

# Minutes

Meeting:	School Council Meeting, DERRYDOWN Public School
Date:	May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
In attendance :	Ms. Ann Marie Romanovich, Derrydown School Vice-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:

Minutes of April SAC was approved.

## Highlight

School Collaboration (2019-2020) proposed details

Mr. Conor from X Movement presented their integrated and powerful connected movement approach to energize school communities.

The programme is called M3 as it is connected with:

- Movement (Physical activity that makes somebody feel good irrespective of ability)
- Mindfulness (Using reflection to become aware of self, others and the world around)
- Mateship (Building relationships through conversation, equality and trust)

The organization/programme delivers through workshops of 40-50 kids in a time span of 35-40 minutes.

Mr. Ninvalle of Wadoka Academy Inc presented the programme details of Martial Arts and Tutoring plus Swimming as a bonus programme. This programme is also associated with funding from Canadian Tire. Tutoring programme facilitates academic improvement in math, English, science and reading.

This programme delivery is of 10 months and the cost is \$20 per month. The time of delivery is 3.30pm to 5.00pm (After school programme) and once in a week.

## School updates

It was detailed by the Vice –Principal Mrs. Ann Marie Romanovich Ms.Grant was engaged in another meeting and therefore unable to attend this SAC meeting.

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.

She had brief up about the visit of Math and literacy coach to assess student level and collect data. This year kindergarten students show higher math skills than other classes.

Data was collected to trace out the gaps for students achievement and improvement areas In math, reading and writing skills.

Staffing for spring was managed by recalling two teachers of the school.

Kindergarten Night was managed successfully with many parents in attendance and also related information.

Health and well-being: Vision screening and Dental screening of this year was managed successfully.

Sports Activity engagement date Grade 1-3 mini Track and Field was informed.

May 27<sup>th</sup>: Bike day to be organized in the school.

Vacancy details: 0.5 core in ( French Immersion) and 0.5 in ( IEP)

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

## Teacher Report

Highlight

## Stand up for our kids, Voice your concerns!

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:

Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP)

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Mme Glacia also urged the necessity of Fund raising for extra-curricular activities and reported that Spring Dance will be conducted dated June 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ms. Das brief up (Written by Dr.Minakshi Das) 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:

Ms. Erika Pintyo, 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> 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.

Ms.Das joined her with updates on more fund raising events of May and June 2019. These are hot lunch of Pizza and Sub lunch. The fund raised will be utilized for Grade 5 Graduation and Grade 4 field trip to Medieval Times. .

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>)

### Suggestions

### School Cash Online: Carry forward discussion

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.