

Dallington School Parent Council

Meeting # 3

Agenda Thursday February 7th 2018
6.30 pm School Library

In attendance:

Jackie Chau (Chair)	James Li (Trustee)	Dan Fox (Councillor's Office)
Susan Pitre (Principal)	Jeremy Schwartz	Kenny Chan (City of Toronto)
Ozlem Kuscu	Mahenoor Osman (Tania)	Laura Perruzza (City of Toronto)
Camila Kamarad	Lisa (Neighbour)	Marco Isobe
Scarlett Wong	Walter + Martha	Vanessa Sandy (Treasurer)
Mahnaz ("Friends of Dallington Park")		

1. Welcome and Introductions:

2. Current Fundraising events and volunteering updates:

- **Book fair:** Due to start on February 11th. Forms are ready for book fair registration. This year it will be French heavy, in contrast to last year's, which was English heavy.
- **Move-a-thon (Winter):** March 8th: Students are encouraged to get pledges and donations from friends and family.
- **March Break:** coming up from March 10th to March 15th.
- **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:** 80% participation for Term 2.
- **T-shirts:** Dallington t-shirts logos almost ready. In addition, Dallington sweatshirts, baseball caps and winter caps – Confirming pricing and are expected to sell well. After undergoing subsequent updates, the logo colour has been reversed. The final outcome is well-liked and expected to raise sales of t-shirts, and other items.

3. Financial Update: Updated financial sheet handed out.

- Financials are good so far. Highest funds were raised through Pizza Lunch.
- School developments: long term budget – 1.4 million over 20 years.
 - i. Phase I - paid for in a separate account. Currently, we are in que and waiting for the workers to come.
 - ii. Phase II – drainage issues. Work on the amphitheatre cannot be started without the drainage issues fixed. Budget for Phase II - \$ 25,000. Donations/ fundraiser team might work on this.

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

- **Winter Carnival Day** – March 1` - Grades 4 and 5 in the morning, Grades 1, 2 and 3 will be out in the afternoon.
- **David Suzuki grants** – Mahnaz and Jill Roberts will give updates on the huge wall paints and the streetscape. Would the community be interested in this type of grant? Much support provided by those present.
- **The Dallington logo** on t-shirts has been updated. Most of the hard work has been done by Jackie.
- **Safety issues** - Child safety appears to be an issue, with parents for over 500 students dropping off and picking up in the mornings and afternoons. The school is exploring the possibility of 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. This is would require approval from the board and is being further investigated.
- **The elected trustee** – James Li is here with us today to address these issues. We are very pleased to have him.
- Many concerns have been raised over the traffic situation in the school area, during the times when the school bus stops at the school. Dan Fox from the Councillor's office, Kenny Chan and Laura Perruzza – both from City of Toronto are here to address these issues. (see below for further details)
- The new Interview Booking system, paid by the school, will be put to use next. 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).

5. **Trustee Li:**

- How long does the study take?
- PAC members in Cresthaven P.S. make it mandatory for parents to move cars.
- Skate donations for Woodbine M.S. are welcome.
- Can the bus lay-by be implemented quickly?

6. **Dan Fox:**

- School entrance issues were addressed, as well as safety issues and the problem of parking on the streets reps from the Transpiration department from the City of Toronto. (see below)

Parents also ask, even though Dallington Park is part of a city wide Park Audit (2019-2014) and that updates couldn't be done to the part (such as replace the sand with a different material), if "Parks" to build a "Y" shaped pedestrian path to reach the park for accessibility from Shaunnasey to Dallington Park. This was going to be looked into to see if it was possible.

7. **Laura (City of Toronto):**

- Safety review of the school will be done. Usually they do the review in Spring for higher pedestrian traffic.

- Safety Toronto authorities usually come out for 2 hours. They contact the school authorities beforehand. They observe the school traffic for 2 hours and recommend reinforcements through the Councillor's office. They identify school bus loading zones. They observe pavement markings, signage, pedestrian obstructions and the presence of lay-by for school buses.
- Enforcing safety and traffic rules can take 2 to 3 years. At least 50% of signed petition from parents is needed to put speed humps.
- It is likely that installing speed humps and one way options will not solve the serious parking issues. Typically cars travel at higher speeds on one way streets.
- Educating parents and children on road safety and creating awareness might help solve the issue.

8. Kenny (City of Toronto):

- **Vision Zero:** Elaboration on the new Vision Zero implemented by the City of Toronto. New pedestrian and cyclist safety measures are being put in place.
- **School Safety Zone:** Special signage and pavement markings within 150 meters of and around the school areas.
- **Mobile "Watch Your Speed"** signs will be increased.
- **School Safety review** is ongoing. The relevant consultant will speak to the Principal and go around the school and then go back to Safety Toronto for actions to be taken.
- The process is expensive, as there are 800 schools in Toronto. The Safety study takes around 8 months.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Next PAC meeting is expected to be held on April 11th, 2019, Thursday.