

Duke of Connaught

SAC MEETING – June 13, 2019 (6:30-8:00 p.m.)

ATTENDANCE

Duke of Connaught: C. Shea, C. Gambacort, Janet Phillips

SAC: Bev Grondin (Chair), Daniela Fermo (Treasurer), Stacey Iseman (Parent Rep), Lisa Casino (Parent Rep),

Sign-In: Jill Hollingsworth, Aron McGrath, Laurie Barnett, Lisa Lebeer, Angie Law, Marie Snyder, Adene Kuchera

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome, request for all other business, Treaty Acknowledgment – Bev Grondin
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Bev Grondin
- 3) Treasurer's Report: Daniela Fermo
- 4) Ward Report (5 min): Kelly Ackerman
- 5) Committee Reports (10 minutes):

- Budget Committee Update (Bev Grondin & Daniela Fermo)
- Funding Requests for 2019/20
- Proposed Initiatives for Fundraising

- 6) Principals' Reports (10 min): Carol Shea, Carl Gambacort

- academic review
- staffing
- extracurricular
- facilities

- 7) Other Business

- June Parenting Workshop
- Update from FLSAC: Christie Dunbar

MEETING

- 1) Welcome and request for all other business (Meeting called to order at 6:39 PM)
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from Stacey Iseman, seconded by Lisa Casino, approved.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** 2018/19 target was \$36,800; raised \$39,397; will be some carry over due to: staffing changes; library changes and for the musical
- 4) **Ward Report: N/A Ward Rep absent**
- 5) **Committee Report:**

- \$9000 has be earmarked for support for next year
- \$40,000 worth of requests came in after the call for funding requests went out in April
- There will be effort made to divide the requests amongst the various divisions (primary, junior, intermediate, senior)
- Fundraising Community Events – preparatory list for next SAC that’s to be voted in; some of the fundraising events are non-revenue generators
- Suggest holding the Dance-A-Thon again but during the Halloween dance; appeal is that it can operate with minimal volunteer time; Dance-A-Thon has been tentatively booked, but can be shifted by new SAC if desired
- Student workshops have been suggested such as X Movement – a physical activity and mindfulness program to help build life skills

6) Principal’s Report:

- Basketball fever continues – kids have been playing 3 on 3 and 5 on 5 basketball
- EQAO testing has wrapped for the year and open houses have taken place
- Former teacher Lois was at the school with her dog as part of the Kindness Project to promote kindness to each other and to animals; more than 30 classrooms participated in the program
- 34 Duke athletes participated at the City Track & Field championships 1/3rd of those that attended received medals
- Cricket tournament has also concluded
- Reminder that Hot Lunch and the Morning Meal programs will end on Friday, June 21
- Duke is a certified Platinum ECO school for the 5th year running; Duke students are being taught ECO literacy in the classroom and the school does a good job of reducing waste and preserving electricity
- Planting day is approaching – still deciding where to put the planter boxes and the butterfly garden; there are donated plants from the WWF that will go in the raised planter
- Camp Wahanowin trip – 97 students will be attending
- Graduation is on Tue. June 25th at Monarch Park Collegiate; the grad cruise is to take place on Wed. June 26
- Construction –
 - 1 Painting will include: the front foyer (Door 7); some stairwells; some corridors; Door 6; a few classrooms
 - 2 Phase 2 of exterior work: exterior walls on the north, west and south sides of the Duke building; aim to be completed all work by end of 2019
 - 3 Pool: construction set to begin July 4th inside the pool and the mechanical room; will include new concrete; major work is required and it is likely the pool will be closed into the next school year. Pool work will impact Applegrove summer

- programming – room assignments yet to be determined; request to check on status of Applegrove lounge AC repairs
- Staffing – there is no resource allocation for the French program – budget is taken from the English resource; HSP is only allocated from Grade5 +

7) Other Business:

Stacey – orange shirt campaign – direction will be given on proper implementation by the Aboriginal centre for next year.

Stacey – next parent workshop – Wed. Jun 19, 6 – 8 PM in the library; parents only workshop – to learn skills to help children regulate; there will be childcare

Christie – FSLAC update – proposed cuts of \$9 million put over until 2020 so no immediate cuts; suggestion to create an equity fund to ensure children have access to the FI Program – need to develop a criteria plan to determine eligibility for the fund and families would need to apply. A French review survey was completed – recommendations were put forth by staff and all terms were approved by the committee – next step is to have Trustees vote on the recommendations (voting Jun 19)

Some recommendations include:

- restructuring the FLS programs - eliminating extended French and offering only 2 entry points for the FI program (JK & 4 only)
- establishing a minimum intake and capping enrollment to the program to ensure program viability and account for attrition rates
- develop a core French action plan
- ensure exclusive practices in all FLS programs
- strengthen the current plan for the recruitment and retention of French teachers

The Director is to report back in Oct 2019 on:

- the core French action plan
- redistribution plan for FI – based on equity for the program
- the implementation of proposed transportation plan - Discussion about bussing at Duke for FI kids – currently approximately 45 kids that are bussed and 2 kids take TTC

Lunchroom update – fans were deemed unsafe – requested a cooling unit to be put on the ventilation system to try to improve airflow – no update on work order

Basketball court – work order to repave – waiting for update

New playground design is almost complete; includes removing a soccer area and relocating one soccer pit, add greenspace, revamp parking lot, add space for seniors

Angie – UKE Day – Dukes' Nova Carver Cook wrote a song and performed it at UKE Day

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes by Lisa Lebeer