

Minutes

Meeting:	School Council Meeting
Co-Chairs:	Minaski Das and Luz Leon
Date:	January 17, 2019
Attended by:	Ms. Sherron Grant, Derrydown School Principal; Ms. 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 For a complete list of attendees, refer to attendance sheet.
Minutes Prepared By:	Ms. Darling Cater

0. Presentation of Agenda

Ms. Leon as the co-chair of the Executive Council presented the Agenda for the evening. Executive Council members.

1. Trustee: Mr. Christopher Mammoliti

Mr. Mammoliti introduced himself as Ward 4's, and as such Derrydown', school trustee speaking towards the importance of ongoing open communication.

Ms. Sharon Grant introduced herself as Ward 4's, and as such Derrydown's, Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) representative. The purpose of PIAC is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

2. MPP Mr. Tom Racocevic

Mr. Racocevic introduced himself as the Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) representing the Humber-River Black Creek riding. Mr. Racocevic engaged the parents in a conversation focused on the services provided and received at the Humber River Hospital.

A few concerns regarding Derrydown were briefly brought to his attention such as the need for a fence from the park adjoining the school as well as the technology needs of the school. Mr. Racocevic advised he is open to hearing the needs of the community.

3. Evolve Camps, Mr. Patrick Richardson

Mr. Richardson introduced Evolve Camps and its services. Evolve Camps is a mobile skate park providing a hands-on program that allows participants to engage in the sports of skateboarding and scootering in a safe and controlled environment.

Evolve Camps can provide Derrydown with three different packages to choose from, providing flexibility to the packages prices and the services the packages can include.

4. Lifetouch Photography, Mr. Sean Saigeon

Mr. Saigeon introduced Lifetouch Photography, offering to become Derrydown's school picture provider for the next school year. Mr. Saigeon provided information on the services the company offers with a focus on providing parents with more cost effective options.

Ms. Grant was seeking parent input on Lifetouch Photography.

5. Caribbean African Canadian (CAFCAN) Social Service Agency - Jamaican Canadian Association

There no was representative at the meeting for this association.

6. School Report, Ms. Grant

Ms. Grant advised there is an ongoing effort to improving literacy and numeracy of the students. Working towards achieving these goals requires ongoing teacher training.

There is a focus on ensuring all students are reading at their corresponding level.

There is a Reading Recovery program, a one on one intensive reading program that is focused on this achievement. There is no such program for the French Immersion program.

Parent Homework

Ms. Grant is seeking parent input on efforts / focus to improving literacy, numeracy, student wellness and well-being, equity, and any other topics.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place at the school from February 11 - 14. The school is seeking volunteers to help with the book fair, particularly after school, the evening of February 14, and the morning of February 15.

Cash Online

We continue to encourage parents to use the TDSB Cash Online program to pay for any fees that may be required for school activities.

Roofing Work

The roofing repairs continue to be a work in progress.

7. Events and Parent Survey, Mr. Parminder Dhillon

Mr. Dhillon provided the results of the survey shared with parents on topics of interest for parent workshops, training and programs.

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

The PRO grant has been approved. A reminder that the grant must be used by the end of the school year (June), and that the funds must be used for mental health and well-being.

A possibility to partnering with a neighbouring school is discussed in order to maximize the benefits of the funds. Beverly Heights has suggested a partnership. They have booked Paul Davis, Social Networking Safety, for their event.

8. Fundraising

For the remaining year, all the hot lunches will be pizza lunches only. We will be offering only one hot lunch per month.

Allocation of Fundraising Funds

Ms. Grant will provide a list of top priorities so that we may decide where to allocate funds from the hot lunch initiatives. Discussed as main priorities are the grade 5 graduation including the grade 5 graduation trip, and the grade 4 Medieval Times trip.

Next Parent Council Meeting: February 21, 2019