

**Dallington School Council Meeting #2**  
**Record of Decision – PAC meeting December 12, 2024**

In Attendance:

- **Total Participants 33:** First or last names were removed for Privacy
- **Council Members:** Nadia, Bonnie, Alice, Mariia, Vanessa
- **School Representative Council Members:** Mr. Costa, Mr. Baker, Mme. Raymond, Ms. Ghalib (Dallington Pollinators), Mr. Ellinidis
- **Parent/Guardian Attendees:** Stephanie, Visda, Marie, Saman, Justin, Maria, Muina, Ray, Sam, Mahesh, Arash, David, Lisania, Kristina, Sarah, Gagan, Kara, Patricia, Richard, SB, Ahmad,

TOPIC	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
Land Acknowledgement	Bonnie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented the TDSB Land Acknowledgement</li> <li>• Learn more about our local community Centre: <a href="#">Ethennonnhawahstihnen Park Naming</a></li> </ul>
Parent Council update	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided Introduction of New Parent Council Members</li> <li>• Reviewed Parent Council Roles and Responsibilities: Physical Newsletter was shared with students last week providing details.</li> </ul>
Council fundraising events, Opportunities	Nadia / Alice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising is an important aspect in being able to carry out some of the Council’s roles and responsibilities.</li> <li>• We are seeking any volunteers (time commitment varies, please email us <a href="mailto:0085SC01@tdsb.on.ca">0085SC01@tdsb.on.ca</a> for more details). Please note that a Vulnerable Sector check (VSC) through Toronto Police is required to support onsite volunteering. Please see instructions and TDSB Code by clicking link below: <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/research/docs/External%20Research/TPSNewOnlineVSCProcess(Sept%202023).pdf">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/research/docs/External%20Research/TPSNewOnlineVSCProcess(Sept%202023).pdf</a></li> <li>• <i>Upcoming Events paid for by the Parent Council:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Winter MOVEMENT, for the students</li> <li>○ Purchase of the license and script for the 2025 school play</li> <li>○ Teacher’s wish-list</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Work currently underway:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Winter 2025 Internet Safety Workshop</li> <li>○ Winter 2025 Movie Night at School</li> <li>○ Pizza Lunches (Ongoing)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Financial Update	Venessa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financials provided during the meeting</li> <li>• Details removed for privacy</li> </ul>
Dallington Pollinators	Mahnaz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dallington Pollinators conduct public engagement, advocacy and educational outreach</li> <li>• As a goal, the pollinators would like to hold an organic food market for the community. They are also seeking funding to become a TDSB vendor to be able to provide Kids Nature Labs to support continued learning about the environment</li> <li>• Requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ support from Parents in asking children to respect the garden.</li> <li>○ Volunteers are needed! If you are interested please contact: <a href="mailto:Dallington.pollinators@gmail.com">Dallington.pollinators@gmail.com</a> or visit: <a href="http://www.Dallintonpollinators.com">www.Dallintonpollinators.com</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Principal/Vice Principal’s update	Principal Costa	<p><i>Upcoming Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Concert will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> further information will be shared.</li> </ul>

<p>Vice-Principal Baker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainability committee working on the kindergarten play area plan, next steps are to review the plan and provide feedback</li> </ul> <p><i>Ongoing Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dallington was accepted in the <a href="#">Swim to Survive</a> for Grade 4 and 5 students</li> <li>• Chess has been opened to students</li> <li>• Cookie sales are ongoing</li> <li>• Construction of the switchback staircase on the south side of the building remains closed as it is not yet safe given handrails have not yet been installed</li> </ul> <p><i>Completed Activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamper drive was successful, and filled 2 police cruisers with toys and food</li> <li>• Bookfair was successful, although not yet completed (last day December 13), final numbers are unknown at this time.</li> <li>• Sensory/Regulation Professional Development Day was an opportunity for teachers to learn strategies to support students who are dysregulated or having emotional challenges</li> <li>• Math Professional Development Day was a session led by teachers to determine standardization for learning across levels and how to determine how to get kids to the next learning level</li> <li>• Girls Basketball reached city finals and did well</li> <li>• <i>Census 2023 results on Wellbeing, Safety and Belonging were shared</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rated as expected with generally high ratings for wellbeing and rated very highly on belonging and safety elements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Other updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are interested in being a parent/caregiver representative for your specific class or grade <a href="#">please reach out to us</a> so that we can establish a network to share information</li> <li>• <b>Next school meeting scheduled for February 13, 2025 will be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict with Teacher interviews</b></li> </ul>
<p>Questions (questions and answers may have been slightly altered to provide clarity on request and response)</p>	<p><b>Question:</b> Last year, no field trips were planned for a specific class, but others had field trips scheduled. How are field trips regulated?  <b>Answer:</b> All teachers are encouraged to organize a field trip.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Parking Lot and street is difficult to navigate, if there is no construction why is the parking lot still closed?  <b>Answer:</b> Construction has not yet been fully completed; the situation will be monitored over the winter to determine course of action.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Was there a cost of the DJ for the MOVEment event? Was a cheaper alternative considered (i.e.. Bluetooth speaker)?  <b>Answer:</b> The hired DJ takes care of the additional work and costs that would be required of parent council, such as ensuring appropriate songs are obtained and played, guiding dance moves, getting the appropriate licenses and equipment.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> How many requests for the Teacher’s wish list have been submitted and what is the approval process?  <b>Answer:</b> the wish list forms will be shared with teachers by Principal Costa on December 12, 2024 and will be reviewed and approved by Principal Costa.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> What is the approach with homework? Should parents/caregivers do extracurriculars, or supplement with purchased workbooks?  <b>Answer:</b> Speak to your respective teachers about homework plans.</p>

	<p><b>Question:</b> There has been an individual seen by a number of children in the park area and taking photos in the direction of the children. There is also an individual with a dog who is consistently walking his dog off leash. What is the school doing about these situations?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> The school has an active response with teacher monitors that are in contact with each other via Walkie-Talkie. They will approach individuals if their access to the property is inappropriate. If escalation is required, the Principal or the Vice Principal will be called to address the situation, if further escalation is required, Toronto Police Services will be called.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Are there extra-curricular labs available for students?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> There are no school supplied, extra-curricular resources, but please discuss with your teacher.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> There was a scientist in the school, and has visiting some classes not others, will all classes be able to benefit from this event?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Yes, all classes will be getting a scientist event, this is still in the process of being rolled out and is supported financially by the Parent Council.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Why was the bookfair closed early today?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> There wasn't enough coverage to keep the event open later. The event will close tomorrow and Mr. E invited parents to come in the morning if they have availability.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Can a status update be given on the washrooms on the first floor?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> There is a plumbing issue in the building and the school is working to address it as soon as possible.</p>
<p><b>ACTION ITEMS</b> (updates to these items will be provided no later than the next Parent Council Meeting)</p>	<p><b>Principal Costa to Follow Up/Look into:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide ages that can participate in Chess Club via rambler</li> <li>• Seek opportunity to post signage for code of conduct/safety sign to be posted in the courtyard</li> </ul> <p><b>Parent Council to follow up/Look into:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollinators are seeking approval to purchase another canoe, to replace old canoe previously donated by the <a href="#">David Suzuki foundation in 2016</a>. Which was unfortunately destroyed due to environmental factors and construction.</li> <li>• Request to bring back Dallington Idol</li> <li>• Request to develop a document that provides details provided at the 2<sup>nd</sup> PAC meeting outlining Volunteering, what are the expectations and what is required.</li> </ul>