

## **Dunlace Parent Council Meeting Minutes - February 9, 2022 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**

**Minutes are prepared by:** Naadia Mirza

**Council Executive:** Manisha Mehta (Co-Chair), Parsi Mina (Co-Chair), Munir Malik (treasurer), Naadia Mirza (Secretary and CPF Rep), Mati Pajo (Bi-Law Representative)

**Attendees (some are online names):** Ms. Kwon Kwon (principal), Parsi Mina, Katherine Lal, Lila Rousseaux, Nancy Hanna (teacher), Liza Culligan, Naadia Mirza, Manisha Mehta,

### **1. Principal Updates by Ms. Julie Kwon**

- The return to in-person school was smooth.
- She knows parents are finding the covid screening tool too much.
- She said if kids get symptoms and 2 rapid tests are negative, they can come back
- On Feb. 22nd, some students will be making the switch to online
- 3 students are going online, 1 student is coming back to in-person school
- They will be sending 5 rapid antigen tests per kid home soon
- They are allowing kids to sing with masks with mixed cohorts
- Ms. Tai will be looking into recorders for music classes.
- Introduction to wood-wind instruments that the kids can play outside.
- Extra-curricular clubs, such as comic book drawing, and scrabble club will be starting on February 28th with mixed cohorts.
- The next PA day is Friday, Feb. 18th
- Report cards will be sent home next Tuesday, Feb. 15th.
- Parent-teacher Interviews will be held on Feb. 16th, 17th and 18th
- Teachers will be booking interviews with parents whose kids need it.
- However, it is up to parents if they want to meet with their children's teachers.
- Winter wellness week is coming from Feb. 14th to 18th. Juniors will have an escape room task. Other activities would be Art, writing, outdoor play. There will be 4 full days with 25 activities for both primary and junior. The activities will be in both French and English. The 100th day of the year will also fall during this week. The primary will have activities related to this.
- The Grad photos are done.

### **2. Budget**

- Julie Kwon explained the budget as Munir Malik, the treasurer, was not present at the meeting.
- We spent too much on spirit wear for kindies this year.
- Some expenses were grad hoodies and loot bags, the virtual escape room last year, and other miscellaneous charges
- The budget included actuals for 2019-2020, actuals for 2020-2021 and a budget for 2020-2021. Revenues were not as high in 2020-2021 as it was in 2019-2020 due to covid restrictions.
- Ms. Kwon will send the budget document to Naadia to include with the minutes.
- Manisha Approved it, Naadia seconded it.

### **3. Fundraising**

- Naadia expressed how she went to a training session hosted by the Canadian Parents for French group that talked about better ways to fundraise during Covid restrictions. She mentioned that they said fundraising emails should be sent independently and not mixed in with other information. Therefore, there should be a separate email sent out regarding FlipGive fundraising instead of it being hidden in the weekly emails from Ms. Kwon to parents.
- Ms. Kwon said she has given access to Parsi and Manisha to send out emails to parents at the school using Messenger. However, they both expressed that they lost access to this. Ms. Kwon said she would look into this.

### **4. Grade 5 Graduation**

- There was discussion as to whether the Grade 5 Graduation would be an in-person or online/virtual event. We need to plan for both contingencies.
- For an in-person event, some ideas are:
  - Botanical gardens: this is indoor and outdoor
  - Dinner and dance, dj
  - Day at dave and busters
  - A day beaches for beach volleyball
  - High park
  - Toronto zoo
  - Picnic
  - Outdoor activity day outside
- For an online/virtual event, some ideas are:
  - Kahoot
  - Virtual Escape Room
- It was suggested that Manisha and Parsi set up a zoom call with Grade 5 parents and Grade 5 students to discuss ideas.
- It was also suggested that Manisha and Parsi send out a Google form to Grade 5 parents with parameters to get ideas (the parameters would include such categories as in-person event, virtual event and whether the parent wants to be very involved or just provide ideas)

### **5. Other - Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**

- Manisha approved them, Parsi seconded them.