**Dr. Davey School Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 15, 2017

**Time:** 3:30pm – 4: 27pm

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

**Regrets:** Liz Lucas, Gerry Smith

**Business Arising**

* Budget – opening budget - $3776.90
* The amount of $133 for nutrition program is not shown in the Taste Buds program.

**Old Business/ Updates**

* **Hydro station**
	+ Better flow of traffic in the parking lot observed.
	+ More cars parked on the streets which make it harder to move out of the parking lot, and harder for kids to cross the road.
	+ Tanya contacted BNA and Jason Farr to set up a trust fund from the rental fee that Hydro One is paying the city for the Parking area. Will set up meeting with BNA to work out the details.
	+ Teacher used to the parking. Beasley might have some problems with their parking with folks accessing their services.
* **Fundraising**
	+ Pizza fundraising: Received the forms from Little Caesar, can start the fundraising on May 17, 2016. May 29, 2017 to return forms. June 17 delivery, Tanya will be here to receive the delivery. May consider play “find the little Caesar stuff toy” activity with the students.
	+ Prizes for pizza fundraising for the first three best sellers. The class that sold the most pizza kits will get a pizza party.
	+ Pizza, hot dogs and popcorn fundraising is ongoing.
	+ May: Hot dog: May 25; $1.25 per hotdog, with a selection of halal and non-halal hot dog. Have them out Thursday May 18. Forms return on May 24. Tanya will inquire if there might be cheaper Halal hotdogs and get back to Suzanne by the end of the week.
	+ June: Pizza

**New Business**

* **Staffing**
	+ Looks like the school is not losing a teacher based on the declining school population.
	+ Not aware whether there will be a change of principal or vice-principal yet.
* **Personal Device/ Social Media**
	+ Students are spending too much time on their devices. School send out message to parents to notify them of limiting students’ use of personal devices.
	+ Issues with negative use of social media. The school brought in community officer to discuss about cyber bullying, and their role with grade 5 and 6 students.
	+ Limit the students’ use of personal devices outside of classroom instruction time, and during nutrition breaks.
* **PIC Membership**
	+ Recruit membership. June 2 application deadline.
	+ Eligibility to apply: parent has a child that studies at the HWDSB;
	+ 2 year membership, meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
* **School Travel Planning**
	+ Trying to order scooter racks, have not heard back from vendor, left messages.
	+ Public health nurse is planning to do a road and pedestrian safety series. Possible 4 sessions. Piloted here for the students.
	+ Car pooling/ smart commute: some teachers ride their bikes and walk to school. Principal shared the information with the teachers.

**Principal’s report**

* EQAO
	+ Starting next week, first writing day on May 24, 6 writing days. First block of the day.
	+ There are make-up dates for those that missed the EQAO.
* EQAO Parent Information Session
	+ It is for families that are new to the school system. It is open to all parents.
	+ Interpreters will be available.

Flyers are posted around the school property.

* Volunteer Luncheon
	+ May 18, 2017 at 11:15am assembly.
* Welcome to Kindergarten night
	+ May 18, 2017, 3:45pm. Parents who have registered their child will be given a bag of information, and go into the kindergarten classroom to find out more about the program, and have a tour of the school.
	+ Flyer for volunteers for the breakfast program or join the parent council will be handed out on the day.
* Jump Rope for Heart
	+ Assembly on May 17. The skipping will take place June 6.

* Assembly at the last Friday of the month, parent council members are welcome to attend the assembly.
* Breakfast program: last day of program June 16, 2017.
	+ SPRC Funding is tight, there might be a loss of the paid staff for the program, we will have to arrange for some volunteers for the breakfast program if that is to happen.

**General Question**

* Discussionon what is the appropriate amount of age appropriate screen time.
* Discussion on homework for students. A habit of doing homework will prepare children for high school. Ministry website for parents: www.mathies.ca

**Next Meeting**

* June 12, 2017, noon, at Tucker’s Market Place, Burlington. Will invite Dan and Nate who volunteer at the Breakfast program.