

Third SAC Meeting of 2019/2020 School Year

- Thursday, 20 February 2020
- 18:00 to 20:00

Participants

Administration

- Christopher Mammoliti (Trustee)
- Sherron Grant (Principal)
- Patrick Boland (Community Support Worker)

Executive Committee

- Dan Jakob Ofer
- Dr. Minakshi Das
- Sarah Butterwick
- Nadhira Soud
- Evelyn Broadue (Attendee of Tom Rakocovic)

Parents

- And parents

Meetings Notes

School Improvement Goals of 2020/2021

- By Mrs. Das

Neighbourhood Grant Proposal Updates

- By Mrs. Das
- Received Neighbourhood grant
 - 2,500 CAD
 - Use by September 2020
 - But we might not be able to use because of the current Job Action
 - Mr. Mammoliti can help if grant provider wants the money back if not used

Kernels (Popcorn) Event

- By Mrs Butterwick
- Mr. Boland suggests to get a list of willing volunteers
- Cannot do it during teaching hours
 - Lunch hour or recess hour
- Can only take pupils out of class for curriculum-related activities
- Should be organised by parents because administrators and teachers cannot participate

Basketball Hoops

- By Mrs. Das
- Price: 14,000 - 15,000 CAD
- Chris recommends to solidify interest
 - Get signatures of number of interested pupils
 - At least 30 pupils
- And Chris will present the programme
- Chris believes that arts and athletics are a good combination
- But there is not a school like this in this ward
- Chris claims that pupils leave this ward to Richmond Hill and Thornhill because of a lack of athletics

French Immersion

- By Mr. Mammoliti
- French immersion pupils move to Beverly Middle School
- English immersion pupils move to Elia Middle School
- French Consultation happened two years ago
 - But, the Keele and Finch neighbourhood has not been recognised as a neighbourhood that wants French programmes
 - Lack of French resources because the planners have not heard a need for additional resources
- The ward receives 17,000 CAD for every student
- There is a shortage of French teachers in the TDSB

Optional Attendance

- By Mr. Mammoliti
- Allows pupils to decide which school they would like to attend
- But there are consequences
 - Racism (pupils want to leave schools to avoid attending school with pupils of certain demographics)
 - Cuts funding (ward loses 17,000 CAD when a pupil leaves)

Parents as Partners Conference

- By Mr. Boland
- Saturday, March 28th, 2020
- At Toronto Congress Centre, Dixie Road, Etobicoke
- Registration will open online

Ward 4 Forum

- By Mr. Mammoliti
- Parent councils talking together
- Occurs twice a year
- Mrs. Das and Mr. Boland were Derrydown's voice
- 200 dollars per parent council instead of 1,000 dollars
 - So have one event instead of several events

Mental Health

- By Mrs. Das
- March 6 - 7
- 400 dollar investment
- Today mental health not a taboo subject
- Children are suffering from its effects
 - Cannot articulate their trauma
 - Parents cannot articulate their own trauma

Decisions

- Student mental health
- STEM
- Student advocacy
- Student anxiety
- Equity and student achievement
- Chris and the superintendents will decide what to do with the funding

Crisis and Intervention

- By Mr. Boland
- People are looking to address issues
- Schools are resilient
- Agencies are receiving funding
- CSWs will look into deciding on an agency
- This year the concern is **Affordable Housing**
- Parents affected by the Gosford Fire are asking for financial help

Questions and Answers

- By Mr. Boland

School Updates

- By Mrs. Grant
- We applied for the Indigo Grant
- Will know by May/June for response

EQAO

- No decision whether it will happen because of the Job Action

Safe and Caring Schools

- Tents, fidgets, and more have been purchased
- Pupils are more calm and do cope with anxiety

Staffing

- Added an additional special needs (SNA - Special Needs Assistance)
- Will be interviewing for a,
 - Permanent .5 SNA (additional to the one allocated to the school)
 - Permanent English ECE
 - Permanent Office Clerical

Security

- 6 cameras strategically located within and without the building
- 2 access points
- ~11,000 CAD dollars paid by Derrydown
- Rest (about the same amount) will be paid by TDSB
- Will be implemented by March - April 2020

Graduation Ceremony

- Deposits can be lost if Job Action continues
- Ice skating is cancelled
- Chris will help Derrydown get its money back

Newsletters

- Derrydown PS Newsletter posted on Derrydown website
- Ward 4 forum flyers posted on school website

Summer School (2020)

- Approved to be hosted at Derrydown PS
- Free
- K-8
- Literacy, numeracy through the arts, and French Immersion
- 9am - 12pm
- Registration instructions will arrive around March (?)
- Placements: 250 (half for Grade 7 - 8)
- Remedial, Review, and Enrichment

The New Mascot

- By Mrs. Grant
- We are **The Dragons** (mascot)
- Rebranding our,
 - Athletic gear
 - Foyer
 - Mural
- Where to put it?
 - Maybe on the back wall of the trophy cabin?
- Slogan ideas:
 - The Derrydown Character
 - The mythological character of the dragon represents strength: not literal physical strength, but character strength

Local Political Support

- By Mrs. Broadue
- The local MPP can help distressed constituents