

# Dallington School Parent Council

## Meeting #1: Minuets

Agenda – Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:30 pm. School Library

### 1. Introduction of council members

- i. Jackie Chau (Chair), Virginia Spagunolo (co-Chair), Paul Wong (treasurer)
- ii. Nominations forms and position descriptions will be posted on school website.
- iii. Members not present, Rachael Harnett, Secretary

### 2. Current fundraising events and volunteering

Parents/guardians needed to co- chair and organize events and volunteer for particular event or help out the day of.

- i. **Pizza lunches:** every 2 weeks through out the year  
Volunteers to deliver pizzas. Our 1<sup>st</sup> one yesterday –  
\*so far raised over \$15,000 (until January) on track to make more than last year.
- ii. **Bake sales throughout out year – winter (x2 nights) and spring (x1) concerts**  
volunteers needed for baking and set up and selling:  
\*close to \$2000 – this year adding raffle prizes: Volunteers needed for sourcing/  
ticket sales.
- iii. **Movie nights (x2)** through out the year. 1<sup>st</sup> in winter, 2<sup>nd</sup> in spring  
volunteers needed for set up, selling popcorn, drinks et:  
\*\$1200 – instead of fun fair
- iv. **2 book fairs 1<sup>st</sup>** book fair: November 15-22 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in spring (larger English). This  
year Ms. Robins us heading the event. Volunteers needed for: cash out, writing wish  
lists, supervise (busy during lunch and recess)  
\*raised over \$6000 in books for the school
- v. **Move-athon** in early spring – counting forms and donations, organizing prizes.  
\*Raised over \$3000
- vi. **Graduation:** this year x3 instead of 2. Volunteers to shop and hand out cake,  
drinks. TBA lunch for grade 5 or 6 graduates

### 3. Long term project: school owned future park - David

- i. general information on process, financial commitment and timeline:

In a nutshell – it is about a 3 year process. Some of it may need to be in line with what the school does or doesn't have in place in terms of a Master Plan for the school grounds. The school would need to submit a "Viability Review Proposal". Monies would need to be committed and most likely fundraising would continue. Depending the type of work that needs to be done, a project is going to be about \$100-150k.

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The school board is really moving away from “pre-fab play structures”. These are costly to maintain, regulations shift, etc. There are many other ideas that the board is far more likely to support such as – naturalized spaces including challenge features, “exercise trails”/ fitness stations, etc.

- ii. For more info on resources and guides: [www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools)
- iii. Confirm parent interest and commitment – vote held at next meeting

### 4. **Financial update:** Treasurer - Paul

- i. Transferred \$11k into the playground account from last year.
- ii. On average we like to keep \$1.5k to \$2k into the new school year for any late receipts/reimbursements and new school year pizza lunches.
- iii. Revenue trend has been averaging close to \$30k for the past 3-4 years.
- iv. 2015 was a great year as we raised \$45k largely due to increase in pizza lunch and fun fair.
- v. Core expenses i.e. pizza, scientist in school, playday lunch averages to \$15k to \$20k
- vi. With a revenue average of \$30k and expense average of \$15k-\$20k, we as a parent council can decide what to do with the other \$10k-\$15k i.e. fun fair, technology, skating day, ice cream.
- vii. Spend money on "Scientist in the School" (paid for 2016/17) and technology
- viii. Co-treasurer position currently available

### 5. **Principal's updates and comments**

- i. Message from John Malloy – Vision for Learning in TDSB
- ii. EQAO results (Spring 2016):

Grade 3	Province	TDSB	Dallington	Grade 6	Province	TDSB	Dallington
<b>Reading</b>	72.00%	74.00%	89.00%	<b>Reading</b>	81.00%	80.00%	91.00%
<b>Writing</b>	74.00%	77.00%	86.00%	<b>Writing</b>	80.00%	81.00%	86.00%
<b>Math</b>	63.00%	67.00%	70.00%	<b>Math</b>	50.00%	55.00%	63.00%

\*Please visit the [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com) for more information

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- iii. Dallington website – <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/dallington>
- iv. Wish List – technology is a priority
- v. Appreciation

## **6. Other Business**

- i. Parent volunteer update
- ii. Statement of Needs – Due Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
- iii. Lunch time safety – Susan discussed the TDSB ratio and the number of assigned Lunch room Supervisors for Dallington

## **7. Confirm date for next meeting - Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2016**