

Davisville Jr. P.S. Parent Council Meeting
January 15, 2019
7pm
Glebe Road United Church

In Attendance: Heidi Kerney (Co-Chair), Gillian Goldblatt (Co-Chair), Shona Farrelly (Principal), Fay Chang (Staff), Anita Huang Teshima, Wynsome Walker, Melissa Gould-Wise, Amie Luckock, Renata Vaccaro, Anne Mullins, Anya Laskin, Lynne LeBlanc, Tanya Murdoch, Christine Kilby, Morgan Hedges, Julie Kelk, Connie Murdoch, Farah Namazi, M. Magne, Amber Lepage-Monette, Beata Strzyewtka-Szatan

Administrative Report: Shona Farrelly

Transportation – Stock has had a major staffing change at the managerial level; this has created a few additional challenges for us. Brandon is working with transportation on this. Please remind your children they are not to eat or drink (other than water from their water bottle) on the bus.

Illness – This winter has seen a spike in the flu in children. The TDSB policy is for parents to keep unwell children (this means 24 hours free of nausea, diarrhea and/or fever free without medication). We respect the fact that as parents we need to go to work; however, sending unwell children to school just means the germs spread. One of our JK/SK classes was short 9 students today due to illness.

Kindergarten Registration and Open House – the Open House will be on January 29th in the evening; online registrations happen during February. Please consider registering as early as possible as this is how our staffing is generated. Our formal registration days are Feb 19, 20 and 21st. All other registrations will take place in a “one of” scenario.

French Immersion and Extended French – the offers for SK have gone out. The program was oversubscribed again and so some in district Davisville families have been offered spots at O’Connor Public School. If you applied on time and haven’t received your offer yet, please double check your junk file. Extended French begins in grade 4. The online applications are available until February 4th.

Report cards – they are coming home on February 12th. Parent/Educator interviews take place the evening of February 14th (Happy Valentine’s Day) and the morning of February 15th. Please email your child’s teacher if you would like to request an interview.

Marlies Hockey – We have 2 different Marlies events in February.

On Sunday February 10th, (4:00 pm) Mr. Shragge’s musical group will be singing during the second intermission. Tickets will be available at School Cash on Line. This game is open to all students and their families.

On Wednesday February 20th, (11:00 am) the TDSB is having a Marlies event which we are attending. Tickets are available at School Cash on Line. Tickets are for students in grades 1 – 6 only. Ticket prices cover both admission and transportation. We have booked school buses for this event.

Swim team/classes – Ana, one of our swim instructors, will be away for 6 – 8 weeks starting on January 21st. We have found a replacement to start on January 29th; we continue to look for someone for the 21st – 29th. Swim classes and swim team will go ahead with Stan (our permanent Life Guard) and Arron (our replacement). The swim meets will take place in March and April. We have ordered silicone swim caps for the team. The caps have our school logo on them. They will come at a cost of \$17.00/cap. The

school can
students if they

help with funding should this be a barrier. Caps will also be available to
would like one (also at a cost of \$17.00).

The swim program will switch as of February 5th. If your child currently is currently in swim, they will be done as of February 4th. If your child has not yet had swim classes, their classes will begin on the 5th. Please have your child practice putting their bathing suit on taking it off (wet) in a timely fashion. Students are expected to be able to change independently. If your child has swim first period, you may want to consider having them put on their suit at home.

Spectrum's Open House is on January 30th for students currently in grade 6. It begins at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Report: Fay Chang

Winter Concert-We had our first concert at Vaughn Road Academy and it was a success!

There were a lot of growing pains figuring the logistics of our new space, but with the dedicated staff and parent volunteers, we have forged the path for future performances and anticipate even bigger and better shows in the future!

Dragon Points-Ms.Reinelt & Ms.Comor have implemented the new Dragon Points system at Davisville. Anytime a student or group of students are seen doing something positive, a BINGO dot is added to a poster. When the poster fills up, the student s earn a reward, like a dance party in the gym, or extended recess. We have already filled an entire poster and the students have chosen to celebrate with a dance party in the gym. It'll be happening on the afternoon of March 8! And the dots keep adding up daily!!! Teachers note it has made a difference in the tone of the school.

Volleyball-Mr. Baillie & Ms. Comor are starting volleyball for grade 4, 5 and 6 girls. The tournament will likely be for just grades 5 and 6's but 4's have been welcome to come to learn skills. Practices are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunch starting Jan 15.

Classroom Budgets -Some staff members are inquiring about classroom budgets for this year. They are looking to purchase some items for this year but are unaware of their budget.

Wish Lists-Staff submitted wish lists to the School Council in November. Some teachers are asking if there is any information regarding the approval and purchase times.

