

Duke SAC November Meeting

Minutes

Monday November 30, 2020, 6:30pm

Via Zoom

Attendance:

Duke of Connaught: Carol Shea (Principal), Carl Gambacort (Vice-Principal), Robert Walters (Vice-Principal),

SAC: Aron McGrath (Chair), Susan Munn (co-Treasurer), Jeff Hackett (co-Treasurer), Lisa Lebeer (Secretary), Catherine Miller-Mort (Secretary), Jill Hollingsworth (Ward rep), Sara Ehrhardt (Ward rep), Laurie Barnett (Parent Rep), Ashley Hayes (Parent Rep) Kim Robinson (Parent Rep)

Guests: Jim Spyropoulous, (TDSB Executive Superintendent, Human Rights and Indigenous Education), Melanie Laking (School Council Chair, Kapapamahchakwew - Wandering Spirit School)

Other Attendees:

Adene Kuchera, Erin Scott, Catherine Kim, Carl Kumaradas, MJ Starr, Raoul Kisnk, Liz Hoang, Katy Dockrill, Meghan Cox

Absent: Ray McIntyre (Teacher Rep) Maria Oliveira (Teacher Rep), Miranda Indrigo (Parent Rep)

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgment - Jim Spyropoulous and Melanie Laking

Jim opened with Land acknowledgement, and thanks to Jill for inviting him and Melanie to the meeting

Melanie spoke on behalf of Kapapamahchakwew Wandering Spirit Indigenous food sovereignty – looking to move from food security (filling bellies) to indigenous food sovereignty (i.e. foods normally part of an indigenous diet).

Melanie shared a teaching on the Dish with One Spoon Treaty. The land that our schools are on is under this treaty. The Dish with One Spoon Treaty helps people to manage overlap in shared territories. It sees the land and resources as a dish and we all have a right to that dish and we have a responsibility to steward for 7 generations.

2. Previous business, Approval of minutes

Motion by Lisa Lebeer; Seconded by Carl Kumaradas

3. Treasurer's Report - Sue Munn

- Finances largely unchanged over the last month.
- Anticipate funds to be deposited from pizza card sales shortly
- Account remains at over \$38, 000

Sue also provided a summary of the Duke Cares Budget

Duke Cares received \$7720 in 2019-2020 and purchased \$3350 grocery cards and has \$4370 remaining in the account. There are winter clothes available at the Duke Cares closet at the school. Anyone who is in need of winter clothing or grocery cards is asked to reach out to Sue Munn or Robb Walters.

4. Recipes in a Jar - Sara Ehrhardt

Success!

Approx 500 sold making approximately \$1800 for SAC. Funds raised will be shared once total is received.

500 meals will be donated to Glen Rhodes Food Bank, cans of tomatoes will be sourced to accompany the donations

5. Read-a-thon – Jill Hollingsworth

Information about the read-a-thon is on the website on the Duke SAC website including reading lists here <https://dukesac.godaddysites.com/fundraisers>

75% of the funds raised will go to technology at Duke of Connaught and 25% will be given to Kapapamahchakwew - Wandering Spirit School Council

6. Ward Report - Jill Hollingsworth

Toronto Public Health presentation was shared in the NTR.

7. School Statement of Need - Jill Hollingsworth

Every year the parent council or school group completes this document to outline priorities for parents and community.

The draft SSON was shared and the floor opened for comment

Any comments can be sent to info@dukesac.ca

8. Principals' Reports - Carol Shea, Carl Gambacort & Robb Walters

Construction:

- Brick restoration is almost done
- Waiting for info on construction on Ashbridge Estate
- Work on the front yard will begin in January/February

Technology:

- 28 new devices have been delivered (waiting for 30 more)
- some login issues with Chromebooks and tickets have been put in with TDSB IT

Significant Dates Celebrated in November

- Indigenous awareness month
- Anti bullying week

Canadian Cognitive Abilities test will be held next week for all grade 3s

PFLAG has provided presentations to junior & intermediate students and parent council.

Robb Walters and the TDSB Social Work Department have a presentation/program for grade 7 and 8s on awareness and understanding of the impact of safety on social media. Grade 6 students in 6/7 splits will also attend.

Other Items:

Reminder of virtual social event for Duke families "Crafting with Tamara" on December 20th <https://dukesac.godaddysites.com/calendar-and-events> for more info

Questions have been raised about students reporting harassment when using Ashbridges Estate property at lunch break. The school is aware however admin has little jurisdiction over non TDSB sites.

There will be no December meeting.

Next meeting January 25, 2021

Meeting adjourned: at 7:25 PM