

Dunlace Parent Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2023 from 6:30pm to 7:17pm

Minutes are prepared by: *Pete Korogonas*

Council Executive from 2022-2023 school year: *Jonathan Krieger (Co-Chair), Pramod Panvel (Co-Chair), Pete Korogonas (Secretary), Iris Scales (Co-Treasurer), Azadeh Kalhori (Co-Treasurer), Naadia Mirza (Canadian Parent for French Rep/Extra Curricular Activities Rep/Grade 5 Chair)*

Attendees (in person at the Dunlace School): *Julie Kwon (Principal), Jonathan Krieger, Iris Scales, Azadeh Kalhori, Naadia Mirza; Loveleen Thind, Nancy Hanna (Teacher Liaison), Armaity Davierwala, Alexia Donoghue, Somayah & Uday Alrawashdeh; Rasheed McClean-Barrow, Veruska Mano*

1. Chair Message / Introduction & Welcome (Jon & Pramod)

Jon welcomed everyone to the first in-person meeting since Covid.

2. Minutes & Approval of Agenda (Pete)

Jan 26, 2023 meeting minutes - Jon motioned to approve the minutes; Iris second - approved. Motion approved.

3. Acceptance of Agenda & Additions (Jon & Pramod)

Agenda - nothing added; only a reorganization whereby Naadia would provide an update to the Grade 5 graduation after the budget); Jon motioned to approve the agenda; Naadia seconded. Motion approved.

4. School Update (Julie)

Julie provided an update. Please see the attached summary that accompanies these minutes.

Open house next Thursday (May 4) - including a dietician (overall mental health and wellness)

Naadia - what is the open house for?

Julie - This was a regular event before Covid. Basically it is an opportunity for parents to see what is happening in the building - a true open house. All classes are open. Children can be the parent's tour guide. Essentially, it is an opportunity to see where your kids spend their time while at school. Just as a reminder, this is not a parent/teacher interview.

Q&A For Julie

Iris - When should she apply to the French program as her child is in preschool. Julie explained the timing and the process.

Loveline - For the lottery system discussed in the school update, how does it work? Julie explained how

based on space in the building and how it was a true lottery system. It is centrally controlled to avoid any bias.

5. Budget Update (Iris & Azadeh)

Azadeh/Iris presented on the budget - see presentation that is attached to the minutes.

6. Chair Update - Grade 5 Graduation Update (Naadia)

Naadia provided an update on the upcoming field trips for the Grade 5 students.

1. June 6: Tree top trekking - with other feeder schools to Winfields
 - a. The cost to parents will be \$30; the rest will be paid by the Grad budget
 - b. Fundraising - to cover most of it (popcorn sales and halloween sales, freezie sales)
2. June 13: Another team building with the other schools at "Activate"
 - a. Cost will be covered by the Council - free for all parents, through popcorn fundraising and freezie fundraising sales
3. June 20: Dave and Busters (in Vaughan) - only Dunlace Grade 5 students
 - a. All cost covered by the Grad budget
4. June 26 - Grad ceremony to be held at Windfields Middle School cafeteria in early evening (start time will be approximately 4:30/5pm)
5. June 27 - Trip to Sunnybrook Park by TTC for Dunlace Grade 5 students,
 - a. Free - did it last year and it was well received
 - b. play sports and games at park

Budget for the graduation/ceremony has been conservative at \$1100 for food and decorations. Also, the venue is free of charge as the ceremony will be held at Winfields Middle School.

7. Events Update (Jon)

Jon summarized the three events that have taken place already and acknowledged Vanessa's role in organizing them.

1. **Valentine Program:** It was successful and the kids enjoyed it. We had assistance from the daycare donated/helped put it together. This was not a money losing activity and should be considered next year.
2. **Movie Night:** As discussed at the last meeting, this was largely a success. As a reminder, a few items to be mindful of next year is to not have popcorn in the library and to ask parents to monitor their children.
3. **Games Night:** This was another successful event as all families provided positive feedback and enjoyed themselves.

8. Fun Fair Planning Update (Vanessa, Jon & Veruska)

Jon explained that we are using Main Event where we are renting 4 or 5 bouncy castles. Unfortunately a petting zoo was not permitted due to restrictions by TDSB. We'll also have a fire truck, carnival games, a booth with other little animals (Pawsitively Pets), and a silent auction from donations by local businesses and a variety of gift baskets put together by the students at Dunlace.

Financially, Jon explained how this was going to be the first Fun Fair since Covid. We are in a financially stable position and we are not worried about this event from a budgetary perspective.

Veruska - Currently we have 4 sponsors and have raised \$3300. The four sponsors are as follows:

Gold sponsors: Clearly Ortho*, Rob Oliphant*, and Spirit of Math

Silver sponsor: York Mills Ortho*

**Notes returning sponsors*

Loveline - suggest asking parents to also ask their employers to see if they could sponsor the event. Veruska said that a letter to go out soon that included parents to ask their employers, or others, to seek additional sponsors.

Veruska - the save the date communication will go out next week.

Naddia - will we be asking for volunteers?

Veruska - yes

Jon - other local schools and the community will be invited

9. Chair Update - French Representation Update (Naadia)

Naadia had nothing further to add as it was included in Julie's school update.

10. Questions & Other Business (Jon & Pramod)

No questions

11. Adjournment

Jon motioned to end the meeting; Pete second (7:17)