

Dunlace Parent Council Meeting Minutes - Sept. 29, 2022 from 6:30pm to 8:07pm

Minutes are prepared by: Naadia Mirza

Council Executive from 2021-2022 school year: Manisha Mehta (Co-Chair and treasurer), Parsi Mina (Co-Chair), Naadia Mirza (Secretary and CPF Rep), Mati Pajo (Bi-Law Representative)

Attendees (some are online names - in the order they showed up on Zoom screen): Ms. Kwon Kwon (principal), Parsi Mina, Loveleen Thind, Liby Linto, Armaity Davierwala, farzaneh, Nancy Hanna (teacher), Naadia Mirza, Manisha Mehta, Iris H. (Daisy), Justina, Karyn, Pete Korogonas, Rofida (Avina Sheidaei's mom), Trudy Penny, Tarry Phillip, Somayah Alees

A. Review of previous meeting minutes

- a. The last meeting was on May 25, 2022 (last school year). Parsi approved the meeting minutes via email in October 2022. Loveleen seconded the approval on November 9th via email.

B. Principal Updates (by Julie Kwon) - (upto number 14 is copied mostly from Julie's shared document)

1. Welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to all of our returning families. We have experienced a large amount of growth. Our current enrollment is 275 students at Dunlace, an increase from 242 in June 2022. We currently have 12 homerooms and as and will be re-organizing our English classes to accommodate another class on Monday, October 3, 2022.
2. Re-organization: Ministry guidelines
3. In April, initial projections are made for the upcoming school year. In September our enrollment numbers are looked at closely again to make decisions around reorganization.
4. Guidelines are set by the Ministry of Education:
 - b. FDK • The maximum size of FDK classes will be 29 students.
 - c. Up to 10% of a Board's FDK classes may exceed 29, to a maximum size of 32 if there is no purpose-built kindergarten space or for French Immersion.
 - d. Where the DECE allocation is one less than the teacher allocation, one of the FDK classes must be organized with 15 or fewer students and that class will not have an DECE assigned. Ms. Hanna's kindergarten class has 15 kids and no ECE.
 - e. The maximum size of Grade 1-3 classes will be 20 students. Up to 10% of a Board's Grade 1-3 classes may exceed 20, to a maximum size of 23.
 - f. Junior/Intermediate-Combined Grade 3/4 classes are permitted to have a maximum size of 23 students.
 - g. Grade 4-8 classes are expected to have a system wide average of 24.5.

5. Currently our classes are breaking caps and have been re-organized to create 5 straight grade classes from Grades 1-5. Ms. Kakish will be teaching the newly created grade 3 class.
6. Our ESL allocation will now be serviced by an Itinerant ESL teacher through two half days per 5 day cycle.
7. Changes in classes will begin on October 3, 2022 with students visiting their new rooms on Friday, September 30th
8. Terry Fox Run-Thank you to the community for your support and generosity. We raised \$1612 as of today and the link remains open until Sunday. Discussions in the school this week focused on Terry Fox and about what an everyday hero looks like. We explored themes of resilience and not quitting when things are difficult.
9. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day is tomorrow (Sept. 30, 2022). Classes have been examining themes of respect, inclusion, anti-racism in age-appropriate ways. Mistamin performance from TSO and Prologue for the Performing Arts (streamed) will be taking place tomorrow afternoon.
10. Curriculum Night: Our first in person curriculum night in 3 years-Thursday, October 13, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. in the gym-6:45 p.m.-7:10 p.m. Session 1, 7:15-7:40 p.m. Session 2
11. Fall Extracurriculars include: Soccer-Baseball, Origami, Lego, Choir, Drawing, Yearbook, Chess
12. Safety Patrollers-Kiss and Ride begins on Wednesday, October 12, 2022; they'll be an email with details; there are 22 safety patrollers from grade 5, some parent volunteers and Mr. Yerzy volunteering.
13. School Improvement Planning- Each school looks at the direction set by the TDSB for school Improvement, with the overarching umbrellas of mental health and well-being, engagement, recovering learning, equity, anti-racism and anti-oppression. At Dunlace the staff will be working together to tailor the TDSB's improvement goals to meet the needs of our students at the school. Our staff believe that for there to be engagement, students, staff and the wider community need to feel connected and feel welcomed and feel like they belong. We would like to work with the school council on increasing the feelings of belonging for new families at Dunlace and how we can engage families better. More updates will be shared at our next SAC meeting
14. Upcoming events:
 - a. PA Day-October 7, 2022
 - b. Curriculum night - October 13th, 2022
 - c. Municipal Elections-October 24, 2022
 - d. Halloween Dance-October 31, 2022
15. Requests from Juniors (Grade 5's):
 - a. reinstate halloween haunted house, grade 5 - \$1 for treats; this is a way to fundraise for their graduation. Manisha has to see if we have the budget for this. She has asked Julie Kwon for the budget numbers to put into the spreadsheet. Manisha thinks there probably shouldn't be a

problem considering the Carnival we held in June last year to fundraise money.

b. Kids want to have prologue performances in assemblies. This year was the first time since Covid that they had an in-person assembly in the gym. Everyone enjoyed that.

c. They want to start scientists at school with parent volunteers. Naadia has done this in the past in Mme. Mungala's class and she had a lot of fun.

d. Jungle sports has not been renewed as a TDSB vendor so we have to look into whether this can be reinstated or not.

C. Elections and Nominations for Dunlace Parent Council

1. Both Manisha and Parsi no longer want to be Co-Chairs of the Dunlace Parent Council. Parsi does not have the time, especially since she volunteers organizing the pizza lunches, a major fundraiser for the school; every Friday of the school year. Manisha also no longer has the time to be Co-Chair; she will however, try to help out where she can. Nobody volunteered to be Co-Chair.
2. Naadia no longer wants to be secretary but would like to be the Grade 5 Grad Chair and the Canadian Parents for French Representative. Naadia is also willing to help out with other fundraising events.
3. Pete Korogonas wants to help out but he lives in Calgary; his kids are in kindergarten and grade 2; Pete will be secretary. Naadia will be a back up, especially if the council meetings move from being virtual to in-person. Naadia will do the minutes this time and Pete can use them as a template for future minutes he writes. Naadia and Pete exchanged email addresses.
4. It was noted that being treasurer is not that difficult given cash online.
5. Because no one volunteered to be co-chair or treasurer, we need to solicit people to try out for these roles.
6. Naadia mentioned we should send out an email to all parents explaining the executive roles and seeing who is interested. Naadia and Loveleen will draft an email this week to be sent out by Julie as she has the email list of parents.

7. The council executive will also be advertised on curriculum night on October 13th to solicit parents to nominate themselves.
8. Karyn, Loveleen and Parsi will plan a coffee morning for October 14th to explain the executive roles to parents.

D. Closing Remarks

1. Julie will go ahead with halloween haunted house for Grade 5's to fundraise for their grad event. Manisha will double check this is feasible with the budget.
2. Naadia asked when the next meeting is; Julie said this needs to be decided with the new council executive.
3. To-do items regarding soliciting council executive members.
4. Approval of May 25th minutes via email by at least 2 members.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.