

## **DALLINGTON PAC MINUETS MEETING #2**

Thursday February 22, 2024

6:30 pm online on zoom

<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/95403882620>

### **In Attendance:**

Jackie Chau (Chair)

Frank Costa (Principal)

David Hawker-Budlovsky

Visda VokhShoori

Muina Ahmed

Shantol Houston

Ms. Mahana

Maliala Nejabi

John Topyurek

Jerome

Vanessa Sandy (Treasurer)

Kara Sarabin (Vice Principal)

Mana Jahromi

Alice Mansourian

Agusto Barros

Melissa Jung

Lisania Bragan

Hamid Said

Nadia Sabres

Cristina Poolar

Jeremy Schwartz (Secretary)

Patricia Raymond (Teacher rep)

Sarah Nisbet

Stephanie Anderson Munroe

Meisam Soltani-Koopa

Merek Przemieniecki

Ahmed Jamshid Omar

Shohreh Qashqai

Sree Ruggantr

+6 names not signed in

### 1. Welcome and introductions

### 2. Current fundraising events and volunteering – Jackie

-**pizza lunch term 2** going well and the fundraiser has been a success. Vanessa can speak to the total amount raised in her portion of the meeting.

-over 75% student participation

#### **Remaining events so far (to the end of the school year)**

-we are happy to announce we are bringing back **Movie night**. We haven't had one since the pandemic. In collaboration with the school, we will be holding the event on **Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>**. This is an evening event open to students and their families.

More info to come, but we plan to have flyers go out before March break. Pizza and movie tickets will be available for purchase through cash online.

#### Call on **Alice – Movie Night chair!**

-Will compile short list of movie titles to school for students to vote on

-**Move-a-thon** is also on the books. Last year we raised about \$5000 and we hope we can match that this year. We are also looking for co-chairs for this event. Dates are TBA

-**potential bake sale** with the Peter Pan Jr show that Ms. Chung and her team is directing and organizing. Parents can sign up to go too.

Discussion of teacher wish list, staff appreciation lunch, and other events before June, Scientists in the Classroom

#### **\*Call to parents for council:**

As mentioned in previous meetings, the bulk of this current parent council and several long standing parent members will be leaving after this school year as our youngest kids are graduating Dallington. We are hoping to have a chance to set up the next group of parents for success.

So – we are planning on having 1 or 2 (most likely) in person meeting at the school to go more in depth about what the current council has done, share the process, scheduling, administration, collaborating with the community and Dallington staff.

I would say if you are at all curious or curious adjacent, please think about coming. Many of these positions can be shared by several people and things can be done differently and new ideas can be incorporated. It's a gathering to share information and planing for the future. \*The goal of all of this is community, made up of caring parent volunteers.

We will work on meeting dates, but it will most likely be after the March break sometime... perhaps in April. I will check with Carolyn our office administrator, but in the past, we were able to meet in the evenings and also provide child care. There will also be snacks. So keep an eye out. But in the meantime, if you are interested, please feel free to email our pac email: [dallingtonspac@gmail.com](mailto:dallingtonspac@gmail.com)

3. Financial update: Treasurer – Vanessa

4. Dallington Pollinators:

**Update read on behalf of Mahnaz**

**General update on pilot project:**

As our pilot program, Kids Nature Lab, draws to a close, we have successfully entered into an expanded partnership with our trustees, Toronto Green Community. With their support, we have applied for partnership with TDSB and depending on the outcome, we hope to continue to offer outdoor nature-based programming at Dallington PS and nearby schools.

**For parents:** Those who wish to join the Dallington garden, please email the team [dallington.pollinators@gmail.com](mailto:dallington.pollinators@gmail.com)

We are always looking for dedicated dads, moms and enthusiastic kids!! And please look for updates on our website: [www.dallingtonpollinators.com](http://www.dallingtonpollinators.com)

4a. Eco Club run by Alexandra Goumakos:

**-slides presented on Alexnadra's behalf**

-ask parents to bring a reusable container for pizza lunch, so we can have less waste. We currently hand out the pizza on paper plates. There are other schools that are selling reusable containers for this purpose, Alexandra is looking into that and the council will be working to see how this can logistically happen with how we manage pizza lunch distribution.

5. Master Plan – Long Term Outdoor Project

-David update: spring construction of Phase 2 of Master Plan. Focus on accessibility to school

-Culmination of years of PAC fundraising and work

Front path accessibility changes are going to be great

Thanks to Frank for all his hard work moving this forward

Per Principal, also going to work on the roof, deterioration on roof, whole surface, solar panels will be maintained, tough process

5a. David wearing TDSB hat:

- Going to revamp "EMA" landing page with resources, tech support, notices of outages, hoping for early spring

-gathered parent feedback for improvements  
Excursion Management Application (EMA)

## 6. Principal's/Vice Principal's updates and comments

- Virtual library has great resources, access from Dallington website
- Sharing budget (haven't met in a while), lost 5% budget, go through line items
- Adding student council. Each class grades 1-5 held elections.
- Student equity committee, discussion issues of identity etc. Student leadership
- Track and field
- "Lunchbox" use Hero Burger as test run
- Fana Soro coming for Black/African History Month
- Toronto Police has officers coming in at lunch Mondays hanging with kids for a short time, activity, discussions, grades 3-5 for now
- Looking to create social media assistance for parents through TPS as well
- Professional Development training

**Winter Take me Outside Day Feb 28**, kids need to wear appropriate clothing, all-day event.

## Facilities announcements

- We have no play scape because the playground is on City property. Principal had some discussions with facilities and secured agreement for us to get an outdoor play scape of our own for \$0. Wait is 2 years.
- 3 phases happening almost concurrently, plus roof repair
- April 15-June 30 Phase 2, front entrance out of bounds to parking area, space for construction storage, will have to have other ways to enter school, accessible stairs around south part and down to door 2
- Phase 2A, switchback stairs, set to start July – August 30 (hoping to be on time). Once this is complete, we can re-access front of school and be able to keep daycare open
- Summer construction of amphitheatre and track, bump outs, all at same time and switchback stairs
- Mid-May/June whole parking lot area north of school closed off, asphalt and storage for solar panels etc. stored for work
- Per parent questions: Consider subcommittee to send letter to Councillor Carroll re connecting new switchback stairs to path in park. It's an accessibility and safety issue.

## 7. Other Business

- Parent concern: Icy in courtyard in the back. Not cleared and salted.
  - o Our snowplough plan is public. Icy areas we salt and caretaker salts.
  - o Consider parent volunteers to help salt and clear

## 8. Next meeting date- **Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**