

**Dunlace School Council  
October 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

***Meeting Minutes***

**PRESENT:** Dunlace Staff: Principal Julie Kwon  
Teacher Liaison: Nancy Hanna  
Council Chair: Loveleen Thind

**Parents:** Martin Minkov Karyn Gould  
Michael Pan Parsi Mina  
Tonia Konstadopoulos Roger Affonso  
Tracy Winter Dev Benham  
Jennifer Wong Farah Merchant  
Nick Wang Anna Triandafyllidou

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

**Loveleen Thind**

- Loveleen welcomed all attendees and a special warm welcome to Julie Kwon our Principal, Nancy Hanna our Teacher Liaison
- Update on Fundraiser – donation letter raised \$4,200 to date
- Advised that meeting minutes posted on the website from our last meeting

**2. Minutes Reviewed from Prior Meeting**

**Loveleen Thind**

- Minutes from the September 2019 meeting were reviewed.
- MOTION: “Move to approve the September 2019 minutes”
- Moved by Roger Affonso Seconded by: Dev Benham

**3. School Update**

**Julie Kwon**

- Julie welcomed the parent community
- Provided feedback that donations to date have been amazing
- Lines in the school yard have been repainted so the children can now play games like hopscotch, four square, alphabet letter snake which is a good play addition at recess and also a nice alternative when there are pavement only days

**School Improvement plans (SIP)** in development to drive professional learning and goals of staff as they pertain to TDSB’s three areas of focus:

- i. Student Achievement
- ii. Equity
- iii. Well being

- Plan is available on the TDSB website: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/crmarchant/School-Improvement-Plan>

- Julie shared a draft plan for Dunlace’s goals laddering up to TDSB’s SIP and advised she would share an update on these goals in January with a report on how they are tracking and if they need to be refined
- Parent suggestion to provide any learnings specifically around *Well being* so that we as parents can help continue the education at home
- Julie advised that there is an ongoing discussion with students about well-being. She mentioned the book *‘The Good Egg’* and how it teaches children that you don’t have to be perfect. In this book, the Good Egg has been good for as long as he can remember. While the other eggs in his carton are kind of rotten, he always does the right, kind and courteous thing. He is a very very good egg, until one day he decides that enough is enough! He begins to crack from the pressure of always having to be grade-A perfect. The Good Egg learns that he needs to take care of himself before he can take care of others. His adventure of self-discovery gives teachers and parents a great opportunity to talk to our children about the importance of their own emotional, mental and physical well-being. She encouraged parents to continue this conversation with our children at home as the themes in the story are explored at Dunlace.
- Julie also mentioned the book *‘The Bad Seed’*, about children who have suffered trauma and how they are still good kids but maybe making bad choices

**EQAO**

- Reviewed Grade 3 contextual info and Results for 2018/19 EQAO
- Statistically Dunlace operating above board and province:

	Reading	Writing	Math
School	87	87	90
Board	76	72	61
Province	74	69	52

- 52 students wrote the EQAO at Dunlace last year
- French Immersion students write only the math portion in grade 3
- Pathway last year was math – problem solving strategy
- Improvement over 2017/18, overall board is declining but Dunlace is going up

**MISC**

- Parent flagged a concern about the bus and how every other week their seems to be an issue with bus delays – Julie advised she would continue calling bus company to try and rectify the situation and also encouraged all parents who are experiencing issues with the bus to call the bus company or they won’t know the magnitude of the issues.

**4. Proposed Budget**

**Roger Affonso**

- Walkthrough of proposed budget for 2019/20. Still to be finalized with input from Principal and Chair.

Budget discussion highlights:

- Computer Technology \$12,000 - \$3K allocated to robotics program
  - Scientist in the school Program \$6,300 - whether to use the allocated budget or not will be at the teacher's discretion should they want to use or leverage a different option like stem. Parent suggested Money Sense
  - Performing Arts \$6,000
  - Gym program \$10,000 – 2 sessions during the school year for 5 days (Jungle Sports)
  - Music Program \$3,000
  - Bovait McDermid Program \$2,850 - allocated to teachers - \$150 per teacher for them to spend on their class
  - Stem Program \$2,850 – allocated to teachers - \$150 per teacher for them to spend on their class
  - Graduation Event \$5,000 - 53 students for grade 5 graduation event
  - Lice Removal Program \$1,500
  - School buses for trips \$3,500
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- Carrying float from 2018/19 - \$40K
  - It was explained that we've carried a high reserve for the past couple years so we are spending a bit more these years
  - Superintendent is looking at our reserve fund and wanting us to spend what we have.
  - Talked about reaching out to the parent community for suggestions and ideas on how we can spend \$40K.
  - Need to build out plan to spend money and even look at a 5 year plan. In the past, it was mentioned council has looked at turf, playscape, Dunlace Discovery Zone, trees, etc. Schools are limited in what council can purchase

Question from Parent:

- How come we have not allocated budget for a guest speaker? Loveleen advised she would look in to possibilities and provide an update at the next meeting
- MOTION: "Move to approve proposed 2019/20 budget"
- Moved by Dev Benham Seconded by: Tracy Winter and Jennifer Wong

**5. Milk Program**

**Tonia Konstadopoulos**

- Survey to go to gauge interest for a new fundraising initiative
- Results to be shared at January meeting
- It was flagged that to run this program successfully, we'd need parent volunteers at the school every day to distribute the milk

**6. Dunlace Apparel**

**Loveleen Thind**

- Dunlace T-shirts to be provided to all children and covered out of council's budget
- Idea that t-shirts could be worn for field trips, spirit days, etc.
- Loveleen to look for vendors

## 7. Chair Updates

### Halloween Dance

Jennifer Wong & Anna Tirandafyllidou

- Dj booked
- Food truck booked and different from last year (Burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken and veg burger with sides of rst corn, poutine, fries, etc.)
- Tickets and wristband distribution – Oct 24 distribution and sent home with kids

### Grade 5 Grad

Michael Pan

- Bake sale – need volunteers
- Haunted house loot bags – need 281 bags, extend candy bag donation to Oct 24
- Grad ceremony and trip – ceremony will be June 18 at 4:00 (botanical gardens tbc). The Pickle Barrel dinner and dance 6 – 9:45 is what was done last year
- Julie Kwon suggested an alternative to the Pickle Barrel and said Dave and Busters for lunch and afternoon fun has been done with another school she was at and the kids really enjoyed it
- Parent suggested Breakout studio (Bayview & Eglinton) which has pool tables, dance floor and other games
- Michael to look at sending out survey to gauge student interest on which graduation event is preferred

### Fun Fair

Veruska Mano

- raised \$7K to date from sponsorships
- Advised real estate sponsor Mark Alessia will not be coming back this year so looking for alternative real estate sponsor
- Fun Fair will be held on Saturday May 30
- Favorite Attractions from previous year:
  - Carnival games
  - Bottle bonanza
  - Bouncy castles
- Healthy foods were suggested as well as petting zoo
- Booking as many vendors as possible now
- Aiming to have Volunteer team leads booked by end of year

### Safety Patrol

Tracy Winter

- volunteers are needed in order for the program to be successful
- Weds and Thurs need volunteers and more for the backup list

### Other Updates:

- PJ day Friday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>
- We scare hunger food drive – classroom that brings in most food items wins popcorn afternoon movie. Last day Oct 31<sup>st</sup>