

Dr. Davey School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2017

Time: 3:30pm – 4: 27pm

Attendees: Nicola Carter, Lisa Watt, Gerry Smith, Thomas Ro, Shannon Clutton

Regrets: Liz Lucas, Suzanne Giovannetti, Tanya Ritchie

Business Arising

- Budget – opening budget - \$4221.64

Old Business/ Updates

- **Hydro station**
 - The lines on the parking lot are repainted, with designated Beasley Centre spots, reserved spots, and drop off lane . Costs are picked up by Hydro One. The only issue is that once in a while someone will park in the no-parking, drop-off zone.
 - City has not put up the city parking signage yet along Wilson. Mr. Smith will continue to follow up.
 - Nikki noticed that the gate were open in the staging station, contacted Carrie-Lyn. Since then, the gates at the parking are not opened during school hours.
 - Tanya and Lisa attended a meeting with BNA. The city has agreed to give the community the funds received from Hydro one for the rental of the city land. The BNA has proposed to set up a trust fund, with a committee (composing of a member from school, 2 member from parent council, 1 member from BNA, and 1 member from city), terms of reference will be written with guidelines on allocating the funds to be used to support Dr. Davey School students and projects and procedures on how to decide what projects to support. Forward motion for this moving forward with this initiative. All members agreed to move forward with this motion.
- **PAR Debrief**
 - Planning and public meeting are complete.
 - 15 parent representatives – several ideas came forward. The last one decided on was to close Hess and Strathcona School, build a new school preferably on Hess street site. Moving the whole French Immersion program to Benetton School. Benetton is an older school, and not wheelchair accessible. It will likely to take 2-3 years to implement this. This is not going to affect Dr. Davey School population.
 - Given Dr. Davey have wheelchair accessibility and have the capacity to have more students, Nikki will put in a board delegation on May 15, proposing to change the school borders, and move the French Immersion program to Dr. Davey.

New Business

▪ Trip & Financing

- Little funds available. Last fully subsidized trip ended last week. From here on, families will have to pay full price for the trips, unless it is supported by the school board or from outside grants.
- School end trip on June 28 at Dafasco Park – transportation and park is free. Teachers have to organize activities. Parents are welcome to volunteer.

▪ Scooter Racks

- Mr. Ro researched on the scooter rack, and the pricing. 12 spots in one scooter rack and can be locked, \$409 each (not include cost of installation). This will be part of the School Travel Plan.
- Parent council motion to approve budget to purchase scooter rack. Approved with a budget not exceeding \$500, if the final cost exceeds \$500, will consult parent council again.

▪ Graduation Contribution

- Students have been proactive this year, and have fundraised around \$2000 for their graduation.
- Given there is adequate funds, parent council recommend not contributing financially to graduation this year, and will support with volunteering etc.

Fundraising:

▪ Hot dog and pizza: last Friday of the month, start in February –

- March 31: Pizza
- April: hot dog
- May: Pizza
- June: hot dog

▪ Spring Fling:

- Proposed cancelation. Motioned and passed.
- Propose to have another fundraising activity in May: either Little Caesar or selling farm produce.

▪ New Initiative from the School board

- The school board provided guidelines for the parent council to have a yearly fundraising plan. This is the trial year, it is expected to be enforced next year, parent council will be expected to have a yearly fundraising plan by October.

Principal's report

▪ Demographics

- Less student trend, 480s.

- Open House
 - May 3 open house, 3:30 till 5pm.
 - Parent Council will have a table. Popcorn and candy.
- Deputy Minister is visiting the school next week, given funding was provided for technology schools.
 - Deputy minister will visit grade 4 & 5 classes.
- Reading Specialist will be hired across the school board that is in alignment with the board's mission to have all kids able to read by the end of grade one – this will have positive impact on the school and students. Depending on the small population, some may have one reading specialist and others may share one.
- Principals Placement Profile Survey.
 - An e-version will be circulated through Lisa. Parent Council will meet to fill out the survey and provide input on the qualities we see important for Dr. Davey school.
- Nikki, Tanya, and Suzanne still need to provide police check.
- Students' behaviours outside of school is of concern, they have been making fun of homeless people. There had been three known occasions, Mr. Smith will be thinking of ways to instill positive values and attitudes in students.
- The curriculum on sex education will start soon, expect consent forms coming home to parents.
- Pregnancy support services will be coming in the school to do some presentations.
- There will be general safety presentation, specifically on traffic safety, from public health nurse, in alignment with the School Travel Plan.
- Outdoor classroom
 - Suggest parent council to take a trip to see the outdoor classrooms at Cathy Weaver School, and Cootes Paradise School. This will help design an outdoor classroom for Dr. Davey.

Next Meeting

- May 8, 2017, 3:30pm.