

Dufferin Parent Council - Wednesday October 16, 2019 at 6:30pm

Present: Gord McCreary (Chair), Sandra Bonbled, Jen O'Brien, Trisha Simon, Erica Lapage, Michelle Yull, Daniel Pickersgill, Mike Long, Ashely Swain, Natalie Walker, Lauren McDonald (Recorder), Farzana Kausar, Catherine Hebert, Sean Gibbon, Shylo Lyle, Sandra Kikulwe, and Daniel Kikulwe

Voting Members Present: Gord McCreary, Trisha Simon, Erica Lapage, Michelle Yull, Daniel Pickersgill, Mike Long, Ashley Swain, Catherine Hebert, Lauren McDonald, Shylo Lyle, Daniel Kikulwe, and Sandra Kikulwe

Voting Member and Rep Regrets: Kathryn Romphf & Cathy Costa-Morris

15 Voting Member Selection Process:

- 14 members identified to date, with 1 vacancy to be filled:
 - Gord McCreary
 - Trisha Simon
 - Erica Lapage
 - Michelle Yull
 - Daniel Pickersgill
 - Kathryn Romphf
 - Mike Long
 - Cathy Costa-Morris
 - Ashely Swain
 - Lauren McDonald
 - Catherine Hebert
 - ShyloLynn Lyle
 - Daniel Kikulwe
 - Sandra Kikulwe
- 1 vacancy remaining

Principal's Report:

- Discussion around the teacher strike vote that occurred today
 - Examples of work to rule include format of attendance, no extra curriculums with further escalations toward potential strike.
 - Hot lunches will remain through work to rule, if a strike occurs, will re-schedule hot lunches missed thereby avoiding need to issue re-funds.
- Hot lunches to resume in November 2019 (two week period required).
- Friday November 18th 2019: Brant United Way Hat Day for \$1 donation, support received to the school via Food for Thought.
- Report cards to go home November 13th 2019 with parent teacher interviews occurring on November 14th and 15th
 - Sign up genius will be implemented:

- parents will get link (no paperwork)
 - parents control time with a reminder one day before.
 - Links to families with multiples will be provided first
 - Link for parents with one child at the school will be sent subsequently.
- Removal of desktop computers from learning commons is underway, teachers were able to request desktops for their classrooms. IT provided 10 laptops for the media room plus additional 5 laptops provided by principal.
- Financials not available at time of meeting, will send by email.
- The Board purchased and installed two new safe soccer nets in the newly paved school yard area.
- Painting/design for paved school yard areas has been mapped out. Board will pay \$1000, plus additional funds to come from school. Designs include:
 - 4 areas for 4 square;
 - hop scotch;
 - Kelso's choices for problem solving;
 - basketball keys; and,
 - maze, plus a few more surprises.

Teacher's Report:

- Intermediate soccer re-scheduled for October 18th, 2019.
- Cross country results: one grade 6 student advancing.
- Ukulele club – the club will be attending a fundraising event in St. George on October 26 in support of a ukulele-related trip to Ecuador being planned by Mmes. Gorecki and Rochette
- Teachers union vote occurred Wednesday October 16th 2019, key items included more special education and reductions in class sizes. Request to parents to please be courteous when discussing potential strike with students.
- Library changes underway.
 - "Bookie Lookie" bookmark system to return books to their proper places.
 - Course for teachers to complete prior to using ipads/technology.
 - Notifications: Library Respect Sign being created.
 - Offer to demo the tech that was purchased by DPC following the meeting.
 - Open to suggestions and ideas for the learning commons.
- Some items required: Learning commons typically have pods for learning with comfortable seating:
 - 4 bean bag chairs are being requested = \$500 (including tax and shipping).

Gord raised motion to provide \$500 for 4 bean bag chairs for the Learning Commons, Erica seconded. Nine (9) voting members voted YES. **The Motion was Approved.**

Committee Review and Updates:

Fundraising

Farm to table Fund Raiser for Grade 7/8 Trip Results

- 19 students participated combined profit \$1351.00 for their grade 7/8 trip.
- 1620 lbs potatoes, 444 lbs each of carrots, onion, sweet potatoes, and 740 lbs of apples.
- Possible to look at extending this fundraiser to the rest of the school next year, good profit margin and essential items.

Cinnabon Update

- order deadline will be November 22nd 2019 with information to go home this week. Pick up will occur on December 10th, 11th, & 12th 2019 from 3:15 – 6:00 pm at Dufferin.
- Require driver volunteers to pick up orders in Hamilton on those dates (December 10th, 11th, & 12th 2019).

Volunteer Identification

- Natalie and Shylo have volunteered for fund raising and this sub committee will meet separately and report back to DPC.
 - Strategies to consider:
 - Do not want to overwhelm families with too many fundraising programs.
 - Be strategic with fundraising ideas and look for efficiencies.
 - Attach goals to fundraisers to show what money will go toward/how it will be spent.
 - Incentives not given to ensure equalization and inclusion.

Policies & Procedures/Communications/Teacher Lunch/Social

Nothing to report.

Pizza

Nov 6th 2019 will be the first pizza day. Volunteers are available to help throughout the year.

New Business

Purchased school council insurance, covers liabilities for off-grounds and after hours events.
\$300.00

School Ground Greening Grant: Opportunity to apply to grant. Application was submitted the past two school years and was not accepted.

Pride of Place Program: Application submitted by school principal who is asking for suggestions for items to apply for. In previous years the school has received curtains, lockers, and painting. Responses required by November 1st, 2019 to Mme Bonbled.

- Some suggestions included:
 - Painting of washrooms and plumbing
 - Painting of stage area
 - Accessibility ramp for front door
 - Accommodations for lack of school accessibility have in past included relocating children to accessible schools
 - Will also be included in health and safety report

Community Partners Incentive Program (CPIP): – money matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000. Suggestion to continue working on outdoor area including Kindergarten pen area (“Le Petit Cour”) games, toys, learning activities. Vandalization of Le Petit Cour has included the gate and playhouse. As part of the program the Board visits the school yard and principal and DPC representatives provide input. DPC is asking for ideas for Le Petit Cour.

Shylo motioned to reserve \$10,000 for CPIP, Erica seconded. Majority of voting members voted Yes to apply to CPIP grant. **The Motion was Approved.**

Open Floor:

Brief Discussion: School sports uniforms are very tired looking. Two sets currently one in worse shape than the other. Some larger size clothing is not available and is required. Mme. O’Brien will provide pictures at the next meeting of current uniforms.

Brief mention that annual school play could potentially use financial support from DPC. This year’s play is entitled: “The Greatest Showman”. If show does not occur due to potential strike then supplies will be used for the following year’s play.

Secretary Position:

- Secretary – no volunteer came forward in tonight’s meeting; position vacant at present; stressed importance of the role to document the conversation. Suggestion to rotate secretary alphabetically by voting member.

Financial Report:

Update not available but will be provided by email to DPC.

Previous report: Current balance: \$7524.89

- This does not include the Board returned \$10,000

Anticipated costs for 2019/2020 yet to be paid:

- \$3,875 to be paid to Mindful Movement facilitated by Bhava Tree for Fall 2019 program.
- \$10/student (approximately 380 students) reserved for classroom spending
- School Council Insurance \$300
- Purchase of 4 bean bag chairs for Learning Commons \$500.

Reservation of \$10,000 for CIP

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday November 13, 2019 at 6:30pm