

Dallington Public School, Parent Council Minutes

Thursday, June 1, 2017

6:30 p.m.

20 people in attendance:

Susan Pitre, Principal
Adam Somers, Vice Principal
Jackie Chau, Chair, Fundraising
Rachel Harnett, Secretary
Paul Wong, Treasurer
Venessa Sandy, Treasurer
Elvis Prifti, Treasurer
Mahnaz Ghalib, Dallington Pollinators
David Hawker-Budlovsky, Long term park project
Melanie Lam: melanie.lam@gmail.com
Roxana Balescu
Veruschka Muller
Jeremy Schwartz: jschwartz@stringerllp.com
Sophia Bent: sophia_bent@yahoo.com
Ozlem Kuscu: ozlemkuscu@yahoo.ca
Melissa Chung: melissa_chung26@yahoo.ca
Prathiba J.
Sundaramoorthy Bharathirajan
Miriam Drukker: yamushk@gmail.com
Linda He: tianxi131@gmail.com

1. Updates on Current Fundraising Events: Jackie

- a) **Kindergarten Bake Sale** for JK/SK spring concert on June 22 – online cash donations set up or baked goods to sell

- b) **Play Day**
 - June 23 for Gr 1-6, Katie Benjamin is the teacher organizer
 - June 26 for JK/SK, Ms. Forman is the teacher organizer
 - Council is buying freezies for each child and looking for volunteers who would be available for the face painting station on those days

- c) **Graduation** –June 27: 10 a.m. Grade 5's, 1 p.m. Grade 6's, cake and photo op after graduation. There are 178 students graduating. Council is buying movie ticket for each student. If they want popcorn/drink, students buy their own.

2. Financial Update: Treasurers – Paul, Venessa, Elvis

-see attached financials Budget as of May 2017

-Paul: we are in a surplus of about \$20, 789, this number will go down because of a few other items that will be subtracted: \$2000 going towards start-up costs for the year (Sept 2017), \$2000 for agendas, \$5000 for teacher wish list and over \$4000 to pay for Scientists in School, about \$10,000 to go towards playground.

-cash online was just started and it's going well, saves needing volunteers to count cash

3. Dallington Pollinators: Mahnaz

- a) outdoor Movie night Saturday (June 3) put on by Pollinators, Disney's "Moana" @ 8:30 p.m., free
- applied for permit, haven't heard back, hopefully it goes on
 - "Boot camp" being offered before movie
 - encouraging everyone to tell friends/family to come and watch movie

b) regular garden opened last week and only 5 people came. Mahnaz is trying to recruit more people/kids from the community to come out. Lots of work to be done in the garden. She will put up the dates/times that the Dallington Pollinators are there to help out. Times are on their facebook page and on signs in the garden.

c) rainwater system is on hold. With the changing trustees, waiting until end of August.

d) summer programming offered

4. Update Long Term Park Project: David

-soccer field is the area to be landscaped

-three groups took part in a participatory project – parent council, school staff, students

-next, three groups to take part in a "dot-mocracy" (each participant in each group chooses 5 items that they would like to see in the soccer field area by placing one of their five dots on the paper labelled with the item. Each group gets a different coloured dot. Parent Council dots are in green). Parent council members placed their dots on the papers, then David discussed what happens next.

-this is the third milestone, once this is met, we have a design consultation landscape architect visit/plan

-we are about 13th in line for the landscape architect, may take a while but once architect visits, things move faster

-in the meantime, we save money for the master plan

-depending on community needs/cost, many of the voted items could be part of the plan/donated etc.

-many different grants are available to TDSB schools (on eco-schools website), something that we can think about while waiting for landscape architect

5. Principal's Updates and Comments: Susan

-June newsletter went out yesterday

-Ken Lister is hosting a "Meet and Greet" on June 14 from 2:30 – 3:45

-Volunteer tea – June 20, childcare provided

-second draft of school conduct/dress code presented to Council based on our previous feedback

-Parent Council thanked Paul & Rachel for roles, as they move on to other endeavours

-new treasurers (Venessa & Elvis) to begin and a new secretary is needed