

**Dallington School Parent Council
Meeting #5**

Agenda – Thursday May 31st 2018
6:30pm. School Library

In attendance:

Jackie Chau (Chair)
Susan Pitre (Principal)
Ozlem Kuscu

Vanessa Sandy (Treasurer)
Adam Somer (VP)
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Yalena Zuluaga (Secretary)
David Hawker-Budlovsky

1. Welcome and Introductions:

2. Current Fundraising events and volunteering updates:

-movathon: Final amount raised \$3000 (online donations and cash donations). Over \$1000 raised come from online donations

-Movie Night (Spring), May 25th: Raised over \$900 profit!

-The Staff Appreciation Lunch: Will be held on Thursday June 14th from 11:30-1pm. PAC will be hosting a lunch for all Dallington staff to show our appreciation for all they do throughout the year. If you would like to contribute, please make a cash online donation or bring donated dishes to Room 206 on the morning of the lunch.

-Play Day (JK/Sk and Gr 1-5): Wednesday (20th) and Friday (22nd) 9am-11:30am. PAC will be providing freezes to the students. More info to come.

-Grade 5 Graduation: Tuesday June 26th. More info to come. PAC contributes \$500 to the event and grad gift ie) movie at cineplex.

-Minipreneur update (read on behalf of Melanie):

Minipreneurs at movie night went really well! Most student inventories were significantly depleted by our amazing parents and students who came for movie night, although we had a much smaller than usual turnout. (Mme Pitre, Mme Pabani and myself have photos if you would like to share.) The Minipreneurs will be holding a preview on Thursday and selling again on Friday to students so they can sell remaining inventories plus perhaps a bit more depending on demand. Details are being worked out with Mme Pabani and Mme Pitre. The students are really excited for it. We'll ask for final profit numbers and donations for Mrs. Cumby's memorial bench following this sale. Lots of great learnings overall and I can see entrepreneurial skills and financial literacy blooming, given this very hands-on experience!! Would love to do it again next year if given the opportunity. (And would love to add on to the program curriculum as students are ready for it!)

3. Financial Update: - Updated financial sheet handed out

-current balance \$27,000 to put towards larger ticket items:

-**Scientist in the classroom** (\$4,500 approx.) for the entire school,

-**School agendas** for next year (\$2,200 approx.) - \$5 per student

-**Teacher wish list** (up to \$4,200) -\$150 for every classroom and subjects like music/art, ESL, physical education

-**Outdoor project:** \$14,000 approx. towards the playground fund and.

-\$2000 carry over for the following school year

4. Long Term Outdoor Project:

-still scheduled to start construction this fall

-waiting for a new liaison from the TDSB to start phase 2

-Phase 2: includes Amphitheatre and track (TDSB to help cover costs of drainage on the black top surfaces and Dallington to pay for the seating structure and cosmetic landscaping items.

5. Dallington Pollinators – (read update email in Mahnaz's behalf)

Garden Club - Garden club meets every Tuesday and have designed, selected and planted their own veggie patch with fast-growing plants like lettuce, carrots, and radishes. They have started sprouting and we are asking children to be mindful and not pull any plants out. We will next explore the edible weeds in our neighborhood and garden. The children in the club have been really amazing gardeners and have helped transform an ordinary garden bed with their hard work and dedication!

Ms. Alexander's class: Apart from the garden club, Ms. A has been instrumental in getting her kids out in the dirt. They have helped weed, well, at least, the tops, and distribute city soil to the garden beds.

Plus, they love to discover and unearth wriggling earthworms. A new fact I learned lately, and which may interest some of you: Earthworms are not indigenous to N.America, they are in fact invasive, introduced in this part of the world in the 17th century!

Other Garden updates: We have discovered guerilla gardeners in the garden! We cannot figure out who has been planting our transplants in areas where they don't belong. And we have no clue when they are planting. Also, plants, huge full-grown, plants are missing!! Sorrel and chives. I wish the person would just ask, these plants are so easy to divide and give away. But then they'll be obliged to help at the garden. Which brings up the next point. Volunteers! We need volunteers to help out at the garden. The difficult work has almost been taken care of, it's the watering and weeding that'll suffer in the summer time.

Movie Night: Our 7th annual movie night is tomorrow. It is Peter Rabbit which some of the kids may have seen already but please help spread the word in your neighborhood.

6. Principal's updates and Comments:

- a.** Learning Commons revitalization
- b.** Visit with Director Malloy – video on the TDSB website!
- c.** Vision & Hearing Clinic – look at an October 2018 date, based on the clinics availability
- d.** Urban Voices | L'écho de la ville – publication of TDSB students' poetry and art work – 2 of Dallington poems were selected for the 2018 publication!
- e.** Athletics – Track and Field regional meet June 4th; Cricket finals June 13th – a first for Dallington's Cricket team!
- f.** Grade 3 EQAO writing
- g.** Play dates – FDK June 20th; Grade 1-5 June 22nd
- h.** Volunteer Tea – June 21st @ 3:30 pm – all volunteers are invited
- i.** Grade 5 Grad – June 26th @ 10:00 am
- j.** Last day of school – June 28th with clap out for the Grade 5 Students out the front door where they began!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!