**Dunlace School Council**

**May 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm**

**Virtual Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Loveleen Thind (Council Chair), Julie Kwon (Principal), Anna Tirandayfyllidou, Karyn Gould, Tracy Winter, Nancy Hanna (Teacher Liaison), Betsy Affonso, Martin Minkov, Christine Kim, Jen Gossack, Juliana , Megumi Amanuma, Michael Pan, Naadia Mirza, Nan W, Rahul Gangal, Rathikka, Veruska Mano, Will Jin, Yasmine Dang, Talvi Hess, Ishumita Singh,

Loveleen:

1. Update on decisions made by Council Executive in March

-Power of words requesting refund of their sponsorship of Fun Fair which will not occur, they were not happy with the alternatives offered to other vendors. Executive council decided to provide refund. Motion passed to uphold this decision.

1. Fun fair budget- to be revisited.
2. Fun fair Sponsorship
   1. Since Fun Fair will not occur this year due to pandemic sponsors, will have ads in yearbook, via email and will participate in back to school event (if occurs)
   2. ads to sponsors , email ads yearbook. Back to school event participation

Julie Kwon: Principal’s Update:

1. Thank you to all parents. It is difficult juggling work, kid’s school, we are grateful to have community supportive to students. Dunlace has great community/spirit, she sees that kids are missing seeing their friends.
2. Remote learning: expecting from Ontario Government next week a decision re: if schools will remain schools until the end of this school year. If they don’t open then challenge will be coming up with a protocol for parents to pick up possessions, but it will be done. TDSB has delivered 56 000 devices, access to internet/devices has been a priortity. 90% of requested devices have been received.
3. Staffing: this year we had 19 full time staff for 287 students. Next year it is expected that we’ll have 13 classes: 4.5 support staff, 17.5 full time staff. See details below for staffing. Next week in weekly email will be discussing placement issues, reach out to Julie if want to discuss placement/classes.
4. How do we ensure Grade 5’s are prepared for Windfields if we don’t return before June. They’re doing a virtual presentation for Grade 5 students, they’ll do Q&As as well, expected to occur in early June.

Similarly Dunlace Kindergarten team working on a welcome to kindergarten virtual presentation with google form with questions that will be answered and emailed out. (Grade 5 one will be coming in early June).

1. Virtual talent show is planned before end of June . Mme Lin, Ms. Bolen will be organizing. Info will be forthcoming.
2. Staff parade to occur on Wednesday at noon. Driving caravan to occur 12-1 through the neighbourhood to say hi from cars, they will let us know the route.
3. There will be a few more spirit days virtually. There is a photo gallery on Dunlace website with photos of spirit days. Parents can feel free to send their photos in to Julie to be added if they wish.
4. Grade 5 Graduation Celebration Options:
5. Postpone grad until Fall. Botanical gardens has spots in Fall for us.
6. Virtual Graduation, there are services that host these celebrations, slide show, website dedicated to them, live piece. Edge photography has a virtual package, details will be available on Tuesday, there are 2-3 other options as well. Julie will have meeting next week re: issues of privacy and security.
7. Cancel.

Discussion among attendees. Overall, Grade 5 grad team prefers virtual graduation option since we don’t know if sanctions will be lifted by Fall regarding social distancing and all want kids to feel recognized before the end of the school year. Cost likely $1000-3000 range, Julie has upcoming meeting this week with a few of these companies to get more details.

Mike Pan (Grade 5 Chair): Update re: Royal Botanical Gardens.

1. We need to get back to Royal Botanical Gardens re: postpone vs cancel the June 17 reservation ($1977.5 paid). This money could be used toward a Fall celebration or for next year’s grade 5’s, or if we cancel may be able to get $50% of that back.

Discussion among attendees. 56 students + families would be attending Grad. Re: how likely it will be to be able to meet in Sept, wouldn’t want to forgo virtual and then not be able to meet in Sept.

