

# Dundas Public School Parent Council Meeting

September 18, 2018

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Update	Topic	Details/Questions/Next Steps
<b>Introduction &amp; Welcome</b> <i>Audrey Gavin</i> <i>(Co-Chair 2017-18)</i>	Welcome council and thank parents, especially new Dundas parents, for attending the first meeting of the 2018/2019 school year.	Technically the school council re-forms each academic year, so have to turn meeting over to Principal Chatzis to give update and to provide information on the Parent Council Elections for 2018-19.
<b>Principal Update</b> <i>Georgia Chatzis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduced herself - Principal at Dundas; this will be her fourth year at the school.</li> <li>- Also introduced Kristin McDonald, who is Vice Principal for both Dundas and at Queen Alexandra</li> <li>- she is at Dundas in the mornings and at Queen A in the afternoons</li> <li>- Georgia will be advocating for a full-time VP in 2019/2020 school year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Note upcoming dates of compulsory items: school is required to complete 3 fire drills + 1 lockdown before November</li> <li>- Teachers and staff will be with their classes and walking them through what they need to do.</li> </ul>
<b>Enrolment and Staffing Update</b> <i>Georgia Chatzis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dundas enrolment is up to 435 students; this is slightly higher than the TDSB forecasted number of 428</li> <li>- there are no expected changes to classrooms or teachers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Question re: communication from school - could Georgia please include in one of the handouts that all parents should be receiving weekly e-mail updates from her as well? Some parents may not know that they are supposed to sign up?</li> <li>- Dundas did send home a hand out for parents to update all statistical information including e-mail address (index card - may have been on pink paper - with picture child in corner)</li> <li>- Question re: teacher communication?</li> <li>- Very individual to each teacher; many are using classroom apps like Class Dojo, Bloomz, Remind etc - technically only Google products are allowed by TDSB</li> <li>- Georgia encourages all teachers to be as communicative as possible and let parents know what their kids are doing in class.</li> </ul>

<b>Hot Lunch Program + Lunchtime Supervision</b> Georgia Chatzis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JK-SK students continue to eat home lunch or hot lunch in their classrooms - each room has a lunch room supervisor; as well have students in Grade 4-5 that are helping kids</li> <li>- Now have 180 students in Grade 1-2-3 eating lunch in the gym from 11:20-12:00</li> <li>- 100 students in Grade 4-5 are eating lunch in Room 155</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For Grades 1 - 5; the TDSB has said the ratio for staff supervision is 1:100</li> <li>- however, Principal Chatzis has placed extra staff in the gym and in room 155</li> <li>- Gym has two supervisors as well as a Special Needs Assistant</li> <li>- Room 155 has a supervisor and an Educational Assistant on duty</li> <li>- these same staff are outside to monitor the lunch recess from 12:00 - 12:30.</li> <li>- Additionally, Ms. Landry is training older students on the PALS program; they will be able to lead games at recess for younger kids</li> <li>- various Dundas staff are also able to run various clubs and groups - kids can sign up; look for details TBC during the year</li> </ul>
<b>Facilities &amp; Renovation Update - STEAM LAB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- STEAM lab is complete (reminder to new parents this was made possible by a \$30,000 grant from University of Toronto)</li> <li>- this is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math</li> <li>- the arts component will be drama; may be able to build some of their props with the equipment.</li> <li>- located on heritage side of the school Room 319</li> <li>- Mr. Waldman is dedicated STEAM teacher</li> <li>- classes in Grades 3-4-5 will have weekly access to this room and all the equipment</li> <li>- Grades JK-SK will have equipment brought to their classrooms for STEAM time</li> <li>- Grade 1-2 will have STEAM time in a different room - with pieces of equipment brought to them</li> <li>- the equipment includes 3D printers; Dash &amp; Dot robots; circuits; laptops; etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- looking to introduce a free Saturday program in the STEAM Lab for females</li> <li>- working with University of Toronto for more details TBC</li> </ul>
<b>Facilities &amp; Renovation Update - OTHER ITEMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kindergarten yard had renovations done - installation of new boulders and benches; also installation of a chalkboard</li> <li>- re-surfacing of area under the trees also complete; new ground cover should help with drainage and with ice formation in winter.</li> <li>- new playstructure also completed - children were able to use it in the Spring at end of year - did have opening ceremony for it at the Fun Fair in June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Now working with architecture firm to redesign and renovate the main floor washrooms in order to have accessible washrooms</li> <li>- especially important because we do have people in the school community who require barrier free items.</li> <li>- track continues to be resurfaced as well as the long jump pits</li> <li>- basketball court construction continues</li> </ul>

