

School Council Minutes: Tuesday September 17, 2019

Regrets: Adrienne Osfolk, Gillian Petersen, Tara Woodburn, Karyn Bailey

In attendance: Naomi Amara-Foster, Kathy Eastwood (Teacher rep), Simon Carroll (Outgoing Chair), Jayda Murphy, Sara Brown, Sarah , Jessie Blake, Kristi Keery Bishop (Principal), Rebecca Pallister, Natalie , Katie Appleton, Tata, Leora Vander Linden, Jayda Everett, Natalie Gunn

1. Introductions and welcome – led by Simon Carroll.
2. Election of new Council – acclaimed Gillian Petersen for Treasurer, Co-Chairs – Simon Carroll and Sara Brown
3. Voting Members (in addition to executive): Gillian Petersen, Naomi Foster, Sara Brown, Jessie Blake, Rebecca Pallister, Katie Appleton, Karyn Bailey, Simon Carroll, Jayda Evertt, Natalie Gunn.
4. Approval of September Agenda – motioned by Simon to approve, Sara seconded, all approved. Carried.
5. Principal's Report: Start up has gone smoothly with the exception of transportation. Re-organization will not be happening this year due to our numbers for each grade and class are within allowable ranges, as determined by the ministry and the school board. Discussed the short and long term ramifications of transportation difficulties (e.g. missing bus because short a driver, throughout year ongoing late buses as drivers have to cover multiple routes, courtesy busing a delayed process this year). Active School Strategy will be running this year with a Parent Engagement Strategy which will be launched in October via a newsletter attachment and a booth set up at Meet the Teacher. Questions: wasp nest far end of the playground . Kristi will put in another work order (have had 4 other ones already removed this year).
6. Teacher's Report – talked about the success of today's school cross country meet, upcoming Terry Fox run next week, looking forward to Meet the teacher. Discussion about openness to having students participate in coding opportunities. Discussed how we could share this opportunity with teachers and teachers can determine how and if it fits into their curricular program.
7. Treasurer's Report – report deferred until next month when our Treasurer is here and we have an update on financial status from the board's accounting department.
8. Meet the Teacher Open House – tight timeframe to put together a BBQ when the event is only a few weeks away. Simon advocates for the creation of a fundraising subcommittee to help hash out much of the fundraising work outside of the School Council meetings. Sara reinforced that it is not as overwhelming a task as it seems. Asked for interest in running the fundraising committee – Jessie, some others who might be interested who can't come to council meetings . Plan to flesh out the Fundraising Plan at the October meeting. Plan to not run a BBQ but will organize pizza for that night to help parents and allow for some socializing. Helping organize pizza for Meet the Teacher – Beck to help co-ordinate, with some volunteers. Sara to pass on information to Beck to help get her started. Encouraged to get the information to Diana in the office quickly so it can be posted on School Cash Online. However, will also take cash on site for those families who aren't able to access School Cash Online yet.
9. Any other business – Jessie, Katie and Beck advocated for the committee to consider whether to also begin a Playground subcommittee. Simon felt this can tie to the upcoming PAR (Pupil

Accommodation Review) review, which is to occur sometime in 2020. Simon talked about how a plan might be needed for the school to determine what the direction may be as a committee, including reaching out to other Dundas schools. Other council members agreed this would be a good course of action. Jessie offered to share the contacts she has with other Dundas school councils.

10. Any other business – Planning meeting dates – Looking at Tuesdays Oct 8, Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, June 2.
11. Any other business – Pizza – look at the various options for pizza days. Suggestion by Sara to switch possibly to Dominos instead of A1. Also suggested that they look at Pizza Pizza. Sara and Beck to research this and make a decision. Will inform council and the school office when it is ready to go. Request came via Kristi from another parent in the school who also requested a gluten free option be considered.
12. Meeting closed at 7:59 by Simon.