

Derrydown Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 10 2018
Staff Room at 6:00 p.m.

Present: As per sign-in list distributed during meeting

Regrets: Lisa Fisher (interest to become a member of general council)

1. **Welcome-** Today is our first school council meeting and thank you to everyone for joining us today.

2. **General Elections**

Everyone in attendance will be Members at Large and have voting rights for the 2018-19 year

We only publicize Chairs and the Executive (information will be posted and sent to the Superintendent)

Co-chairs names will appear on Derrydown P.S. website

Parminder Dhillon- Is our school Community Support Worker and will support the School council with regulations and ballots this evening, and PRO Grant applications for parent engagement this year

Other Committees throughout the year can be fluid and parents are welcome to volunteer

Positions for Executive Council and Descriptions

- a) Co-chairs (ballot) – One for French track and 1 for English track to represent our parents and students, send out agendas, communication, setting up snacks, communicating child minding, sharing information
- b) Treasurer- monthly financial reports and we can support in the office with making deposits, counting money, deposit slips, cheques written, working with Office Administrator, account balances and financial reports
- c) Secretary- notes and minutes from meetings, e-mail communication, announcements and parent engagement

Other Committees (e.g., fundraising, spring fun fair) throughout the year can be fluid and parents are welcome to volunteer

TDSB Employees cannot hold position on the Executive Council. TDSB employees can only be member at large.

Candidates for Executive Positions-

Dr. M. Das (French Immersion)
Ms. L. Leon Lopez (English track)

Dr. Das- Running for Co-Chair
wants to involve parent in student learning and their studies
has been involved in council for past 3 years
bring together teacher modelling and support from parents at home
contributing approach to humanity
fundraising is needed to contribute to learning experiences and class trips

Ms. Lopez- Running for Co-Chair
Speaks French and English
Both languages are official in Canada and offers good education
First experience as council
Work as a team to get solutions and help our relationship with parents and the school

Ms. Soud- Running for Treasurer
Accounting background, professional course, teaching tax courses

Pro Grant Update
\$1000
Not released yet
Funds are used for parent engagement opportunities and guest speakers
We applied for grant and are waiting to see if we will receive it
Funds for meeting expenses

Ms. D. Cater- Running for Secretary

3. Principal's Report- Ms. Grant / Ms. Romanovich

Upcoming Dates/Events-

PARS- online application closes November 26, 2018
Not a first-come, first-served process
Parents are informed via e-mail. Please check junk e-mail folders as confirmations are sent via e-mail from French Department
If there is a high demand for a school, students may be redirected to nearby schools with available space. Check TDSB website under French, SK Early Immersion
Parents need Ontario Education Number (see our office staff)
Parent Information Night for French Immersion is at Northview Heights Secondary School November 20th 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., and there is an online video for those who can't attend

Construction Updates

Barrier free washroom upgrade- washroom is still being worked on
Roof work in the future, not this year is scheduled for the roof in the kindergarten area- will not be during school day

EQAO

Data was released

English- Reading- 50 % of students reading at level 3 and 4

English- Writing- 67 % of students writing at level 3 and 4

French Immersion & English- 48% of students at level 3 and 4

Shared Alex Lawson update K to Grade 3 focus

Professional learning- thinking behind the math

There will be a grade 3 information night for parents/guardians for Grade 3

Question- Is there a parent guideline for EQAO? We will have teachers of grade 3 share information with parents and guardians for grade 3 classes

P.D. French staff for guided reading workshops for small group instruction and foundations in math

Partnerships with parents and teachers

Question- Do both report card data and EQAO data show consistency?

Our leadership team can look at our report card data with our EQAO data, and share at a later date with council

4. Teacher's Report- Mlle Iglecias

Shared teacher's wish list and distributed copy

Items that teacher's feel would enhance learning in class and school

5. Other business

Bring partnerships, grants or ideas to school council (e.g., Staples, Indigo/Chapters, and TD Friends of Environment)

CRA- recycled computers available however TDSB won't image them

We need further time dedicated to discuss technology at council

6. Parking Lot and Traffic Concerns- Officers Bouhs and Rocco

Mrs. Grant called Local 31 Division

Support parents with safety and traffic to ensure safety of children

Officers came to open house and we have invited them to Council tonight

Michelle- community office from 31 Division- Community Police Liaison

There is an open grant available from Toronto Police from their committee for schools

Small parking lot causing congestions
 Window of 15-20 minutes of chaos in the morning
 People leaving cars abandoned and backing up cars onto Derrydown
 50 schools under jurisdiction
 Consider using parent volunteers for drop off in parking lot at the fence
 No stopping 8 a.m.to 6 p.m. in front of the school
 Fatality in Toronto last year with parked cars

7. School Council Meeting Dates for 2018-19 Year

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 22
 Thursday, January 17
 Thursday, Feb. 21
 Thursday, April 18
 Thursday May 16
 Thursday, June 6