

Minutes for Dunlace Parent Council Meeting - June 2, 2021 from 6:30pm to 7:40pm

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Council Executive: Manisha Mehta (Co-Chair), Parsi Mina (Co-Chair), Munir Malik (treasurer), Naadia Mirza (Secretary), Anna Triandafyllidou and Christine Griffon Du Bellay (Grade 5 Chairs)

Attendees (some are online names): Julie Kwon (principal), Anna Triandafyllidou, Loveleen Thind, Parsi Mina, Salima Lakhoo, Isabel de Abreu, Jennifer Wong, Mati Pajo, Betsy Affonso, Farah Bahrami, Katherine Lal, Martin, Nancy Hanna (teacher), Naadia Mirza

1. Welcome Back

- There was an informal discussion about Doug Ford saying he wants there to be outdoor graduation celebrations. However, it did not make sense considering the limitations on 10 people at an outdoor event. Dunlace was planning on doing a virtual graduation celebration.
- Parsi Mina chaired the meeting and presented the agenda.

2. Principal updates - Julie Kwon

- It was a challenging year for everybody. It has been an adventure online for everyone.
- School funds were used for online reading programs like “Je lis” and “Raz Kids”. These programs are good until September so students can continue to use these resources over the summer. The school had online National Ballet, AGO, TSO, and drumming workshops. There will be more drumming workshops next week. There were some superintendent prologue performances: one was percussion; today, there was an acapella group where they sang with kids; there were vocal warmups, live and sometimes streaming; kids enjoyed this. This was possible through wellness funding through the superintendent.
- Given schools will be closed for the rest of the year, the principal will set up a time for everyone to pick up the rest of their belongings and set up a time for grads to pick up their loot bags. At the time of the pick up, parents can drop off chromebooks or other devices they borrowed from Dunlace. 80 chromebooks were borrowed by Dunlace students, 50 more devices were borrowed centrally. Dunlace devices should only go back to Dunlace and not to any other TDSB school. June 29th is the last day of school. Pickups of items and drop offs of devices should be complete by then, ideally.
- Electronic report cards will be sent out on June 24th or 25th. Parents can let Julie know if they don't receive report cards by then.
- June is a busy month: it is Pride Month, National Indigenous Heritage Month, Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month, Italian Heritage Month. There are virtual cooking classes being offered related to Italian Heritage Month. Julie has sent an email with this information.
- Julie showed the staffing model for next year:
Below is a photo of what it looks like:

English

Class/Grade	Students
JK/SKA with ECE	14 JK, 8 SK (22)
JK/SKB no ECE (15)	9 JK, 6 SK (15)
Grade 1	18- 1's (18)
Grade 2/3	14-2's, 6- 3's (20)
Grade 3/4	19- 3's, 4- 4s (23)
Grade 4/5 A	5- 4s, 15- 5s (20)
Grade 4/5 B	6- 4s, 14- 5's (20)

French Immersion

Class/Grade	Students
SKFI with ECE	19
Grade 1	20
Grade 2	20
Grade 2/3	4- 2's, 16- 3's (20)
Grade 3/4	7-3's 15-4s (22)
Grade 5	17- 5's (17)

Obviously, there may be changes depending on whether more students switch from online learning to in-person learning and vice-versa.

- The library will reopen in September. There will be half a resource for the library.
 - For ESL, there will be half a resource in September.
 - For Special Education, there will be 1 full resource in September.
 - For Prep, which includes drama, dance, music and gym, there will be 2.5 resources in September.
 - Julie mentioned she does not know yet whether there will be cohorting in September. That is still to be decided by the TDSB.
 - Naadia had some input of her insights from this year about cohorting; she mentioned that if there is cohorting in September, if possible, students of the same grade should be put together. For example, grade 5 French immersion students should not be cohorted with grade 4 French immersion students because grade 5's are way more mature than grade 4's and perhaps it would be a better idea to cohort grade 4 French immersion children with grade 4 English students. Julie did respond that she will take this into consideration if cohorting is required in September.
 - Finally, Julie mentioned there is PA Day this Friday, June 4th.
3. 2020-2021 year end school council PSAP reports are due September 3, 2021 - Betsy, Roger and Munir's replacement for today's meeting, said Roger or Munir will take care of this. Parsi is to follow up with the two of them.
4. Grade 5 graduation update (SK graduation update!) -
- Anna gave the update for the Grade 5 graduation. She said they ordered sweatshirts with grads' names on the back. Ms. Nancy Hannah designed them. Ms. Hannah created a Look Book for Grads; there is no yearbook this year for other grades. For the virtual grade 5 ceremony, Anna has prepared something for kahoot. The online celebration will be held on June 17th at 6:30pm. There was \$3000 allocated in the budget for graduation; this covered the Sweatshirts and online celebration. However, Julie suggested a virtual escape room called "Looking Glass Adventures". She mentioned how she has had some amazing feedback regarding this. The whole event is 1 to 1.5 hours: 50 minutes escape room and the rest of time is games like scavenger hunt. It costs \$20 per child. There are 39 grads; so, it would cost approximately \$900. If we included this, it would go over the current \$3000 budget. This escape room adventure is tentatively booked for June 23rd from 3:45pm to 5:15pm; 3 staff would supervise the students. Julie and Anna mentioned that grade 5 grads really wanted loot bags with popcorn and candy. Julie asked if we had it in our budget to spend the \$900 for the escape room and \$400 for loot bags for grade 5 grads. Julie showed the budget and indicated we could use \$2100 from the budget for yearbooks, as only \$900 was used for the Grad Look Book. \$400 for the loot bags and \$900 for the escape room would amount to a total of \$1300. The council members agreed to spending these amounts for the escape room and loot bags.
 - Here is the breakdown for Graduation and Look Book expenses:
 - Totally Budget allocated was \$3000.

- Escape room: \$900
 - Sweatshirts: \$1100
 - Grade 5 Yearbook/ lookbook: \$900
 - Proposal was for the loot bags for Grade 5 and SKs-\$400
 - We raised \$300 from the book fair for the library that can be used towards Grad expenses.
- Loveleen, Parsi and Nancy will help make loot bags for the grade 5 grads.
 - Regarding the SK Graduation - Ms. Hannah said she thought the SKs would be happy with just playing in the playground. There are under 30 of them. Her and Ms. Karaflos will take care of this.

5. Yearbooks - As mentioned earlier, there is no yearbook this year, only a Look Book for Grade 5 grads.

6. Other business

- If no covid, we could have jungle sports for kids in fall and winter. It will be \$4000 per visit. Julie would like the council to pay for this. There is no deposit required. She just needs to reserve the dates. Everyone was fine with this.
- Loveleen talked about some fundraising ideas - She suggested Mabel's Labels - she said they have a program where parents can use a code for fundraising for Dunlace School. We could do this for June or August, for camps and school. She also mentioned gas gift cards - get 1 percent cash back for Dunlace School. She said if anybody has any other fundraising ideas in a non-covid world, to suggest them. The community pizza night with Dominos with codes held tonight (June 2nd), hopefully generated a good amount of donation funds. Loveleen also suggested the Dunlace clothing drive, where dunlace shirts and hats were sold, was a good way to raise funds. We did break even last year but perhaps we could make money this year because we don't need to buy any dunlace t-shirts for kindergarten kids this year. They already bought the shirts this year; so, we could make a possible \$800 profit this time because no t-shirt purchases would be required.

7. Closing remarks

- Parsi mentioned that if there is no covid in September, we could hold the September BBQ/Pizza night to meet the teachers and welcome back Dunlace families and meet new families. She wished everyone a good summer and rest of the school year.