

**Meeting : March 2, 2023 , 2022 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Minutes**

**Council Members Present:**

**Chair:** Jenia Faibusovitch

**Co-chair:** Katherine Kruk

**Parent representatives:**

Caitlin Mulqueen, Julia Prime, Nadia Souza, Fernanda Yanchapaxi Travez, Nikki Rochon, Chanda Pundir, Anna Fisher

**Principal:** Yasmin Buhariwalla

**Teacher representative:** Anthony Crifo

People in attendance in the meeting: Matt, Anthony, Jenia, Katherine, Fernando, Julia, Yasmin, Tim Newfield, Susy, Jamie, Lesley, Jamie, Rebecca, Kim, Adam Baguley, Anna Fisher

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible/Follow-up Actions
<p><i>Welcome</i> <i>(5 min)</i></p>	<p>Call to order: 6:30 p.m. Welcome Land acknowledgement Introduction of parent council members</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p><i>Principal's report</i> <i>(20 min)</i></p>	<p>-started a podcast with grade 7 and 8 students to encourage student voice and student identities to reinforce learnings that are happening in class. -Paul Davis, led a safe online protocols workshop took place online. Overarching messaging was 'no cell phones in the school'. Parents were supportive of a no cell phone policy for the school. Consulting with teachers/students on how to implement for Sept 2023. Biggest set back is the senior students walk to school and parents feel comfortable them having a phone. Yasmin agrees. Possible cell phone hotel in office under Yasmin's care. Hoping to have a plan by June 2023. Willing to take suggestions. Will look into sharing Paul's presentation material. -Cedar Glen overnight trip for grades 7 and 8 – March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. -Spring concert to take place April 26<sup>th</sup> – 6pm. -ExtraEd started up on Mondays, Thurs and Fridays.</p>	<p>Yasmin</p>

<p><i>Update from Parent Council Chairs</i></p>	<p>School Yard Improvement update:          -Meeting happened with TDSB on February 15<sup>th</sup>. TDSB agreed there is a problem. Site visit re-scheduled due to snowstorm to address a short term temporary fix (potentially fibre weave). Site visit must wait for snow to melt.          -Longer term yard project reconstruction is lined up for 2024/2025. Design phase for the spring of 2024 and construction for 2025.          -Can begin fundraising now. Account will be opened and can be used to start collecting funds for play yard. Anyone can donate to that account for the school yard and will get a tax receipt for even a minimum of \$5. Can using fundraising from other means and transfer to this account as well. Communications to go out next week to start collecting.</p> <p>Suggestion to build a campaign around this, a brand so people know what we are working towards. Use banners to promote news and garner excitement.</p> <p>Minutes of TDSB meeting to go out to parent community to communicate the news. Then fundraising promotion/communication will be sent out on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Richard Christie volunteered to meet with us on the topic of the school rooftop to suggest on what can be done to address it.</p>	<p>Jenia</p> <p>Fernanda</p>
<p><i>School Council Innovation Grant</i></p> <p>+</p> <p><i>Nutrition Program survey update</i></p>	<p>Gardening workshop with GreenThumbs happened on Feb 23 at noon. Session recorded and to be sent out.</p> <p>5-6 parents in attendance. Topics covered include: Food Sovereignty vs Food Security + challenges in urban agriculture. Feedback positive. March zoom workshop will focus on seeding and composting.</p> <p>Pulling together more communications on the gardening workshops to garner more eyes and attendance for next workshops. To be posted on council website as well.</p> <p>TDSB grant fund progress report due March 10<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Snack program- sent a survey to parents. Great response rate from parents. Many parents want to</p>	<p>Katherine</p>

	<p>volunteer. Katherine to set up meeting with Yasmin to discuss results and next steps.</p>	
<p><i>Communications</i></p>	<p>-monthly newsletter? Fernanda to volunteer for month of March. Loop in Lori to gauge her interest and participation and form a mini group to craft a plan for consistent communicating going forward.</p> <p>-Kim knows mailchimp and is willing to participate as well.</p> <p>-Katherine to email out to those comm's interested to coordinate ideas.</p> <p>-To report back at April council meeting.</p>	<p>Jenia/Katherine/Fernanda/Kim</p>
<p><i>Events</i></p>	<p>-call out for Emmett Ray whiskey tasting happening March 10th</p> <p>-Skating open at Dufferin Grove – fundraising opportunity. Julia to prompt council on events happenings.</p> <p>-suggestion to have council co-chairs speak at Spring concert about schoolyard fundraising.</p>	