

Dundana School Council October Meeting
11 October 2017

PRESENT: Adrienne Osfolk, Simon Carroll, Ms. Keery-Bishop, Jenny Reay, Devin Keller, Catherine Roberts, Claire Rivlin, Linda Wojton, Katherine Eastwood, Barbara Inthavixay

ABSENT: Dustin Costescu-Green, Kaitlyn McLachlan, Nina Cavey

REGRETS: Greg Toffner, Gillian Peterson, Heather McCully

1. Welcome

2. Approval of October Agenda. Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of September minutes. Approved unanimously.

3. Principal's report by Ms. Keery-Bishop

3.1 French Immersion Update

SK students: A letter recently went home. PLEASE NOTE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS for 2018 including DATES. Info sessions start this week. Registration is on-line. Applications are accepted beginning October 20 2017 and ENDS November 30 2017. On December 15 2017, students will be offered a spot in French Immersion (but not guaranteed a specific school).

Boundaries are being looked at to change. Dundana will likely have 3 full and 1 half grade one classes.

The program is re-evaluating the balance of French and English instruction in all elementary grades.

Parents and students can address any concerns to the Trustee Greg VanGeffen, or the Superintendent in charge of French Immersion Sue Dunlop.

3.2 Education Quality and Evaluation Office (EQAO) Grade 3 provincial testing results came in. The 78-page report is available on the EQAO public website. Average scores:

	Dundana	Provincial	
Average Score	Dundana	HWDS Board	Provincial
Reading	93% (up 15%)	65%	74%
Writing	78% (2up 15%)	63%	73%
Math	64% (up 1%)	48%	62%

3.3 School Plan: Now doing 4 cycles of improvement throughout the year. Focused on specific goals. Grades K and 1: improving reading. Grades 2 - 5: Math.

The 2nd cycle will be in November: Focussed on well-being goals (eg. Resilience skills).

3.4 Re-organization of classes is complete and are in accordance with Board requirements. Dundana did not lose or gain any classes. 3 combined grade classes became straight grade classes. There was student shuffling in 8 classes. Dundana lost one French Immersion teacher but there will be a third round of trying to re-hire this valuable teacher.

4. Teacher's Report by Kathy Eastwood

4.1 Terry Fox Run: Would Council donate \$140 for apples for each student after the Terry Fox Run.

MOTION: Will the council donate \$140 for apples for the Terry Fox Run. Passed unanimously.

4.2 Question if there are upcoming class trips for Grade 5s. Grade 5 Science is planning a trip to the Dundas Museum November 9 for French Immersion students and November 30 for English students.

On November 1 2017, grades 4 - 5 are going to the Boris Brott Music Festival.

4.3 MANY MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED INCLUDING FOR TRIPS. Parents who can volunteer need to get their Ontario criminal record check for vulnerable population within 6 months. Any questions, please ask Ms. Keery-Bishop.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1 2015-16 Income and Expenses reviewed. Opening Balance \$5500.

5.2 School Council raised money in 2016-17 for: apples for the Terry Fox run, bus driver appreciation gift cards, Colour Paradise Greenhouses Ltd Student Council, Grade 5 Celebration at East Side Mario's, library donation, playground equipment, agendas, Prologue for the Performing Arts, freezies for Play Day, School trips, student volunteer appreciation (Ice Cream Day), and Technology donation.

5.3 Question regarding income from the Dance-a-Thon (reported as \$110). ACTION: Will be reviewed by Ms. Keery-Bishop and Gillian Peterson Treasurer.

6. Fundraising Plan review

6.1 Fundraising plan is due October 31 2017.

Decision to fundraise similar to what was done 2016-17.

ACTION: Adrienne Osfolk will organize and post the fundraising plan.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE IF YOU CAN.

6.2 Lunch Wizard no longer operates.

Suggestion to offer Lunch Lady (nutritious, donates a portion to the school, can order on-line, no-work-for-schools). ACTION: Catherine Roberts will investigate and set-up lunch delivery to Dundana by Lunch Lady, as a service available to parents.

6.3 Pizza Sales: Income in 2015-16 = about \$12 000. Last year offered every week.

Discussion how often to offer pizza day this year, since it was noted that the children get weary of pizza by the end of the year. There are two volunteers willing this year to organize the pizza and hand it out to the students (thank you!). This year pizza will be available 3 days a month on Fridays. Parents can order however often they like. Domino's Pizza has a price increase, but School Council will keep the price at \$2 per slice. ACTION: Ms. Keery Bishop will set up the first order available on Cash OnLine.

6.4 Sub sandwich orders: Last year, were offered once a month. Benefits: a healthier option. Disadvantages: requires considerable extra volunteer labour (including following up on parents who order but don't pay), is complicated to organize the ordering specifics, and does not raise much income. School Cash Online has a limited number of ordering options.

Pita Pit option report by Simon Carroll: They use a similar order form. If ordered on School Cash Online, Pita Pit will deal with the paperwork, and separate the orders by the class. They do not do 'combos.' Income per pita is about \$1. ACTION: Adrienne will try to stream-line the ordering process spreadsheet. Pita Pit will be offered one day per month.

7. Movie Night

Planned for 1) Friday October 27 2017 and 2) Friday April 13 2017.

Need 6 - 7 people to purchase a movie, set up, sell tickets.

ACTION: Adrienne will set up Sign Up Genius for volunteers, choose movie options. Ms. Keery-Bishop will give notice 2 weeks prior. Snacks and drinks will be sold. Come out and meet the other families and students.

8. Review and update to Council By-Laws. Tabled.

9. Canadian Parents for French Update by Claire Rivlin. Claire is our Liaison for Dundana. Meet every 2 months. Next meeting November 8 2017 at Terry Berry Library. October 28 2017 is the Canadian Parents for French 2 day Annual Symposium Toronto. Theme: Parents as Program Enrichment. Registration still open til this weekend. For parents of students in any form of studying French.

There is a "Dundana French Immersion Parents" Facebook group. Please feel free to join and post.

10. Other business

10.1 Suggestion to have a Pub/Music night at a local brewery. This fun event is in need of volunteers, so please let Simon know if you can contribute.

10.2 Recess sports equipment: Bins are available but in need of a teacher to volunteer to supervise.

Adjourned 20:10.

Minutes by Barbara Inthavixay