

Dallington School Parent Council Meeting #1

DALLINGTON PARENT COUCNIL MEETING

MINUETS:

Thursday October 26th, 2023

6:30 pm online on zoom

<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/97700640925>

In Attendance:

Jackie Chau (Chair)	Vanessa Sandy (Treasurer)	Jeremy Schwartz (interim Secretary)
Frank Costa (Principal)	Kara Sarabin (Vice Principal)	Patricia Raymond (Teacher rep)
David Hawker-Budlovsky	Mahnaz Ghalib Salam (Community)	Sarah Nisbet
Carly Rosenfeld	Asmita Maredia	Iza &Christine Poolar
Muina Ahmed	Amen & Lelia	Visda VokhShoori
Samatha Juruc	Alice Mansourian	Phyllis Newton
Stephanie Anderson Munroe	Ziba Farmani	Marilyn Ma
Hadi Fallah	Meisam Soltani-Koopa	Joe Van Zeipel
Akiko Kobayashi	Shantol Houston	Sheelana Hassan

+dail-in participants.

1. Welcome and introductions

- Confirmed current positions, voted and confirmed by show of hands
- Call out for new members
- Several current members, including Jackie as Chair, are leaving this year. Any parents interested in filling these positions next year, either alone or as co-chairs, etc., please contact PAC by email and let's start that transition discussion. It will take some time to pass on the knowledge
- Roll call intro of PAC and Principal, VP and staff present
- Last year minutes on PAC tab Dallington school site

2. Current fundraising events and volunteering

- Talked about various events
- Grad
- Teacher appreciation
- Mov-a-thon
- Movie nights
- Scientists in the classroom
- Opportunities for volunteers
- If you plan on volunteering, must do police check, Vanessa will speak to that, new form online, if volunteering for school trip, priority to parents who completed the forms
- Pizza lunch largest fundraiser, a little over 26,000 raised, goes to pay for these

3. Financial update: Treasurer – Vanessa

- Summarized current position

4. Dallington Pollinators: Mahnaz

- Kids Nature Lab
- [Slide show]
- Pumpkin walk, drop off at garden, 5pm November 1 we light pumpkins and throw them in City provided bin

5. Master Plan – Long Term Outdoor Project – David

-Phase 2 update

- Passion project, Started 8 years ago
- Triple hoop, paint, trees = phase 1
- Issues with accessibility abound, discussed problem areas addressed in master plan

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- In particular, creating zigzag stairs at south side instead of very steep stairs that are not accessible
- Lots of investment from school board to address accessibility
- Lots of erosion and water damage, and create gathering performance place, creates an amphitheatre, armour stone, prevent erosion, serve as seats
- Walking trail around exterior, completely accessible
- Along track, three "bump outs", areas for different play
- Preconstruction meeting, break ground expected April – completed around end of school year
- Congratulations all around
- Note:
 - To avoid disruption with daycare, simultaneously complete scissor stairs and path
 - Will try to minimize disruption and inconvenience, may need to move entrances temporarily
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6. Principal's updates and comments

- We've staggered lunches and playtimes because of a reduction in supervision
- [Slide show, to add to minutes]
- Eco platinum school, big thanks to Eco team
- Visit TDSB Virtual Library
- New bike rack lower parking lot
- Getting new solar panels
- Reduces pollution equivalent to four cars
- Kiss and ride established
- Path from school to park path, cannot complete a connection between them. Per Councillor, not possible to happen.
- Dallington drive, traffic issue. Spoke with Councillor as well. School proposal countered by the City. Parents to discuss.
 - City proposal discussed
 - School proposal discussed
 - Possibility to have both models simultaneously discussed and rejected
 - Next step will be to canvass
 - Contact former secretary who lives on Dallington for history of canvass and plan
 - Discussed evacuation plan
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7. Other Business

8. Next meeting date-

Thursday November 30th 2023 – pushed to Feb 22