

Dallington School Council Meeting #1 Minutes

Agenda – Thursday October 17th, 2024
6:30 pm online on zoom

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In Attendance:

Jackie Chau (Exiting Chair)	Venessa Sandy (Treasurer/Secretary)	Chris Ellinidis
Frank Costa (Principal)	Jared Baker (Vice Principal)	Patricia Raymond (Teacher Rep)
Niki Chau	Christie	Meisam Soltani-Koopa
Visda VokhShoori	Alice Mansourian	Malalai Jamshid Neja
Muina Ahmed	Samantha Juruc	Sarah
David Willson	Gagan Tyagi	Dylan
Myra Batalvi	Lalit Gupta	Melissa J.
Marcelino	AJ	Mariia Shapunova
Bonnie Wilkinson	Nadia Ng	

1. Welcome, Introductions and Annual General Meeting/Voting – Jackie
 - Exiting Chair (Jackie) ran the meeting to execute the AGM for the upcoming PAC. 6 nominees have submitted their nominations:
 - o Bonnie Wilkinson
 - o Nadia Ng
 - o Naghmeh Abdollahi – Not Present – unable to partake as a voting member
 - o Alice Mansourian
 - o Alex Jason Franklin
 - o Mariia Shapunova
2. Current fundraising events and volunteering – Venessa
 - Mentioned the types of fundraiser events that happened 2023-2024.
 - Pizza lunch is our biggest fundraiser event since it done throughout the year.
 - Move-A-Thon, Movie Night & Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - Other contributors that we have supported that year included Gr. 5 Graduation, Play Day, Scientists in the School, Peter Pan & Teacher Wish List
3. Financial update: Treasurer – Venessa
 - 2024-2025 Revenue - \$40,282 Expenses - \$32,028 – In the Bank \$19,300
 - 2024-2025 – Pizza Lunch is the first fundraiser and have raised \$23,440
4. Dallington Pollinators: Mahnaz
 - Update read on behalf of Mahnaz**
 - Key Highlights:
 1. Winter Prep: we are prepping the garden beds for winter and have a worker bee day this Saturday, Oct 19 at 10.00am. If you can commit even an hour, please join us and help us maintain the garden for winter. We'll have some native plant seeds to share and sow for spring.
 2. Volunteering: I am pleased to share that the young student volunteers at our garden are becoming the glue and backbone for our garden project. They are dedicated and overall, very committed individuals. They not only earn volunteer hours but are recognized for their hard work and have been successful in gaining meaningful summer jobs/employment and scholarships each year!! Do encourage your children to volunteer with us as it's a way of community engagement and building valuable, transferable skill sets. If they are younger than 12, then they will require adult supervision.

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3. We are hosting our 13th annual Pumpkin Walk on November 1. It's from 5-8pm. Instead of tossing your carved pumpkin for yard waste collection, please bring it to the garden. We'll arrange it in the garden and around the park and light it for one last time. After that, join us in the community toss!! Please see flyers for details.

For parents: Those who wish to join the Dallington garden, please email the team dallington.pollinators@gmail.com

5. Principal's/Vice Principal's updates and comments

- Spoke about the daily goings of the school – when it begins, recesses and when it closes.
- Advised regarding resources within the school - 1.5 administrators (principal, VP, administrator and administrator that works in the morning. 25.5 teaching staff
- Virtual library – Chris Ellinidis - Available to everyone, include books, math games, overall great educational tool. Spoke about volunteer help with the library at any time of the day. Books can be donated but they do need to be vetted prior to adding them to the library.
- What's New & Happening – Construction – The front is 90% completed. Only thing that is left is the bench and bike rack. Switchback stairs, not far from completion.
- Reorganization for Kindergarten – 35 students per class, therefore awarded a new teacher in the English track Ms Liu.
- "Lunchbox" revisited use Subway.
- Early screening for Kindergarten to Grade 2. Providing support to improve their resources in reading.
- Curriculum Night. Thanks for all who attended.
- What's in Motion - First Nation workshops for Grade 1 and 2 students, will be presented by a residential school survivor.
- Jujitsu for Grade 4 and 5 students, builds self-confidence and mental wellness.
- Looking into activities for the Kindergarten and Grade 3 as we progress throughout the year.
- Duffle Bag theatre will return to Dallington. Great interactive show for the students, that has components for drama and dance as well as literacy.
- Pizza lunches are in full swing.
- Sports are up and running: Cross Country, Borden Ball, girls and boys soccer.
- International language gr 5 1 to 1 devices were rolled out.
- Dental screening happening in November, notices went out to all families.
- EQAO results. Schools are down 2%.
- School Evacuation Plan - 2 schools where we can proceed to in this situation. First is Lescon and the other is St. Timothy's as the main evacuation sites.
- Toronto Police Services come to the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Since the visits are limited, were able to fit grade 2 to 5 both streams (English and French) guaranteed. Officers come in, get to know the students, play some games in the gym. May have a chance for grade 1 to partake and Kindergartens will have an opportunity to interact with the officers.

6. Other Business

- Questions regarding Halloween, costumes and parade.
- SAC workshops on November 5 for those who are available to sign up.

7. Next meeting date – **To be determined**