



DERRYDOWN Public School

Minutes: School Council Election, October 3, 2019

Meeting:	School Council Election , DERRYDOWN Public School
Date:	October 3, 6.00-8.00PM
In attendance :	Mrs, Sherron Grant Derrydown School Principal; Annmarie Romanovich, Vice-Principal Dr. Minakshi Das, School Council Co-Chair; Ms. Luz Leon-Lopez, School Council Co-Chair; Ms. Nadhira Soud, School Council Treasurer; Parent members: Sign in Sheets details...
Minutes Written By:	Minakshi Das (Co-Chair, French Immersion, 2018-19)

Welcome:

Mrs. Sherron Grant, Derrydown Public School Principal welcomes the parents' community to the first school council meeting and thanks to everyone for joining us today.

Refreshment: Parents were served with refreshments of Pizza, Juice, water and nutrition bars with welcome attributes.

Election brief:

Mrs. Grant, Derry down Public School Principal opens the forum with a brief note about the School Council election and thereafter parents introduced themselves with their kids enrolled in grades.

A brief description of the SAC activities of 2018-2019 was brief up by the Co-Chairs. This was provided the ground for new members to understand the role and functioning of SAC for new interested members.

General Elections

Parents (Everyone) in attendance will be Members at Large and have voting rights for the 2019-20 year. Elected Executives (information will be posted and sent to the Superintendent) names will appear on Derrydown P.S. website

Community Support Worker Patrick Boland is the new school Community Support Worker and will support the School council with regulations and ballots in this election evening, and Grant applications.

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

Positions for Executive Council and Responsibilities

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.

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.

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. Minakshi Das (**Co-Chair**: French Immersion)

Dr. Das, running for Co-Chair wants to involve parents in student learning and their achievement. She has been involved in council for past 5 years bring together school reforms and support from parents at home contributing approach to humanity.

Ms. Elif Denis (**Co-Chair**: English track)

Ms. Elif Denis, running for Co-Chair speaks English and Turkish. She has been volunteering in the school outreach activities from last five years. Her approach is to

work as a team to get solutions and help our relationship with parents and the school. She has a holistic approach towards student safety.

Ms. Sarah Butterwick: Co-Chair: English track)

She has a background in Human Resources and working in Higher Education department of Humber College. She can support parents and kids for reading and writing club of school.

Nadhira Soud (Treasurer)

Ms. Soud, running for Treasurer having Accounting background, and teaching tax courses.

Dan Ofer : Running for Secretary.

He has a software development background and can support in technology part of the school.

Pro Grant Update:

\$500 (School Board contribution)

Funds are used for parent engagement opportunities.

School updates

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

Upcoming Dates/Events-

PARS- online application

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).

EQAO

Data was released

English- Reading- 42 % of students reading at level 3 and 4

English- Writing- 38 % of students writing at level 3 and 4

French Immersion & English- 33% of students at level 3 and 4

Professional learning: Review of Math strategy.

There will be an information night for parents/guardians for Grade 3

Professional Development: French staff for guided reading workshops for small group instruction and foundations in math.

Bus service:

Mrs. Romanovich informed council members about school bus service streamlining and thereby code of conduct on behalf of students. At the same time, she was concerned with student safety while drop off in their bus stops.

She had proposed to share the email information of the staff to contact during late service and also any violation of safety rules inside the bus by the driver.

School Evacuation Plan:

Parents were given a detailed school evacuation plan document. All necessary steps were detailed in that plan document.

Sustainable Development: CSW, Patrick Boland informed about Multi-Year Strategic Plan focused on sustainable development. This will lead to development impacts for long term and thereby the desired change.

School Needs (School Improvement Plan)

Shared teacher's wish list and needs that teacher's feel would enhance learning in class and school.

The school needs more cameras and 2 more swipe card access points. We are looking at approximately \$25,000.

The FDK teachers would like a set of 20 iPads for centre-based learning in their classrooms.

We would like to get a 2nd basketball hoop mounted in the gym. That will likely be somewhere between \$5,000 - \$10,000

A few more teachers are in need of projectors and laptops to better engage students in the classroom.

Other business

Establish community partnerships, grants or ideas to school Council.

Reading and writing Club

Parents suggested their support for this club to help kids in achieving the required upgrade.

Parking Lot and Traffic Rules and Regulations

Mrs. Grant called Local 31 Division police officers in charge of community parking. They support parents with safety and traffic information to ensure safety of children Schools.

Vision Zero

Police officers were brief up about this Municipal Plan. The objective of this plan is to protect kids from Cyber bullying and inform about Cyber safety.

Parents as Partners for this parking safety were suggested by parents through volunteering.

Fundraising

It is needed to enrich learning experiences both in class and outdoor.

School Council Meeting Dates for Year 2019-2020

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m

November 21st, 2019

January 23rd, 2020

February 20th, 2020

April 30th, 2020

May 21st, 2020

June 11th, 2020

Documents distributed to parents:

1. Agenda of the meeting
2. Ballot papers for the election of Executive Members
3. Goals and Objectives of the School Academic year 2018-2019.
4. School Council Report of year 2018-2019
5. Principal/Vice-Principal Report
6. School Evacuation Plan
7. Sign –In Sheets