

Dallington School Parent Council Meeting #2

Agenda – Thursday December 8th, 2022

6:30 pm online on zoom

<https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/83942688849>

Jackie Chau (Chair)
Frank Costa (Principal)
Kara Serebrin (Vice Principal)
Patricia Raymond (Teacher)
Marek Przemieniecki,
Shannon Van Zeipel
Lisania Correa Braga
Sara Heydari
Walter (on behalf of Martha)
Venessa Sandy (Treasurer)
Shez Daya
Catharine R
Tarek Sabra
Balachandar Thirumalai
Narcy Lumbang
David Hawker-Budlovsky
Jeremy Schwartz (Secretary -sub)
Mahnaz Ghalib (community member)

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Current fundraising events and volunteering
3. Financial update: Treasurers – Vanessa

Deadline: December 19 to register for 2nd term pizza (if not already full year registered)

4. Dallington Pollinators: Mahnaz

- 11 years
- Learning ops
- One year program, “Nature Lab”, learn in nature
- Grant obtained to run program
- Food related issues, urban agriculture, stewardship, management of storm water
- Get her slideshow posted?
- [Add ppt and contact info to minutes]

-Kids Nature Lab presentation

5. TDSB By-laws for PAC discussion - Jackie

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- Jeremy will send out a link to TDSB template
- survey with the items that are optional will follow to all emails on this meeting
- This meeting will be in recess for vote by survey of people here, so meeting is continued to hold the vote through survey only by those present today and members
- Jackie plans to recommend in survey all simplest options and least optional items included
- Majority will rule or if no clear majority Jackie's recommendation will govern
- Jackie must submit this by December 23
- Agreed on this process, approved by vote of those present

6. Principal's updates and comments

- Discussed school budget
 - Discussed evacuation plan
 - Discussed what's going on at Dallington
 - Transforming student learning
 - Creating a culture for well-being
 - Providing equity of access
 - Allocating human and financial resources
 - Building strong community relationships
 - Discussed community resources and partnerships:
 - Centre for Black Excellence and Achievement
 - Urban Indigenous Education Centre
 - TDSB French Ed Dept.
 - CICS (Case Settlement Workers who assist new immigrants)
 - TPH, public health nurses reshuffling needs as we emerge from pandemic
 - Looking at creating a student survey to look at student representation
 - Looking at affinity spaces, when equity discussions arise, because of trauma they don't want to take part in broader discussions, would prefer to discuss this safely with staff/students
 - Looking at assemblies, maybe adding pita pit, Friday twice weekly
 - Examining correlation between learning skills and academics, if skills improve will that improve scores? Taking a closer look at this and impact on well-being
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- Equity Questionnaire
- Looking for

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Vice Principal

- Put together survey-esque way to solicit community input
- <https://forms.gle/czmdgeJgPGSM1 kmF8>
- Anonymous survey
- Allows us through three questions, to give opportunity to learn about what responders feel is going well and may be needed to best serve family and learners

7. Other Business

- Some extra curricular activities were cancelled, everyone was refunded.
- Principal looked into new provider, they said they would respond with options for programs to enrol in

8. Next meeting date- **Thursday February 9th 2023**