**Dunlace School Council**

**September 19th, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

***Meeting Minutes***

**PRESENT:** Dunlace Staff: Principal Julie Kwon

Teacher Liaison: Nancy Hanna

Council Executive: Past-Chair: Farrah Merchant

Newly acclaimed Council Executive listed in #3 below.

**Committee Chairs:** Newly acclaimed Committee Chairs listed in in #3 below.

**Parents:**

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| Dev BenhamKarina de CastroYasmine DangShaun WuMeumi AmanumaNan WangLilian Al DarwishMadlen Margou | Nadia MirzaMadiha RafiqueVessela MarkovaHormoz HamrahiTonia Kostadopoulos |

1. **Welcome and Introduction Farrah Merchant**

• Farrah welcomed all attendees and a special welcome to Julie Kwon our Principal, Nancy Hanna our Teacher Liaison

1. **Minutes**  **Farrah Merchant**

• Minutes of the June 2019, meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: “Move to approve the June 2019 minutes.”

Moved by: Tracy Winter Seconded by: Karyn Gould Carried

1. **Council Elections Dev Benham**

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| Committee Chair | Committee Member | Description |  |
| Safety Patroller  | Tracy Winter | Organizes parents in the morning for kiss & ride. Key contact if parents are sick to coordinate parents. | ACCLAIMED |
| By Laws | Peter Govas | Ensures that meetings are conducted in accordance with statutes, regulations and bylaws and that the bylaws are kept up to date with council practices and with requirements of statue, regulations and Board Policies.  | ACCLAIMED |
| Canadian Parent for French Rep | Anna Tirandafyllidou | Act as the liaison between the CPF an the council attending CPF meetings and reporting to the council on activities as appropriate. | ACCLAIMED |
| Grade 5 Chairs | Shelly and Michael Pan | Coordinates grade 5 end of year graduation. Organize fundraisers to bring down the cost of the event down. Previous year examples include: Halloween Haunted House, Halloween Dance bake sale, Valentino grams | ACCLAIMED |
| IT Chair | Martin Minkov | Work with the executive team to assist in communication and coordination of information for our events. | ACCLAIMED |
| Extra Curricular | Carolina Erskine | Organizes lunch time and after school programs for children | ACCLAIMED |
| Pizza Lunch | Parsi/ Naadia | Coordinates setting up the schedule of pizza available and 1 hour on Friday's from 11-12 to help with distribution.  | ACCLAIMED |
| Fundraising Chair |   | Pro-actively contacts local business to become school sponsors during the school year or to donate services/ items to the school events (including the Fun Fair). Act as a liaison between sponsors, Fun Fair and special events committee. | NOT ACCLAIMED |
| Fun Fair Chair | Veruska Mano | Responsible for organizing and planning the Fun Fair; leading a team of volunteers that will assist in all aspects of preparation. | ACCLAIMED |
| Special Events Chair | Jennifer / Anna Tirandafyllidou | Coordinates the organization of special events such as the Halloween Party, Movie Night, Dance-A-Thon and Games Night | ACCLAIMED |
| Executive Team |   |   |  |
| Secretary  | Karyn Touzi/ Talvi Hess | Attends all Dunlace Parent Council meetings. Records, collects feedback and produces meeting minutes.  | ACCLAIMED |
| Treasurer | Roger and Betsy Affonso | Responsible for taking care of the financials of the parent council and fun fair events. Working with the executive team to create the budget for the year | ACCLAIMED |
| Past Chair | Farrah Merchant | Supports the executive team with  | ACCLAIMED |
| Chair | Loveleen Thind | Attends all Dunlace Parent council meetings. Collaborates with the school administration and parent community to share feedback and input. Also assist in supporting Dunlace Parent Council events. Sets council meetings, arranges childcare, lead main donation campaign, attracts volunteers to support all council activities. Consults with school board as required | ACCLAIMED |

1. **Treasurer Update: Roger Affonso**

Walkthrough of budget from 2018-2019 school year.

1. **2019- 2020 Fundraising Campaign**

Recommendations on ways to spend money from Fundraising Campaign. Requesting $50/ child

* Technology is becoming out of date:
	+ Smart Boards need replacement
	+ iPads
	+ Chrome Books

* Fund Lego Robotics Lab

* Combine Movie Night with speaker
	+ Internet Safety Speaker - Paul Davis (Divide cost of 3 parents)
	+ Toronto Public Health PrWorkshop of Anxiety - Toronto Public Health
	+ Public Health has a list they will do for parents and kids

1. **Parent Q & A All Parents**

* 1. Julie to follow-up with Care staff on the following items:
	+ Soap Dispensers being empty
	+ Doors Not Closing in Bathrooms
	1. Why is food not provided in Elementary Schools?
	+ Elementary Schools are not equipped with facilities and do not have the staff allocated
	1. What is the process in determining what technology can be purchased within the school??
		+ - Has to be approved by the board
	2. Why are teachers not using Class Jojo?
* There is a privacy concern
* School is using FreshGrade (Currently not working; please be patient as company fixes issues)
	1. Is there a way to text message parents with announcements for specific events?
* We have an email distribution to notify
* Messages are sent via twiter
	1. Determine if school bus is late?
	+ Only sent through twitter the first couple of weeks
	+ Sign up through TDSB Bus Company to get updates
	+ Go to TDSB website --> Transportation --> Sign Up For Email
	+ There is a mobile app as well provided from the transportation company.

1. **School Update : Julie Kwon**
* Welcome Back to the parent community!!
* 281 students in the school
* 1/2 French immersion - a couple of students were redistributed between Mme Mungala's class and Mme McKinnis's class
* Curriculum Night: Changed from October 3rd to October 2nd @ 6:30 pm
* **Changes to our French Program:**

At the June 2019 Board meeting, recommendations to change the Intensive French-as-aSecond Language programs in the TDSB were passed. These changes include the phasing out of the Grade 7 Entry Extended French program, a transition from Junior Extended French (Grade 4 Entry) to Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry) as well as a shift in entry point for the Early French Immersion from Senior Kindergarten to Junior Kindergarten entry. Please find below a timeline of these changes as well as some frequently asked questions specific to each program change





* Online Forms:
	1. Parents are encouraged to acknowledge details of forms online
	2. On September 20, PDF's will be sent to parents who have not acknowledged
	3. You will receive one email per child
* Terry Fox Run:
	1. Dunlace's 20th year as part of Terry Fox
	2. Students are encouraged to bring Toonies for Terry to school
* Grade 5 Year end Trip
	1. Coordinating with other schools
	2. Many grade 6's came back from middle school and one of the biggest things they said was that they have a hard time to meet new friends from other school
	3. One of the proposal's that was put forth was to do a coordinated effort to do some team building being grads this year.
	4. Toronto Tuesday's: 4 Tuesdays in June that are free and would meet up at the other schools to do team building
		1. High Park
		2. Art Gallery
		3. Beaches - Play volleyball
		4. Brock University stem day
	5. Requesting SuperIndendant to pay for buses
	6. Niagara Trip was $400 / student in 2019 feedback was:
		1. Parents cant sleep over
		2. Too expensive
	7. If parents have other locations for end of year trip, please email Julie
1. **Meeting Adjourned**