like in Hodgson).

#### **4. TEACHERS’ REPORT – TINA TIRALONGO**

\*A Reminder of our school Fundraiser for Toronto’s Daily Bread Food Bank. We will be accepting donations up until Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> (night of the concert)

From Nancy Rawlinson

\*We are asking parents to please please label ALL of your child’s and/or children’s belongings.

\*Ms. Rawlinson has been taking care of the lost and found table and has approx. 39 single gloves and some pairs BUT none of them have names on them!!

\*Ms. Fay Chang’s grade 1/2 class will be performing at the Winter Concert on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

\*Ms. Comor and Mr. Baillie took the grade 4 and 5 boys to a volleyball tournament at Annette Public School. The boys won a few sets and had a great time but unfortunately they will not be moving on.

\*To celebrate the end of the volleyball season, Ms. Comor and Mr. Baillie organized a teachers vs students volleyball game today at lunch. We all had a blast!!!

\* Our girls basketball tournament took place at Davisville. We had 18 girls divided into 2 teams. They participated in skill/drill developmental stations in the am that were run by our Spectrum grade 8s. And then played in tournament games with 2 other schools ... we finished 1st and 2nd!

Boys basketball season is under way with practices happening on Mondays and Thursdays at lunch. Same format of a developmental league will happen for the boys. Girls Volleyball will start in January.

From Ms. Francesca

- basketball: 18 girls, skills drills am, run by spectrum. In pm tournament for 2 schools, finished in 2<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Soccer: Monday, Thursdays and other days coming in January
- Girls volleyball in January, not sure of days.

Q: Tryouts? A: yes, but very good.

- Swimteam: tryouts for Grades 4-6 and 7, 8. Meet in April. Competition will happen in Harbord Collegiate where Grade 4-6 will compete in am, and grades 7-8 in pm.
- Team – cap on number on number of kids from each school. Limit how many entries a school has but a lot of opportunity and spots.

- Q: Exceptional students in grade 3 may be able to join the practices, but probably not able to compete.
- Q: possible join practices but not compete? A: Yes, kids needs to ask the teacher/instructors.

## 5. TREASURERS' REPORT –

WENDY/JULIE

\*Figures as of November 30, 2018

### Overall:

- \$41,075.51 in the bank
- \$9,353.60 in November expenditures
- \$213.84 in November receipts

### November expenditures included:

- \$3,077.66 Pizza
- \$48.05 Library
- \$1,210.43 Class Start-up/Enhancement
- \$258 Field Trip
- \$1694.77 Athletics (Transport)
- \$246.04 Pumpkin drive expenses
- \$2717.65 Lunch Art Program

### November revenues included:

- \$200 for pumpkin drive (sponsorship)
- \$13.84 Mabel's Labels (% of sales)

## 6. ECO CLUB – TANYA MURDOCH – WRAP FROM WINTER SWAP

EcoClub Davisville and Hodgson: 2 week with clothing drive with 2 swaps: The winners: almost all kids had 100lb of clothes. Pizza lunch for kids over skype on the same day.

Teachers for Hodgson can come over rather than DJPS go there.

EcoClub team had an audit – did really well. Auditors were very impressed. Apparently 2500lb of stuff.

New plans: Bike swap in spring. Maybe booksale.

## 7. CHAIR REPORT – HEIDI

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS – FALL – COUNCIL SUBSIDIZED \$2717.00 TOWARDS PROGRAMS

- NORTHERN KARATE – TOTAL APPROX. \$4200.00
- BAKE SALE AT WINTER CONCERT – DEC. 19<sup>TH</sup>  
Need volunteers, either for working shifts or providing baked goods.

## 8. LOOKING AHEAD – 2019

1. FAMILY JUMP NIGHT AT SKYZONE – W/ PIZZA PARTY (JAN 22,23 OR 24)
2. FEB -
  - a. CAMP AND CLASSES AUCTION – MELISSA WISE
  - o Silent auctions: with skate night – will try to expand auction offerings, looking for things as March break, birthday parties, adult classes. The hope is to double the amount raised.

- Q: when do you need to have it out? A as soon as possible, so that you can have promotion of the organization.
  - Melissa is working on auction webpage.
  - Contact Melissa and she can have the letter.
- b. SKATE NIGHT FEB 8<sup>TH</sup> – BAKE SALE –
  - c. MARLIES GAME FEB 10<sup>TH</sup> WITH Mr. SHRAGGES BAND in the intromission maybe opener
3. MARCH – FAMILY GAMES NIGHT (FREE) DATE TBD
  4. APRIL – SPRING SWAP DATE TBD
  5. SPRING AUCTION
  6. JUNE 1 – FUN FAIR – TENTATIVLEY AT JUNE ROWLANDS

Q: any idea how to get food for bake sale to school. How to drop off if not attending? A: not sure yet, but will be something that will be decided in the next few weeks.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

8:15PM – 8:25PM

- BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – FIRST DRAFT WRITTEN
  - **Christine Kilby and Dan** Collins: being reviewed by Heidi, will be put out of approval
- FINALIZING EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS FOR WINTER
  - Not up yet, as needs to have room allocations and space for teacher run clubs.
  - Robotics will not be part of it.
  - Parks and recs for lunchtime and afterschool programs was tried, but Heidi was not able to have it work, as there is a TDSB agreement that nothing can happen during school times. There have to be side bars agreement, where strict access and then city can staff it at different times. But needs to be discussed in advanced. Pools are another example – so as has pool, cannot do it. Will try again in the summer 2019.

**Mr C:** announcement re: winter regarding bus cancellation so plan in back of your minds. Call about cancellation by 6:30 am on the day of the cancellation. It is well advertised on news outlet as it is board wide. Always Toronto school and catholic. Happened 3-4 times last year, it will happen this year.

Presto cards for kids: TDSB initiative that is coming out soon. Will roll out through the school. Under the age of 12 is free.

**Anya Laskin:** re: library: Ms. Montello taking over grade 6, there is a need for volunteers to help with different tasks. Volunteer signup sheet – with daily schedule to see if can help. Will be sent out by class connectors.

Pizza lunch sing up is starting.

Always need volunteers.

## 10. THANK YOU AND NEXT MEETING DATE IS JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

Motion: Morgan Hedges and Wynsome Walker.

**ADJOURN**