Motion Passed: Grade 5 Grad subcommittee to be formed and use the funds for Grade 5 Grad for either virtual grad party or In person party in Sept. This subcommittee can meet virtually to discuss options once details are clear. We will keep a tentative Friday in Sept reserved with Royal Botanical Gardens (no penalty). If we cancel altogether we might be able to get 50% of the $1977 deposit back.

Loveleen:

1. Subsidizing Yearbooks: Council Executive met in March to review different options to subsizing yearbooks. Plan was to subsidize $10 per yearbook. Cost to families would be $7 per yearbook. Now there are different options: hardcopy vs electronic version. Parents in general want hard copy book. Nancy Hanna will see if we can get some electronic versions included with the order of the hardcopy books.

Decision thus far has been to subsidize 225 yearbooks, costing council $3700. Discussion re: whether council should subsidize larger amount of yearbooks (eg 1/student) or more money (eg pay for full cost of one yearbook per family).

Cost would be $4400 to subsidize full cost of 1 yearbook per student.

Cost would be $3700 to subsidize full cost of 1 yearbook per family. – majority in favour of this option, however unclear how much money council has at the moment due to changing expenses and revenues due to COVID (e.g. no pizza lunch or Fun Fair). Roger and Betsy to look at financials and executive will meet regarding details of yearbook sponsorship.

1. Fun Fair update: It will not be happening. No deposit w Main Event so not losing any money. ? Would council consider tentatively booking Oct 3 (with no deposit), as placeholder. Yes if no deposit or cost to us, though likelihood of being able to have large gathering like Fun Fair in Oct is questionable.
2. Grad photos: Grad photos can be picked up from they school along with yearbooks and children’s belongings. Info will be forthcoming from Julie Kwon re: how and when.

Question Period:

Q. Karyn Gould: Can teachers decide re: videoconferences?

A. Julie Kwon: Last Fri all teachers were mandated to do live meetings/live teaching. No direction as to how much time or what the structure is/what it looks like. Looking for directions for implementation from school board. Next week should be learning more regarding details.

Q. Talvi Hess: Can teachers be available during the day to answer questions or assist with school work.

A. Julei Kwon: Use comment in google classroom. Or email teacher.

Q. Naadia: Can there be substitue teacher if teachers are sick.

A. Julie: Difficult to for supply teachers to gain access to google classroom.

Q. Christine Kim: Kids are missing the social interaction of school. Can we have a video chat with their classmates structured during the day, for social interaction, or other structured activities online.

A. Julie: believes guidelines will be coming from the board perhaps about structured time

Q. Naadia: Every Friday my son as online games day. Can teachers arrange this? Teacher doesn’t have to be present but could suggest that teacher just sends out a meeting date/time and kids can meet each other (kind of like lunch recess).

A: Julie: Yes and parents can also set it up via google meet (anyone who has a google account can set it up/use it,

Julie Kwon: Thank you to council for all their hard work

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2020-2021

**English**

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| Class/Grade | Students |
| JK/SKA with ECE | 14 JK, 6 SK (20) |
| JK/SKB no ECE (15) | 9 JK, 6 SK  (15) |
| Grade 1/2 A | 9/ 1’s, 11/ 2’s (20) |
| Grade 1/2 B (exception) | 9/ 1’s, 13/ 2’s (22) |
| Grade 3/4 | 16 /3’s, 7/ 4s (23) |
| Grade 4/5 A | 9/ 4s, 15/ 5s (24) |
| Grade 4/5 B | 10/ 4s, 14/ 5’s (24) |

**French Immersion**

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| Class/Grade | Students |
| SKFI with ECE | 26 |
| Grade 1/2 A | 12/ 1’s , 8/ 2’s (20) |
| Grade 1/2 B | 12/ 1’s, 8/ 2’s (20) |
| Grade 2/3 | 10/ 2’s, 10/ 3’s (20) |
| Grade 3/4 | 8/ 3’s/ 13/ 4s (21) |
| Grade 4/5 | 4/ 4’s, 16/ 5’s (20) |

Library 0.5

ESL 0.5

Spec. Ed. 1.0

Prep 2.5