Minutes

Meeting:	School Council Meeting, DERRYDOWN Public School
Date:	June 6 th , 2019, 6.00-8.00PM
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 Parent members: Sign in Sheets details
Minutes Written By:	Minakshi Das

Discussion:

Minutes of May SAC was approved.

Highlight

School Improvement plan (2019-2020) was discussed through level up of Literacy, Reading Recovery and Math problem solving process. This discussion was done for both English and French. Reading and math Coaches are certainly needed to achieve the desired results. Funding cut to the schools is a major constraint to achieve the desired goals.

The discussion was centre around:

Wellness approach

Centre based learning

Leadership: Grade 3, 4 and 5

Conflict resolution

Extra-curricular activities

Zones of regulation: Not to escalate the matter

Supporting system build up for student achievement

ESL

Classroom structure: JK/SK, G1/2,G-3, G4/5

School Uniform Policy:

Parents were consulted to provide their opinion on school uniform process and thereby the policy implementation. Majority of the parents opined to maintain the school uniform as it envisages Equity, Respect and Confidence.

School updates

Ms.Grant provided detailed information on Library painting, carpeting and technology Upgradation. The purchase list of projectors and ladybugs was provided.

Fund-raising activity

Fund raised (in the month of April and May) financial status was provided through the treasurer report. It was a combined information from Ms. Grant and Ms. Nadhira Soud.

Parents were consulted about their preferences for Hot Lunch as part of school fund raising activity of 2019-2020. Parents opined for a mixed choice of Pizza, Sub-lunch and Patty. Other fund raising activities proposed were Movie Night and Multicultural event.

Teacher Report

Highlight

Stand up for our kids, Voice your concerns!

Carry Forward (Funding Cuts to schools is a major constraint for Student achievement of all round)

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.

In the above context, she had provided some resources to be written letters or contact for enough school resources.

The stakeholders are:
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Mme Iglecias also urged the necessity of Fund raising for extra-curricular activities and reported that Spring Dance will be conducted dated June 6th as part of cultural fund raising activities.

Information was also placed that Parent Advisory Board Award: will be given to a student who contributed for the community and school improvement work. This award will be awarded by a teacher was proposed at the same.

School Council By-laws update

At present it is open for public reference. Other school council can refer this to develop their school By-laws.

Suggestions

School Cash Online: Carry forward discussion

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

Taking into consideration the School Cash Online system (more) effectiveness and use of technology Ms. Das thought and suggested that School Cash online is the right process for the above programme.

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.