

Many thanks to parent Sara Tropea for filling in taking minutes this month!

Attendees:

School Officials: Beverly O'Brien (Principal), Carl Gambacort (VP)

SAC Executive: Tanya Barrett, Bev Grondin, Rachel Schmidt, Susan Munn

Michelle Aarts (PIAC Ward 16 Rep), Lynne Gray, Karen Pumpa, Meghan Cox, Andrew Bybenko, Erin Scott, Laurie Barnett, Lisa Lebeer, Ameet Sengar, Norine Williamson, Kristine Browne, Christie Dunbar, Sara Tropea, Marie Snyder

1.) Welcome and request for all other business : Bev Grondin or Tanya Barrett

2.) Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Sara Tropea

- Approved

3.) Treasurer's Report: Rachel Schmidt

- 47 Teachers have spent \$150.
- Adult Social: 99 tickets sold
 - All costs have been covered through donations. Hope to make \$8000.

4.) Principals' Reports : Beverly O'Brien

- Latin heritage month / Sikh heritage month have been celebrated.
- Several teachers attending workshops on aboriginal issues.
- Water Walk on April 27
- Mothers Day Bake sale money will be donated to Nunavut community.
- Student council hosting "The Great Debate"
- Artification: Wall mural painting under way in bathrooms.
- Math PLC finishing up this month
- Heritage Fair occurred and was successful
- Primary kids are working on a mural project.
- Staffing underway now. Transfers open until June. 5 teachers on medical leave. There are challenges getting appropriate staff into the school (especially for French Immersion).
- Earth Week celebrations are ongoing.
- EQAO held between May 22 - June 4.
- During Mental Wellness week the focus will be on managing anxiety.
- Students completing online survey on caring adults
- Construction is ongoing. There has been flooding in the office.

5.) Other Business

ReadUP : Sheila Currie

- Former reading recovery teacher.
- Program is currently running in 8 spaces (including Red Door Shelter & Greenwood H.S.).
- Goal is to make levelled readers accessible to all kids.

Lynne Gray

- Running French ReadUP
- the ReadUP board of directors is donating \$2000 to purchase more books for French ReadUP.
- More English and French volunteers are always wanted.
- ReadUP occurs on Thursdays in the library
- Donations to ReadUP of \$15 or more could be earmarked for Duke of Connaught.

PIAC Ward 16 Rep : Michelle Aarts

- PIAC makes recommendations to the board.
- Goal: to work towards increasing parent engagement.
- One of their current actions is trying to get better communication from the TDSB to parents
- PIAC offers resources for school councils
- website: www.torontopiacc.com
- email for Ward Rep: MichelleWard16@dobber.ca
- PIAC is also involved in the TDSB
- French Review & Public Consultations:
 - May 1 Danforth Tech
 - May 15 Birchmount CI
- Draft consultation on public use of TDSB facilities is available on PIAC website as are all policy consultations.
- PIAC conference several times per year.
- This weekend (Apr 28) "Parents as Partners", 8am-4pm
- PIAC meetings are public and held at 5050 Yonge St. or by teleconference.

French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) : Christie Dunbar

- Consults board on French as a 2nd language
- a good way to learn and be listened to
- meet 7x per year, all are welcome
- meet regularly with FSL program staff
 - a stakeholder & student survey are coming soon.
- FSLAC has a link on the TDSB website and you can join their mailing list.
- next Meeting May 8th, 5050 Yonge St.

Library Revitalization ; Tara Zwolinski

- the "Library Learning Commons"
- Key Goals: Collaborative engagement, fostering literacy, supporting school goals
- enhancing global competencies
- priorities:
 - furniture on wheels that is easy to move
 - collaborative workstations
 - mini workstations
 - alternative seating

- In House book fair:
 - May 14-18.
 - Goal: \$10,000 which will give Duke \$2,000 to spend on books.
 - It will also be running Thursday evening during Nuit Blanche.
 - 8am, recess, lunch, after school until 4pm.
 - Parent volunteers are needed, especially in the morning