

# Dallington School Parent Council

## Meeting # 2

Agenda Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2018  
6.30 pm School Library

In attendance:

Jackie Chau (Chair)	Vanessa Sandy (Treasurer)	Tania Osman (Secretary)
Susan Pitre (Principal)	Caroline Zikovitz (Vice Principal)	Akash Trivedi
Ozlem Kuscu	Kathya Esparza Gonzalez	Martha Palaroan
Horvath Lam	Natalie Tsang	Jeremy Schwartz

### 1. Welcome and Introductions:

### 2. Current Fundraising events and volunteering updates:

- **Book fair:** Final amount \$2600 in raised funds.
- **Movie Night (Winter):** November 30<sup>th</sup> : huge success with over \$1000 in profits !
- **Bake Sale:** Two big sales are coming up on 11<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) and 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) of December, both during the Winter Concert events.
- **Donations:** Since the Food Drive is ongoing in December, reminder will be up for food donations during the Winter Concerts on both days at 6.30 pm. Parents, guardians and students are welcome to drop food donations in the donation box near the front door of the school.
- **Pizza lunches:** Registrations are welcome for Pizza Lunches for the second term.
- **T-shirts:** Dallington t-shirts were a huge success during the visits to the Science Museum. All Dallington students were easily identifiable in the bright yellow Dallington tees and hence it was easy for the teachers to manage them as well. The logo is undergoing further updates and it is hoped that sale of t-shirts will increase subsequently. The price of a t-shirt is \$8.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults. It has been suggested that Dallington sweatshirts be also made available in future. This suggestion appeared to be well received among all attending parents.

### 3. Financial Update: Updated financial sheet handed out.

- **Forecast for November thus far:**
  - i. **Outdoor project:** \$10,000 has already been allocated for development of the school outdoor learning spaces. The developmental activities were expected to commence in November; however, the school is yet to see any activities in this area yet.
  - ii. **Pizza lunch** program was given an allocation of \$8500 approx.
  - iii. **Scientists in the school** - \$2400 for the entire school
  - iv. **TDSB agenda** was given an allocation of \$2400
  - v. **T-shirts** – received an allocation of \$900
  - vi. **Teacher wishlist** - \$925
- The actual expenses in all categories were less than forecasted. Also the revenue amounted to much higher than the forecast of \$6600 approx.
- The actual revenue figures were quite impressive, with the highest revenue, \$30,000 approx. coming in from Pizza lunches, followed by ticket sales for Movie Night at \$1000 approx.
- \$2000 carry over for start up costs for next year.

#### 4. Principal's updates and comments:

- **Learning commons revitalisation** – much more revamping has been done compared to last year
- The Inquiry & ..... project of Grade 4 students with Madame Dabbous has been very successful, leading to students asking even more questions.
- **Lego boards** will be up soon
- **New seats:** Cocoon shells will be installed in one corner and new seats that can be however the student pleases for maximum comfort will be placed, to facilitate book reading experience as well as convenient for holding laptops
- The desktop computer area will have higher chairs to facilitate young learners. Tables with wheels will be brought in, in an attempt to turn it into a more mobile space.
- **Robotics** – DASH – is used by students of all ages.
- **Mbots** – students can modify them. Will slowly be implemented in kindergarten as well.
- "Scratch Junior" on Ipads – encourage children to do more of the coding by themselves.
- **Winter concerts** – send a reminder to parents before the concert days
- **Food drive** – the bar for Food Drive is 2000 lbs. But students are so energetic and empathetic that they surpassed even that of last year!
- **Recess time** – very unstructured time. This is inferred from a survey done with Grade 5 students. It is hoped that such surveys will in future be conducted among younger students as well – including kindergarten students!
- **Cart on wheels** – will be placed near Exit 3. Students will be able to place their belongings according to colour.

#### 5. Other Business:

- The JK and SK students went to the Science Centre wearing the Dallington t-shirts which were canary yellow.
- The elected trustee – James Li is expected to attend the next PAC meeting in February 2019.
- Many concerns have been raised over the traffic situation in the school area, during the times when the school bus stops at the school. An email has been sent to Ms. Carroll in addressing this issue.
- An Interview Booking system has recently been put to use, paid by the school. This is expected to save considerable efforts and time for every teacher with scheduling and meeting parents to discuss the developments of their ward(s). The costs for implementing this system amounts to approximately \$5 per teacher.
- Child safety appears to be an issue, with 400 parents dropping off and picking up 400 students in the mornings and afternoons. The school is considering the development of a driveway in the shape of a loop along the slopes leading to the back of the school, as there is no room at the front and the street is not too spacious.
- Researching a guest speaker to speak to Dallington community about cyber security, to increase awareness regarding the dangers of going online without adult supervision. Awareness should be raised both among parents as well as children in this regard.
- Next PAC meeting is expected to be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Thursday.