

Dallington School Parent Council Meeting #1

Minutes – Thursday Sept 29, 2022
6:30 pm on ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/83967872403>

Attendees: Jaqueline Chau (chair), Venessa Sandy (treasurer), Martha Palaroan (Secretary), Franka Costa (principal), Kara Serebrin (vice principal), David Hawker-Budlovsky, lubnaabdulraziq, Lisania Braga, 066991, Aleem, Alister K Greenidge, Asmita Maredia, Augusto Barros, Bell C, Catharine R, Chandra Rai, Erin & Matthew Eisner, HAMVAZ, iPad, iPhone, iPhone, iPhone (53), Kota Hunter, Jack Hung, Joe Van Zeipel, John Topyurek, Kayla, Khalid Elbili, Lourdes Viteri, Magic Henry, Mahbooba Sarwari, Mahnaz Ghalib, Marek Przemieniecki, Naghmeh Abdollahi, Nar's iPhone, Nim Melodie & Enoch, Olivia Sayman, OPSEU Alex, Ramya, Samantha Juruc, Skhashe, Tamana, Tannaz, TT, Tarek Sabra, Vijay Vigneswaramoorthy, Visda Vokhshoori, Yasra Rajabi

1. **Introduction of council members (re-elections/elections)**

- Group of parent volunteers that enables communications between school and parents.
- Fundraise
- Run events for students
- Work with the community (ie. Dallington pollinators garden, mural on school)

2. **Previous and current fundraising events and volunteering**

- Fundraise through Movie Night
- Fundraise through Move a thon
- Fundraise through t-shirt sales
- Fundraise through Pizza lunches → this is where PAC raises the most funds
- Pay for agenda
- Pay for scientist in the classroom
- Pay for Teacher wish list
- Pay for hot chocolate and freezies when needed
- Need volunteers for fundraising; need to fill out police check if interested

3. **Dallington Pollinators: Mahnaz Ghalib (Community member)**

- Dallington pollinator garden, run by volunteers
- Had rainwater harvesting system installed recently
- Helps students learn about food insecurity, habitat and pollinator protection, growing food, etc.
- There is an after school garden club for students
- Unfortunately, the garden has been experiencing vandalism issues
- Have received a grant to run outdoor garden labs for the students
- Volunteers gather Saturday mornings, please join if interested!
- Participating in hosting ravine walks
- Will host the community pumpkin walk the evening after Halloween

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4. **Financial update: Treasurers – Vanessa Sandy**

- Beginning balance for 2022/2023 school year is \$3,448
- Most revenue comes from pizza lunches
- \$25k went to the playground fund last school year

5. **Long term project and Master Plan: David Hawker-Budlovsky**

Intro and update on outdoor play area on school grounds

- Playground that the students currently use is old and on city of Toronto property, so there is a fear that it may be removed some day
- This led into revisioning and planning new outdoor play areas on school grounds
- Some items have already been implemented: basketball courts, tree planting, outdoor classroom area
- Still coming: accessibility path at the front, side, and back of the school, amphitheatre at back of school, pathway at back of school, sand play at back of school.
- After accessibility path at the side of the school is installed, we will then work with the city to connect the Dallington path to the city path nearby.
- Timeline for phase 2: project is ready to go into tender and will hopefully will be completed in the 2023 construction season (maybe between April and October).
- PAC has raised all the funds needed to pay for phase 2 construction

7. **Principal's and Vice Principal updates and comments**

- New principal Frank Costa with many years experience
- Welcome to several new teachers
- Please come to meet & greet on October 3rd
- Field trips have been planned and are underway
- Dallington will be reorganizing students due to change in numbers/population
 - Parents will receive notice tonight of any changes
 - New teachers coming
- Encourage parents to volunteer for PAC and PAC activities
- Parents questions external after school programs and whether they are cancelled because many parents have received communications that their programs have been cancelled. Principal will look into this.
- Parents question why the meet & greet is being held outdoors. This decision was not made because of covid, but rather to enable a more relaxed environment. Teachers will break off into groups on the pavement.
- There was a missed communication regarding the grade 4 & 5 field trip to tree top trekking. Parents confused because they haven't received permission forms yet. Principal will look into this.

9. Next Zoom meeting date - Thursday December 8th 2022 at 6:30 pm