

Dundas Parent Council Meeting
April 24, 2018 @ 6:30pm

Update	Topic	Details / Questions / Next Steps
<p>Welcome <i>Audrey Gavin</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Trustee Jennifer Story – agreed to attend our meeting tonight to hear about some of the great work that DPC has done here at Dundas and also give an update on that latest at the TDSB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Review of Last Meeting Minutes <i>Anne</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level review of March meeting minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved and posted to Parent Council website and bulletin board.
<p>Fundraising Presentation: Beautification of Dundas PS <i>Laura Sosin</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent council member Laura Sosin presented detailed information on the current environment of the school especially the front of school, the front lobby and the interior courtyard. • Multiple photos showed the current status and then photo mock ups showed potential placement of art by students/professional artists. • Also spoke of improved exterior and interior landscaping and decoration • Discussed potential sources of funding (various grants and potential in-kind donations) • Presentation available for all to view on Dundas Parent Council website. • ACTION: called for approval to dedicate the majority of parent council funds for this year and potentially future years to this project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote was called to approve this direction for Dundas fundraising; motion seconded. • VOTED AND APPROVED
<p>Update on other requests for funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further to the survey of teachers done in the fall (both online and in a staff meeting), Fundraising Committee member Michelle Welsh summarized the items that the teachers mentioned they would like: • Phys-ed equipment, puzzles/ boardgames; iPads; lego sets; lightboards/mini whiteboards /clipboards/easels; field trips; in-class activities (Scientists in the School) headphones; etc. • ACTION: Called for approval to fund each classroom teacher to a certain amount and then also dedicate the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Scientists in the School has already been funded and is being scheduled in several classes currently. • Vote seconded and APPROVED.

	same amount to each teacher in the library, art/drama/music room and gym.	
Guest Presentation – Ward 15 School Trustee Jennifer Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the evolution of the TDSB over the last several years: changes in scope/mandate, structure, leadership, governance, resources/funding, etc. • All schools are required to develop three overarching goals for every academic year; track and report on progress • Goals must be in the areas of academic success, equity and wellbeing (staff & students). • April 2018 highlights for our ward: • First Nations School has moved into a new and expanded site • Greenwood SS has moved into the Danforth CTI building; the existing Greenwood school site has been sold to Viamonde (French public board) • TDSB is reviewing all French programs during month of May (will include core French, immersion and extended); • TDSB working with City of Toronto for Vision Zero – absolutely no pedestrian or cyclist deaths in the city – especially in school zones. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question re: slowness and disorganization of the TDSB re: capital repairs and regular maintenance – esp here at Dundas that was so neglected for so long; now have waited for two years for playstructure construction • Jennifer mentioned that capital backlog is a huge problem; stems from provincial funding formula which does not meet the needs of the TDSB • Question re: when will Dundas have better before and after care programs for school age children? • Jennifer reiterated that TDSB has made a commitment to offer full day care in all of its locations; this fall will roll out new care in locations that have none; Dundas does have after care provided by Kiwanis; will have to negotiate carefully with existing providers • Background Info: initially when FDK was introduced, intention was to have ECEs on shift from 7:00a.m. – 6:00 p.m. to provide care for before and after for JK-SK and school age; instead only provided ECEs for school day and continued to rely on 3rd party providers for before and after which is extremely difficult to staff) • Jennifer has offered to “nudge along” initiatives that seem to be stalled; please contact her when you need support.
By-Laws Review and Update <i>Tracy Michalak and Hugo</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further to the vote on the revised by-laws for the Dundas Parent Council that occurred at the last meeting, now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote moved by Hugo, seconded; APPROVED. • Congratulations to Hugo

<i>Leal-Neri</i>	have to conduct second and final vote to approve the changes to the by-laws; to come into effect for September 2018.	and Tracy – thank you for all your hard work.
Principal Update <i>Georgia Chatzis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play structure construction has begun!! Construction fences are up around the areas that will be dug out and the areas that will be used as staging for vehicles and equipment; • Aiming to have construction done BEFORE Spring Fun Fair so should be able to proceed with “grand opening” event at that time • Also planning for construction/refurbishment of basketball courts with funding from MLSE. • Reminder: Spring Concert – May 17/18 (5:30pm; 6:30pm); thank you to Council for providing pizza for classrooms; • Council confirmed we will also be holding bake sale and will promote council and put out call for Fun Fair volunteers • Dundas has received funding from the Art Council; applying monies to have weekly “Mindfulness & Movement” sessions for several classes; will be part of strategies for self-regulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question re: what precautions are taken to ensure student safety during construction; • Georgia explained that crews must check in with head caretaker when they are on site and no movement of vehicles or equipment between staging areas should happen when children are outside
Update on Student Testing at Dundas (Part of Equity and Academic School goals) <i>Principal Chatzis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Chatzis gave detailed presentation on recent Dundas student test results that show girls as early as Grade 2-5 are lagging behind boys in math; connected this to recent studies on gender bias when it comes to STEM; have introduced intense math intervention for girls. • Discussed test results with all staff at Dundas to come up with different strategies to approach math and make it more accessible for girls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New STEM Lab from U of T will be supported by female engineering and math students; representation is very important for young minds!
Financial Update <i>Juliana Duray Kikuchi</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave run through of current bank balances; raffle account and general account. • Currently have about \$5,000 available. • Expecting to make \$7,000 on Fun Fair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE: Have recently learned that Morse PS was bequeathed more than \$2M dollars from the estate of a former student; Principal Chatzis has been in touch with Principal at Morse to see if they are open to sharing any funds with partners in the community.

Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal Chatzis introduced Yan who is a settlement worker from Culture Link.• Yan handed out an information sheet on her organization and the settlement services they provide for newcomers to Canada in our area.• Will be available to support Dundas families on Thursdays; also works out of Queen Alexandra.	