Lost & Found-The lost & found is overflowing again. All of the items left do not have full names. Some parents are putting first names only or initials. Unfortunately many students have the same first names.

First names or initials are not enough information for me when I attempt to return items, as I have to take the items to Laurie in the office and she searches the class lists to see which class the child is in.

These items will be on display until after parent interviews (Feb. 14 & 15). Then useable items will be donated. (There are a lot of single boots and single mittens/gloves.)

Technology-Bee Bot, JK/SK learn how to code and Ms. Chang will give a workshop to JK/SK teachers after report cards on how to use

Dash and Dot is for Junior students

Suggestions from Parents: student to learn dash and dot and pass on the learning?

Appetite to use dash and dot in a similar fashion of reading buddies? Admin: Reading buddies has evolved to learning buddies to do other activities, will suggest at staff meeting tomorrow

Q (Wynsome Walker): Update on old/new school?

A (Shona Farrelly): City approved all monies. Approval expected January 23, will be followed by

community meeting to provide an update. Projected start date at 43 Millwood still holds.

Treasurer Report: Julie Kelk:

As of December 31, 51K , see attached

Council Co-Chair Report: Heidi Kerney

Safety Flag System: Proposal for safety flag system in Davisville neighbourhood. Implemented by Blythwood PS, Rolph Road PS, Northlea PS. Maurice Cody PS to implement 1st week February, also being looked at at several other schools. Developed by kids at Northlea following passing of a fellow student at an intersection. Requesting release of funds to implement in our neighbourhood. Starting locations proposed: 1) Balloil and Pailton, 2) Crosswalk on Davisville Ave (across June Rowlands Park), 3) Crosswalk on Davisville (Davisville Ave, Arthur Meighan Building). If successful, expand to include Millwood and Acacia, Belsize and Tullis. City by-laws have been considered. Instructions for use will be on each flag. Staff offered to review use with students at assembly. Cost Total: \$369.80 for 3 stations. If approved next step to take to City Councillors office.

Administration offered Parent Engagement funds toward Safety Flag System

Motion to vote to approve use of funds identified by Ms. Farrelly: Approved by Anne Mullins, seconded by Gillian Goldblatt. All in favour, no opposed.

Parent Outreach Grant-We received funds for Parent Outreach Grant (was a joint effort with Maurice Cody to host Alyson Schafer in fall 2018)

FSLAC Report: Lynne LeBlanc (FSLAC alternate)

Parents very engaged and dedicated to success of french program in TDSB

All schools struggle to find qualified french teachers

- discussion re: issues in finding qualified French teachers. Appeal of occasional teacher vs. contract teacher. FSLAC is an organization that can advise regarding this issue. Advocacy opportunity for parents to connect with Lynne LeBlanc and mobilize a subcommittee. Heidi: perhaps obtain FSLAC schedule and cater subcommittee meetings accordingly.

Skate Night Silent Auction Update: Melissa Gould-Wise

Goal of 10K, 44 items and counting. Range from 30\$ to 800 so far. Thank you to everyone who has assisted in donations. Emails to come regarding auction preview/going live.

Library Update: Christine Kilby

Volunteers Needed: MorganHedges-to connect with Leo Beck re: volunteers. Advantages: quiet activity, sense of popular reading material, big impact in 20-30 minutes. Possible social monthly library dates. Working on video tutorial on how to volunteer in the library to make training more accessible.

Winter Concert Video: Tanya Murdoch

Have received 2 orders. Deadline is next week. Downloads pay for Tanya giving copies to teachers.

Starting an artists collective. Clothing swap with Hodgson. Applying for a grant. School council supports gradation and would be nice to have Grade 5 (English) and gr 6 contribute: Kids to sell upcycled wrist warmers and cup warmers to sell at skate night. Mme. Mantello and Casleman are on board.

Other Business

Skate Night: February 8, 6-8:30pm, bake sale.

Motion to approve minutes: Amie Luckock, Anya Laskin

Motion to adjourn: Amber Lepage-Monette, Julie Kelk

Meeting Adjourned 8:58pm.

Next meeting: Feb 12

Attachment: Treasurer's Report
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*Figures as of December 31, 2018

Overall:

-\$51,163.75 (ending balance)
-\$3,318.20 in December expenditures
-\$11,4572.80 in December receipts

December expenditures included:

\$2,879.68 Pizza
\$187.92 Multi-cultural celebration
\$55 Police Check
\$95.57 Class Enhancement
(\$100 petty cash float for Winter Bake Sale)

December revenues included:

-\$5339.50 Karate and Greenrock donation
-\$8,548.00 Pizza installments
-\$794.10 Winter Bake Sale