<b>Update on Curriculum Night</b> <i>Georgia Chatzis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invitation to all parents to please join in on September 27</li> <li>- Activities begin at 4:30 pm in Kindergarten yard</li> <li>- hot dogs will be available (including halal options)</li> <li>- 4:45pm – will be doing a second ribbon cutting for playground, including Trustee and former Parent Council members</li> <li>- will also introduce all the teachers and ECEs that are at Dundas this year</li> <li>- 5:15-5:45pm - Round One - Classroom visits</li> <li>- 6:00-6:30pm - Round Two – classroom visits</li> <li>- Parents are also welcome to check out the library, gym, music room and the STEAM Lab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- quick mention that Parent Council usually does a bake sale at this event</li> <li>- TBC if this will be organized for this time around.</li> <li>- Ms. Landry is also planning to have samples of the new and original Dundas spirit wear (athletic clothing) available on display - so people can see sizing and material</li> </ul>
<b>Review of TDSB and Dundas Parent Concern Policy - How to raise concerns</b> <i>Georgia Chatzis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the TDSB has published a flow chart as to how to raise concerns you or your child may have expressed</li> <li>- the starting point for any concern would be to speak with teacher first; work with teacher on solution;</li> <li>- if results aren't satisfactory after a period of time, meet with Principal and VP;</li> <li>- if results aren't satisfactory after a period of time, there is a Superintendent for our area at the main TDSB office</li> <li>- Also, there is always the Trustee for this ward who can bring parent concerns forward to the Board.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent Concern flow chart is available in all of the student agendas that were distributed as well as being included in the weekly e-mails from Principal Chatzis - please review the process in case you need to raise anything</li> <li>- Note: John Chasty was the Superintendent for Dundas last year but there has been some re-org; new Trustee TBC</li> </ul>

<b>Introduction to the Dundas Parent Council Election process for 2018-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One of the Council subcommittees last year was a By-Laws refresh</li> <li>- were able to go through the By-Laws and make revisions to them to bring them into line with Ministry of Education and TDSB policies</li> <li>- one of the main changes was to bring more accountability and transparency to Parent Council elections by designating voting members of council more formally</li> <li>- voting members of council will be required to attend all meetings (if more than three are missed, the position shall be opened to someone else)</li> <li>- council must have 17 voting members including the Executive members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PC Elections on October 9</li> <li>- parents will elect the voting members of the Parent Council (who must be present for all meetings)</li> <li>- Georgia to send out nomination form (for Executive and voting member positions) and final version of the bylaws with next Principal's Update</li> </ul>
<b>Finance Update</b> <i>Juliana Duray Kikuchi</i> <i>(Treasurer for 2017-18)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summary of accounts and confirmation of available funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final amount in PC school account approx. \$12K</li> <li>- 2017/2018 Parent Council voted to contribute funds to school beautification projects</li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b> <i>Audrey-Exec</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two motions raised to be added to the next meeting once the voting members for 2018-19 are determined.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Principal Chatzis has put forward a Motion to purchase another lunchroom table @ \$2K</li> <li>- Gardening Committee Lead Christine Schloen has put forward a motion to continue with the Garden Educator that comes to Dundas - works with JK-Grade 5 in Eng &amp; Fr</li> <li>- the school pays for half and Parent Council has paid for half</li> <li>- cost for Parent Council would be \$2.5K</li> </ul>

**To Do:**

- **Laura to add passive fundraisers links to Dundas Digest – Indigo Flip-Give and Mabel's Labels**