

Dallington School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 27th, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: MS Teams Meeting

Chair: Alice Mansourian

Co-Chair: Bonnie Wilkinson

Minutes By: Alex Franklin

In Attendance:

- **Council Members:** Alex, Alice, Bonnie, Nadia, Mariia, Venessa
- **School Representative Council Members:** Mr. Costa, Mr. Baker, Ms. Pavuk,
- **Parent/Guardian Attendees:** David, Ethan, Kristina, Meisam, Samer, Sanaz k, Sanaz P, Sarah, Kara, Shohreh

1. Update From Past Events: Alice/Bonnie

- **Family Tech talk** held on Feb 4, 2025. Approximately 25 parents attended in person. This was provided by TELUS Wise. Positive feedback from parents with the session being informative and helpful.
- **Family movie night** held on Feb 20, 2025. We sold 99 tickets through School Cash Online and some walk-ins. \$1700 was collected. Money used to order a canopy for Dallington School sports teams' use during sporting events. Expected to arrive early April. Thanks to all for the donations.

2. Upcoming events: Alice/Bonnie/Nadia

- **Move-A-Thon** – Tentatively planned for May 2, 2025. This is a fundraising event and payments to be made via School Cash Online. More details will be shared with students in April.
- **Staff Appreciation Lunch** – This is being planned by PAC to be held late May/early June to acknowledge and appreciate the staff for their efforts and guidance to the students throughout the year.
- **Dallington Apparel** – PAC team is working to bringing back Dallington Apparel. We have identified vendors and we're finalizing the design (School Logo, Colors), pricing and some samples to be displayed at school. Clothing will be sold via School Cash Online.
- **Book Swap** – Idea is to hold a book drive with parents donating books to school. All books will be reviewed by Librarian and can be used to restock the library. Once the school has reviewed the books, families and students will be able to review the books and take home any of interest. Remaining books will be offered to Rendezvous Child Care, or other childcare services in the area. Details to follow.

3. Financial Update: Venessa

- Expenses incurred is at \$ 21,629 with a forecasted balance of \$ 31, 812 from August 1, 2024, to-date.

4. Principal's/Vice Principal's Updates: Principal Costa/ Vice-principal Baker

- Reviewing school safety measures as construction team will start work on school field.
- **Brave Education** – They are helping kids with setting boundaries, social skills and improving their experience with peers. A presentation (appropriate language skills) by Brave Education was shared with students.
- **SNAP** – 12 sessions have been held for Grade 1 & 2 classes.
- **Fine Motors** – This was for kindergarten students to support and improve their motor skills.
- **First Aid Training** – Training is planned for 12 staff. This will equip school staff with emergencies and complying with TDSB school trip safety requirements.
- **School Teams/Sports** - Chess, Cricket, Volleyball, Badminton are in progress.
- **Tennis Canada Workshops** – Free workshop for students from Tennis Canada is being planned.
- **House Leagues** (Ms. Pavuk) – This in-house program was a great success. Students got to know each other and interact in friendly sports competitions across Grades 1 to 5.
- **Track and Field** – The next round starts on April 9, 2025, and event is on May 8, 2025.
- **Blue Jays Game (Grade 5)** – Previously planned game for April 16, 2025, may need to be cancelled. Discussions are ongoing between TDSB and Blue Jays to resolve some issues. Should cancellation be required, refunds will be issued.
- **Overnight Trip (Grade 5)** – Thanks to PAC for providing the \$2500 upfront to support the trip. Usually, overnight trips start in Grade 6 but it was approved for Grade 5 this year. Principal Costa will be submitting an application for next year's grade 5 class, there is no confirmation of approval next year.
- **Grade 5 Graduation Day** will be held on June 24, 2025.
- **Steel Pan** – This will help to improve ability to play instruments. Planned for 2 days with 8 sessions across.
- **Alice In Wonderland musical** is planned for Apr 30/May 1, 2025.
- **TIRF Rugby** – They will be visiting the school on May 20 to May 23, 2025. This is a free event and doesn't involve any tackling (non-contact). TIRF will be spending 4 days this year. (It was only for 2 days last year).
- **Hearing and Vision Clinic** – Students can use it voluntarily (\$20 for hearing and vision, \$15 for either one)
- The school management team is thankful to parents and staff for supporting students to participate in events.

5. Volunteering at School: Alice/Bonnie

- People interested to volunteer at school have to complete the Vulnerable Sector Check with Toronto Police Service (TPS). It involves a nominal fee.
<https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>
Please use the TDSB code (202309TPSOND7EFC) while applying for the check.

6. Next Meeting Date – Will be determined later.