



Dundana Elementary School

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Dundana School Council AGENDA

Thursday September 22nd, 2022 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Chair: Sara Onufer

In attendance: Kristi Keery-Bishop, Sara Onufer, Naomi Foster, Leora Van der Linden, Jessie Blake, Maria Golarz, Lisa Djakalovic, Lisa Neidrauer, Gillian Petersen, Lauren Dukas

Regrets: Heather McCully

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of September 22nd, 2022 Agenda; additions
 - Motioned by Naomi, seconded by Leora
3. Approval of June 1st, 2022 Minutes
 - Motioned by Naomi, seconded by Leora
4. Principal's Welcome & Report
 - Council meeting format (in-person & hybrid)
 - 2022-2023 School year start up went really well. No classroom reorganizing this year. Courtesy bussing not possible yet until at least October as bus companies are still working on regular bus routes
 - Excursions and Extra-curriculars are back this year. Need volunteers but previous volunteers' vulnerable sector checks have expired, therefore we will likely have fewer volunteers than previous years, especially in the fall as we wait for new checks to be processed.
 - Extra-curriculars: run club started today.
 - Prices for busses has gone up extraordinarily this year. Shortage of volunteers plus bigger expenses make excursions a challenge.
 - Swim team usually runs in autumn. As of right now, the school board doesn't have an agreement lined up with the pools yet because of staffing shortages (at pools). Will reassess in January based on status of agreement.
 - Outdoor classroom update – budget was submitted to the board along with all the relevant paperwork; received approval at superintendent level and beyond. However, the contract hasn't been sent by the board to the company yet... money has been "released" but not sent to the company because the contract is pending for reasons that aren't apparent. Kristi will share an update in next newsletter.
 - Parent question: when do we hear back about EQAO? Kristi normally receives the academic results in the last week of August, parents usually get them in September/October. This year we will likely receive results sometime this fall.



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5. Election/nomination of 2022-2023 Council
 - **Chair/Co chair** – Sara Onufer and Heather McCully
 - **Treasurer** – Gillian Petersen
 - **Secretary** – Maria Golarz
 - **Members at Large** – Lisa Djakalovic, Naomi Foster, Jessie Blake, Paul Billioni, Leora van der Linden

 - Establishment of meeting dates and times. Mondays 6:30-8pm
 - November 7th.
 - January 16th
 - February 27th
 - April 17th
 - May 29th
 - Meeting reminder emails will be sent to everyone along with MS teams link for remote participation option.

6. Treasurer's Report
 - All the money went to outdoor classroom in June
 - Opening balance was \$126.
 - Balance is approx. \$80, after Meet the Teacher event purchases occurred

7. Fundraising Update – see below re: Fall Open House
 - Fundraising plan due to board in October. Kristi will send a temporary plan which we can update in November. 3 main fundraising goals: Arts, Community and Physical Activity and Outdoor Learning.
 - Open House to be run as a fundraiser.
 - Do we want to have a fundraising sub committee? Lisa D and Naomi volunteered to head up fundraising work.

8. Fall Open House/Meet the Teacher
 - Thursday October 13th, 5pm-6:30pm Open House/Book Fair.
 - Meet the teachers 5:30-6:30 on the playground
 - Will order pizza from Pizza Pizza. Cost is approx. \$10/pizza (will sell for \$20/pizza). Will have online option for vegan/gluten free (Pre-order required). Families must pre-order entire pizzas. A limited # of individual slices will be available for purchase at Open House.
 - No bottled water.
 - Heather's father will DJ
 - Naomi will check in with high school art class for volunteer face painters. (We won't advertise this in case it doesn't pan out)
 - Tattoo station with 1 or 2 volunteers
 - Scavenger hunt – glow stick prize.



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- Photo booth
 - No balloon animals.
 - Tricycles, giant Jenga, giant connect 4 etc.
 - Popcorn machine (needs to be cleaned).
 - Need extra cashboxes.
 - All the rentals will cost approx. \$250
 - We will ask for \$5 donations on School Cash Online, and also during Open House.
 - Jessie will organize volunteers. Extra volunteers at bookfair is helpful.
 - Open House advertising/promotion - Heather

 - Movie nights to be discussed at next meeting.
9. PRO Grants – submission for this school year, January? – no info yet
10. French Parent Association Update – no info yet
11. Any other Business
- Council start up at board, Kristi will attend virtually. Contact Kristi if interested.
 - We want to use PRO grant to have educational presentation and planting native plants around new outdoor classroom.

Adjournment – at 8:10pm