

Dr. Davey School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2017

Time: 3:30pm – 4: 27pm

Attendees: Nicola Carter, Lisa Watt, Tanya Ritchie, Gerry Smith, Thomas Ro, Shannon Clutton, Suzanne Giovannetti

Regrets: Liz Lucas

Business Arising

- Budget – opening budget - \$4021.64
- \$133.30 will go into the nutrition program, that is to cover the cost from January to March 19, 2017

Old Business/ Updates

- **Hydro station**
 - Nicola spoke with the PR person, Carrie Lyn, at Hydro one. The PR person told Nicola that the school board is putting in an application to have the fence moving back to create more space for the school. Mr. Smith is not aware of this.
 - Traffic was 50% of the regular volume at the morning. First day back since March break.
 - On Wilson, the sightline is bad going eastwards. There was a truck blocked off one lane, it might be good to have a man to hold a signage.
 - Mr. Smith will check if the truck will be parked permanent in the block off lane.
 - Get the police to check the speed limits on Wilson.
 - Plans for the parking lot, lines painted in the parking lot. There will be three spots that will be marked 'Reserved parking'. The first four spots on the left and right near the Beasley centre will be reserved for Beasley, and it will be marked for them.
 - Extra signage on the kindergarten gate. Will also mark off a drop-off lane. First, it will be left as a no parking lane, and then, it will be a drop-off lane.
 - The current fence is temporary, they will make a permanent fence soon.
- **Signage changes**
 - 50% of what is asked of the city regarding the city signage was done.

New Business

- **Trip & Financing**
 - Low on finances, sparse response to fall fundraising. The school can only support one more trip and is longer able to sponsor more trips.
 - Organizing another spring fundraising going will help with school trips. The school may also have to consider getting a major big donor.

- Suggestions for fundraising: Fresh from the farm: Spring fundraising for the school. Selling fruits and vegetables.
- Drammond, the apple supplier may be interested in sponsoring a school.
- Maintenance around the gym will come out from the profit generated from leasing the school gym.
- The city has leased the school gym after school. Basketball practice can no longer take place after school. The gym is used for programming. Due to the changes in the demographics, some of the programs will be re-directed to other neighbourhoods.
- Staffing
 - Staffing is based on the stats of February. The school is at the point where it may lose a class or stay the same. In a month, the teachers will know whether they will stay in the school. Will find out if there will be a principal change in May.
- Police officer was in this morning. Mr. Smith will contact the police officer to inquire about parking and speed limit around construction site.
 - Principal is asking parent council for input on the topics to be addressed by the police when they come in to do the presentations, such as Cyber bullying, safety
 - The presentations will be done separately based on gender.

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:**
 - Changed because of a clash with Beasley fair.
 - April 29, May 6 as potential dates for the spring Fling.

Principal's report

- Demographics
 - No change in demographics. Around 500.
- PAR meeting
 - The last public meeting was March 8, 2016.
 - The working meeting is this Wednesday at Davey. This will be the last working meeting, even though there is no agreement.
 - People have asked for more working meetings, but may not happen
 - People have also asked for more public meetings, but not sure if it will occur either.

- We might get a small number of students from the PAR meeting.
- Outdoor Learning Space
 - Meeting tomorrow with Brandon and the city. Hoping to tap into the city's resources for the design of such a space, Beasley is involved because this is their community, and they are interested in doing something together. Mr. Smith has talked to Carrie-Lyn to inquire support from Hydro-One.
 - Quote from the contractors tomorrow.
 - \$20,000 budget for the outdoor Learning space.

Other issues arising:

- May 3, open house.
- Starting April 3, no volunteers for nutrition. More parent volunteers needed from 7:45 to 8:30am to prepare morning snack; May 8-12, Suzanne will be away, a staff member will have to be there to supervise. No student volunteers for distributing snack.
- Graduation day: June 20, 2017, 4pm in the gym.

Next Meeting

- April 10, 2017, 3:30pm.