

Dallington School Parent Council Meeting #1

Agenda – Thursday October 11th, 2018
6:30pm. Learning Commons

In attendance:

Jackie Chau (Chair)
Susan Pitre (Principal)
Melanie Lam
Rahim Kurji
Bridgett Lee

Vanessa Sandy (Treasurer)
Caroline Zikovitz (Vice Principal)
Debaoata Choudhuri
Tammy Prasad
Scarlett Wong

Yalena Zuluaga (Secretary)
Rosa Moseley
Aarathi Jaishree
Jeremy Schwartz
David Hawker - Budovsky

1. Introduction of council members

2. Current Fundraising events and volunteering

- **Pizza Lunch:** Dallington's pizza lunch is our most successful fundraising event of each year. Majority of the student body take part in the pizza lunch, and we also have student leaders that help out a lot this year. The pizza prices have increased \$0.50 per box this year, but the parent council has not raised the pizza prices.
 - **Movie Night:** 1st Movie Night will take place on Friday, November 30th. There will be 2 movie nights in total this year. There will be 2 screenings per event; one movie showing in the upper gym and another movie playing in the lower gym. The students will vote for their favorite movie to watch this year.
 - **Book Fair:** November 12th till November 30th. The book fair takes place inside the school's library. Parent volunteers will be needed throughout the year for cash sales.
 - **Move-a-thon:** It usually takes place in late winter. there will be a professional DJ, it is a lot of fun and it is usually a very successful event. We raised over \$3000 last year. We hope for the same success in the coming year.
 - **Grade 5th Graduation:** PAC covers the cost of 1 movie ticket as a grad present.
 - **Teacher Appreciation Lunch:** Takes place in June. Parents are more than welcome to donate food or money closer to the event.
- +NEW:** T-Shirts drive – The school will be getting t-shirts made for sale for parents and students.
- **PAC Expenses:**
 - Agendas, Teacher's "Wishlist" fund, kindergarten t-shirts for school trips will be paid by PAC, Multi-Year project for the outdoor playground.
- *November 17th** – Parents make a difference workshop for parents. Everyone welcome.

3. Financial update: Treasures – Vanessa and Elvis

**Financial document sheet handed out.*

4. Dallington Pollinators: Mahnaz:

- Currently renamed: **"The friends of Dallington Park"**
- **Pumpkin Walk:** This event will take place on November 1st, from 3pm. Anyone can join. Bring your used pumpkin to toss in a container provided by the city. Lighting time will be at 5pm and cleaning time will be at 7pm.
- **Garden Club:** Takes places in the garden with Ms Alexander. It is a successful club, with committed members that learn and plant different plants, fruits and vegetable. Everyone is welcome to join.
- **Other:** - The garden needs a shelter. Applications for grants have been submitted, and they have managed to get the city to be the project manager for a rain collection system shelter, and plans are currently in place.

5. **Long Term Project: David**

Update on outdoor play area on school grounds

- **Landscape Master Plan:** Overview

- + Ramps/entrances for easier access – those are future steps.
- + Tree Planting
- + Re-definition of the parking lot
- + Re-definition for the pavement areas: basketball court, backyard space, creating more play area w ground painting. The board will be looking at alternatives for the pavement/ground painting, as they may lose that window of opportunity due to the rapid change of temperatures.
- + Back basketball diamond will be re-designed for different activities, and tracks that will lead to other play areas for student engagement.

6. **Principal's updates and comments:**

- There is new staff, and a new Vice Principal, and other new teaching staff.
- New special needs assistant needed. The school is looking to hire a new part-time assistant.
- 19 kids were moved and re-organized this year.
- The school will be focusing on fundamentals of Math, they will be improving reading and writing as well.
- Vision and Hearing tests were done today October 11th, 2018. Really great turn out, results will be sent home on October 12th, 2018.

7. **Other Business:** None

8. **Confirm Date for the next meeting – *Thursday December 6th, 2018.***