

Davisville Parent Council Meeting

Hodgson Middle School

Tuesday April 16, 2019

6:15pm

In Attendance: Heidi Kerney, Shona Farrelly, Brandon Culakovski, Cathy Macina, Tina Tiralongo, Tanya Murdoch, Morgan Hedges, Wynsome Walker, Anya Laskin, Michelle Venton, Lynne LeBlanc, Val Boyce, Alexis McBride, Amber LePage, Julie Kelk, Veer Chitturi, Sara Jane Wells

Welcome Remarks and Lands Acknowledgement: Heidi Kerney

"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."

Administrator's Report: Shona Farrelly

Staffing models and timing

Thanks so much to our 12 parent representatives who gave up their time to help us create our Phase 1 staffing models. These models were shared with staff and staff models were shared with this parent group. There was a great deal of amazing discussion even though no consensus was reached in either group. The Phase 1 model was approved by the Superintendent and tentative teaching positions were offered to returning contract staff.

This year is a different year in that the staffing is coming to us in two Phases. We anticipate the rollout of Phase 2 staffing (Vice Principal allocations, English as a Second Language staff, Learning Opportunities Index staff, Reading Recovery staff and any additional prep as a result of additional teaching staff) to take place the week of April 29th. This is 7 weeks later than usual. Support staff allocation (secretary, Office Administrators, Special Needs Assistants, Educational Assistants, Aquatic staff, and caretaking) will be released the week of May 13th. We have already received our 6.0 allocation for our Early Childhood Educators.

English Stream (Phase 1)

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| 1. FDK JK/SK | 4.0 positions | + each position with a DECE |
| 2. Grade 1 | 1.0 position | |
| 3. Grade 1/2 | 2.0 positions | |
| 4. Grade 2/3 | 2.0 positions | |

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| 5. Grade 3/4 | 1.0 position | (grade 4 to the 4 for French) |
| 6. Grade 4 | 1.0 positions | Prep payback (TBD) |
| 7. Grade 4/5 | 2.0 positions | Prep payback (TBD) |
| 8. Physical Education and Health | 1.0 position | |
| 9. Music/Drama | 1.0 position | |
| 10. Core French | 0.5 position | |
| 11. Library | 0.5 position | |
| 12. CBRM/HSP/Resource/MART | 1.0 position | |

French Stream (Phase 1)

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| 1. FDK SK FI | 2.0 positions | + each position with a DECE |
| 2. Grade 1FI | 1.0 position | |
| 3. Grade 1/2 FI | 2.0 positions | |
| 4. Grade 2/3 FI | 1.0 position | |
| 5. Grade 3 FI | 1.0 position | |
| 6. Grade 3/4 FI | 1.0 position | |
| 7. Grade 4/5 FI | 2.0 positions | |
| 8. Grade 6 FI | 1.0 position | |
| 9. Physical Education/Health | 1.0 position | |
| 10. Music/Drama | 1.0 position | |
| 11. CBRM/Resource/MART FI | 1.0 position | |

Our process to tentatively place students into classes for next year will not take place until the end of May or early June this year. Classroom staff come together to set up balanced classes in terms of gender, language and math grades, social/emotional concerns and special education support. We look at each grade as a whole on at least 2 different occasions for any changes that might be needed. However, parents have already started to email teachers and administrators asking for specific teachers and/or friends for next year. We do not accept requests for specific teachers, DECEs or friends. It is also important to note that we have had to undergo reorganization every year which means students also change classes. Everything is tentative until after Reorganization Day which takes place in September. We will review this in more detail once Phase 2 has been completed.

Administrative Report: Cathy Macina

EQAO:

Grade 6 (and likely grade 3) will administer test May 22/23/24, with makeups the following week. Teachers have started working on EQAO style questions. Website will include sample

questions and exemplars. There will be lots of snacks on test days, and look at accommodations as needed. Everyone is encouraged to write the test.

Administrative Report: Brandon Culakovski

Graduation: Graduation for Grades 5 and 6 will take place on Monday June 24th. This will be an afternoon event with details to follow. It is important to note that Glenview has their grad that evening and Hodgson is the evening of the 26th so we were doing our best to avoid conflicts.

Unleashing Learning: This is a TDSB leadership event. Davisville will be sending two teachers (Tina and Lisa) along with VP Cathy for the day. The event has keynote speakers and workshops that unveil/support TDSB direction pertaining to Equity, Achievement and Well-being. This is a fantastic event that will allow our school leadership team to develop a greater sense of TDSB system direction, than bring this experience back to our staff.

Pool update: Crews are working on the boiler and heat exchange systems. We hope to have the pool back up and running tomorrow but the crew could not guarantee this timeline.

Remembrance for the Yonge Street Van attack will be April 23rd. This will be an annual event to honour the victims that will take place on the school day closest to April 23rd.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Kelk

-Council semi-annual financial report. Reflects revenue and expenses from Aug 1, 2019 -end march. Documents are available for viewing please contact council to set up appointment.

-41K, spent **\$10K** (big spend on technology)

-see attached

-Ms. Farrelly thanks the Parent Council for support on technology purchases.

Staff Report: Tina Tiralongo

Ms. Chong: thank you for funding, her class went to Voyage to Mars exhibit, and Energy Festival at Evergreen Brickworks. Students made Pinball machines. She has also got some coding activities coming up.

Chair Report: Heidi Kerney

Flag System Update-after large theft from Cody stations and gales wont hold so looking at secondary locations: Acacia and Millwood, Belsize and Wilfred, keeping Balliol and Pailton Crescent. Planning to implement in next couple of weeks.

TDSB Vision Program: Toonie drive joint with Brown PS, to benefit 400 kids within TDSB. Children with vision impairments are integrated throughout the TDSB but there are events for these kids and there is a challenge to get them all together. Please consider donating a toonie until April 30, goal is \$500 (we are at \$200 right now).

Earth Week Initiatives: Boomerang Lunch, Thursday May 2. Whatever you pack with your child will come back (not compostable).

Pizza Lunch: bring your reusable water container

Book Sale: Collection at Bus stops. Accepting books from April 26-May 3. Boxes by the main office, auditorium and Ms. Breslaw's class

Staff Lunch: May 10. Have a committee, reaching out for further volunteers.

Fun Fair: at Hodgson Middle School, Saturday June 1, 4-8pm. Heidi Chairing a committee for fun fair.

Shona Farrelly: June 14 is a Volunteer Appreciation event, please self identify as a volunteer, certificates for volunteer appreciation lunch, surprise gift this year.

Lynne LeBlanc: request for more extensive snapshot of year to date . Will look at a format for this going forward.

Shona Farrelly: Sarah Miller has an opportunity of 80 Tix available Friday June 7, Toronto vs. Kansas City, pregame autograph session soccer. Will be first come first serve.

Concerts: May 9 for kindergarten, spring concert May 16, will include bake sales

Motions to approve minutes: Wynsome Walker, seconded by Teresa Beevor

Motion to Adjourn: Julie Kelk, seconded by Anya Laskin

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10pm

Next meeting