

Minutes

Meeting:	School Council Meeting
Co-Chairs:	Minaski Das and Luz Leon
Date:	November 22, 2018
Attended by:	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 For a complete list of attendees, refer to attendance sheet.
Minutes Prepared By:	Ms. Darling Cater

0. Opening Introductions

Ms. Leon as the co-chair of the Executive Council introduced the Executive Council members.

1. School Council Bylaws

Dr. Das provided a briefing on the responsibilities and expectations of the School Council, which will be reflected in the School Council by-laws. Dr. Das will draft the by-laws and hopes to provide a draft for review at the next School Council meeting scheduled on January 17, 2019.

A parent/guardian asked if the school had existing by-laws. In response, Ms. Grant advised the school does not have existing by-laws.

2. Fundraising Ideas

Ms. Leon suggested considering various ideas for fundraising in addition to the hot lunches. In particular, Ms. Leon introduced the idea of Evolve Skate Camp as a school fair. Evolve Skate Camp is an interactive program focusing on skateboard, scooter and action sports. Evolve Skate Camp will set-up their mobile skate park and give skateboard and scooter lessons. The school then charges for tickets to their services. The school determines the rate of return based on the selling price of the tickets.

The cost of the activity is \$800 with a suggested selling price of \$5 per ticket. Additional suggestions for further fundraising activities on the day of the fair includes selling chips and juice.

Ms. Leon will see if Evolve Skate Camp can visit the School Council at the next meeting so that they may provide further information.

Mme. Iglecias as representative of the teachers

Mme. Iglecias representing the teachers wanted to know if there was an update from the School Council on purchasing items from the teachers wish list. In particular, the teachers feel that a Ladybug projector is a main priority. Note, the School Council has not discussed the allocation of the funds collected via the fundraising initiatives.

A parent in attendance advised she could possibly obtain a discount on the electronic items requested. Further information would be collected to see if this is a possibility. As a reminder, vendors from whom electronics are purchased must be on the TDSB approved vendor list.

Secondly, Mme. Iglecias on behalf of Ms. Mondenge asked if the December hot lunch proceeds may be put towards African Heritage month (February 2019). Mme. Iglecias also suggested selling hot chocolate and cookies for the month of December and January to raise further funds.

3. School Cash-online

In order to encourage parents to use the School Cash On-line system, Ms. Leon suggested a computer be made available at the school. Ms. Grant advised this could be possible.

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

There have been some problems with the set up of the hot lunch dates, and the system not allowing a seamless checkout. Those problems appear to have been corrected.

Ms. Acevedo advised that she would prefer 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.

4. Pizza hot lunch

Ms. Cater provided an update on the first hot lunch of the school year. Ms. Cater advised the School Council how labour intensive the preparation for the hot lunch can be, and asked for help with the next upcoming hot lunch dates. In particular, a volunteer was requested to buy the

juice and chips. Ms. Soud volunteered to buy both the juice and the chips for the next hot lunch, November 29th.

Help was also requested for the pancake breakfast on December 19th. Volunteers must be at the school by 7:30am on this day.

Ms. Mercer will provide Ms. Cater a list of the supplies needed for the pancake breakfast.

5. School Updates

Ms. Grant provided information on various extra-curricular activities that occur at the school during the day.

Ms. Grant advised that there are efforts to improve literacy and numeracy scores within the school, while at the same time focusing on mental health. Ms. Grant briefed the School Council on two particular initiatives, The MindUp Curriculum, and The Zones of Regulation that bring awareness to a student's emotional state.

Ms. Grant advised that there is work being completed for the reinstallation of the solar panels that were removed prior to the roofing work that was completed last month. Ms. Grant has had a meeting to discuss any concerns regarding student, staff and parent safety as this work will be conducted during school hours. The contractor estimates that this should be completed within the week. A letter will be going home to alert the school community.