

# Minutes

Meeting:	School Council Meeting, DERRYDOWN Public School
Date:	April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
In attendance :	Ms. Sherron Grant, Derrydown School Principal; Dr. Minakshi Das, School Council Co-Chair; Ms. Luz Leon, School Council Co-Chair; Ms. Nadhira Soud, School Council Treasurer; Ms. Darling Cater, School Council Secretary (unable to attend due to other commitment)  Parent members: Sign in Sheets details...
Minutes Written By:	Minakshi Das

Discussion:

School updates

Highlight

School Council is not a fund-raising body only but also a fully engaged (mantels the responsibility) body of student achievement, equity and well-being. Fund raising is one of the attribute of School Council according to the Board procedures.

Ms.Grant provided a snapshot of Staffing model for the next academic year 2019-2020. This model was based upon the budget allocation provided to the TDSB (Recent Budget cut provision). Additional information supported the model was based on student enrolment details of the year 2019-2020. At present the school has 415 students and the projection for the next academic year is 399.

EQAO dates were presented for Grade-3 students. It will be a two weeks window starting from May 22<sup>nd</sup>-May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. This provincial test carries Math score for French Immersion students and Language and Math for English stream.

She had also presented the planning of Library painting, carpeting and technology upgrade. Proposal was conveyed to introduce new programmes like Dance and Yoga for the next academic year. The expert is invited to present the programme details in the upcoming School Council meeting of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Asian Heritage Month (May, 2019) will be celebrated through a Fashion show of the participated students.

To enlarge Special Education, resources are of constraint. The more detailed plan will be in place after 23<sup>rd</sup> of April as the school is expecting the second part of the budget allocation by that date. The strategy of reading and language support is in plan.

Mme. Iglecias informed about the Education Town Hall meeting of public education funding cut (Edu Forum). The meeting was organized by the opposition leader Andrea Horwath to discuss the impact of Mr. Doug Ford's education cuts on our children and families. This will have a big impact on more one to one support to the kids and best possible teaching.

Therefore, urge of the hour is to the parents to stand up and advocate for more resources to the school.

#### School Council By-laws final consultation

Ms. Das brief up on the final draft of School Council engagement, responsibilities and operating procedures. The operating procedures are according to the Board Policies and Regulation including Fund-Raising.

This draft was also consulted with parents on the School Council meetings of November 2018 and January 2019. Parents were provided the draft document to review through online. Final copy print outs (14 pages) of the document was provided for review. The deadline to submit the suggestions was kept open for a week from April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. After this date, it is considered as the final version of the Derrydown School By-Laws.

#### Upcoming Workshop information:

Mr. Parminder Dhillon, CSW updated about the upcoming workshop on "Raising Awesome Kids" dated May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6.00-8.00p.m in DerryDown Public School. This workshop is the Parents Outreach Grant utilization to empower parents and kids.

Full day Workshop in Elia Middle School: June 7<sup>th</sup> by Organized by Learning Centre2.

#### School Council Fund details

Ms. Soud, treasurer, provided much detailed information about the funds raised in past months and the expenditure heads. Math Night and African Heritage Month celebration were the major events and heads of expenditures.

#### Fund raising proposal placement consultation for the year 2019-2020:

Ms. Luz and Ms. Das had discussed the School Council fund-raising strategies through the Lunch Lady programme. Lunch Lady in business since 1992 and is an all Canadian company. It has fundraising component on regular menu. The Lunch Lady has been associated with many TDSB schools: (Website: <http://thelunchlady.ca>)

Ms. Grant had opined that she will look for the Equity Policy procedures in this regard.

## Questions and answers

Parents concern in any matter from the classroom

This question was led by Ms. Grant to provide more voice to the parent's community. One of the parents had discussed her concern through a constructive approach. Ms. Grant assured to bring more effective strategies for classroom problems of the kids.

## Suggestions

### School Cash Online

Ms. Das suggested starting School Cash Online for the Nutrition programme.

In the past meetings, a parent/guardian raised concerns about the system not being functional, which is a deterrent for those that do wish to use the system.

In the past here have been some problems with the hot lunch (Pizza) online payments, and the system did not allow a process of paid checkout.

Taking into consideration all the above opinion and experiences, Ms. Das thought and suggested that School Cash online is going to be more effective.

However, it is also mentioned that even when parents pay on-line, it would be best if a form is still sent in as it helps with the tallying of the orders. So to keep the process intact, both of the formats can be (are) in place.