

ATTENDANCE

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

SAC: Bev Grondin (Chair), Margie Akins (Secretary), Daniela Fermo (Treasurer), Stacey Iseman (Parent Rep), Lisa Casino (Parent Rep), Alison Orr (Fundraising)

Sign-In: Jill Hollingsworth, Laura Byers, Marie Sylh, Aron McGrath, Laurie Barnett, Melissa Nurse, Nicole White, Kristine Browne, Meghan Cox, Liz Lindy

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome, request for all other business, Treaty Acknowledgment – Bev Grondin
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Margie Akins
- 3) Treasurer’s Report: Daniela Fermo
- 4) Ward Report (5 min): Kelly Ackerman
- 5) Committee Report (5 min): Creator Fair (Meghan)
- 6) Principal’s Report (10 min)
 - Academic review
 - Staffing
 - Extracurricular
 - Facilities
- 7) Other Business
 - a) PRO Grant – June Parenting Workshop
 - b) PRO Grant for next year
 - c) East End Parents 4 Education
 - d) Follow up on status of questions submitted after May meeting
 - e) Old School General Store – Orange Shirt Day

1) Welcome and request for all other business

2) Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from April, seconded, approved.

3) Treasurers Report

- Approved for a lottery license (expires May 2021) – allowed to raise \$5000/year with this license. Helps alleviate stress of volunteer heavy events.
- Payment options – cash online is happening at Duke next year. Jenn in the office is training for the school, but not for SAC. Deadline for SAC to sign up for the program is June 1st (for free). People will have to sign up for 2 separate accounts: Duke and SAC. Daniela signed up for SAC to have it’s own Cash Online account
- Lots of spending is happening for the monies raised throughout the year (e.g. parent workshops, athletics, music/arts).

- Question was asked re: the Duke Musical funds raised being dedicated to the music program, which was brought up in the April meeting.
 - Answer: The Duke Musical is technically a SAC-run event, even though the music program does the leg-work, because SAC previously had more freedom to make purchases than the TDSB. As such, as a SAC-run event, all funds raised need to go into the SAC pot to be spent where budgeted, unless funding toward a specific program is requested in writing before the event, and is approved by SAC Exec. All funds in and out of one account is not a Duke SAC rule, it is a TDSB by-law for all parent councils for accounting to be completely transparent.
- It comes down to a lack of communication. This year the musical was not discussed with SAC, and future SAC's will not be aware of any arrangements made about the musical in previous years. **Musical spending and funds need to be discussed and approved every year, unless the musical coordinators want to run the event as a school event.** Despite this, all music department requests that went through SAC were approved and are being met.

4) Ward Report

- Ward Rep not in attendance.
- Jennifer Story sent an email: The Provincial budget for education has impacted the TDSB. If anyone is interested in getting actively involved, the East End Parents 4 Public Education group on Facebook is available and very active.

5) Committee Reports

- Creator Fair: coming up in 2 weeks. Great activities lined up; much bigger than last year (e.g. Evolve skateboard park). Great vendors: embroidery, block printing, robotics, etc. **We really need volunteers!** We've tried to be efficient with our volunteer allocation this year but we still need help. Mostly supervisor roles are needed and facepainters are always in demand. Perhaps Grade 7/8s?
- Principal Shea advised that Woodgreen and Applegrove need to be made aware of the events occurring since they may have children outside. Committee Rep confirmed that they have been informed.

6) Principal's Report

- Janet Phillips is filling in for Kelli during her absence.
- May 14th ecoschools platinum audit. Auditor was impressed by commitment to energy conservation and eco-literacy. Liked our eco-schools board – has the results to 2 waste audits and 2 energy walkabouts.
- Sports: track and field – well represented. Duke has 149 entries in track.
- May 28th, 7:45-10am Volunteer Tea.
- Dental screening – June 3-7
- Halfway done EQAO – finished next Wednesday.
- Gifted open house was well attended today. Had 70 families attend Kindie Open House. May 29th is the French Open House
- Staffing is done 2nd Phase. No changes since we last met with SAC.
- Learning opportunity index – We're #260. Every school on LOI list has a certain

allocation granted. We have 2.0 allocation, 1.5 staffing plus prep time. Next year we did not get that allocation. We are at 48 teachers for next year. We lost an extended French but gained an Early French in the primaries because their numbers are larger. Hiring will continue into the summer. Less movement than last year.

- Still awaiting allocations for office and secretary.
- Class numbers were discussed but not in great detail because admin didn't have their spreadsheet.
- So even though we've only lost 3 staff, all the class sizes will be bigger than this year?
A: Yes.
- 2 full-time Vice Principals for the first time in Duke history. Previously they had to do classroom support in addition to administrative. 0.5 can be put back into dedicated classroom resources.
- 915 projected numbers for the school, but reality will go up and down constantly.
- Q: If there's going to be really big classes, is there going to be an effort to not make them splits? A: There was very little flexibility to move classes around.
- Last SAC meeting will have a detailed report of classes and numbers.

7) Other Business

- Last month's SAC meeting, we received several questions that needed further asking. Carol can finally share the answers. Whenever the school is going to provide information electronically it has to be run through the communications department and Caring & Safe Schools central.
- Q: How many suspensions/expulsions has the school had? A: Because clearly there have been repeated offenses after repeated reprimands from school? We don't release suspension data per school. Expulsions happen at hearings with TDSB, not by principals at schools. We have more suspensions this year than all the other schools in our quarter of the TDSB system (LC4), but we're also the 2nd largest school in LC4. Suspensions range between 1-19 days, 19 being the maximum.
- Expulsions are from the board, all schools, for the period of time that was ruled.
- Q: If a student has multiple suspensions, is there a protocol where that student is followed, supervised by an adult at all times? Answer: Supports are done differently than that. Support special needs assistants have dedicated time with students who are medically fragile or violent, uncontrollable outbursts. We don't have kids at Duke who need a 1:1 ratio. The supports for children are done in many different ways depending on the individual.
- If a child has a safety plan (IEP), every teacher has to be vigilant.
- Aggression is not condoned. If a kid is suspended 4-5 times then they certainly have an IEP.
- If a child is suspended 4, 5, 6 times and keeps repeating then suspensions aren't working for that child. Another consequence is discussed through team meetings to work for that individual.
- Progressive discipline – they're age-appropriate, based on development. Q: Would a grade 1 be suspended? What support does that child need to prevent this happening? Whatever school interventions are occurring are not working bc the

entire school year this child has been disturbing class. A: Every child that has needed intervention has statistically improved at Duke this year.

- Q: Peacekeepers program, is that something we can look into? A: Definitely options that the school would love to consider. There are many sorts of student recess programs throughout the TDSB. Q: Can a committee be formed? To get involved with that discussion contact Bev. A: All ideas have to be discussed with admin to make sure that union jobs aren't being replaced etc.
- Orange Shirt Day – Is Duke interested in participating in Old's Cool General Store's Orange Shirt Day campaign for 2019?
 - Old's Cool General Store is partnering with the Anishnawbe Community Health Center to support healing and wellness for the Aboriginal Community. Proceeds from Orange shirts will go to help families deal with ongoing trauma caused by residential schools and colonialism, by providing access to traditional teachings, healers, and medicine people. This effort to raise awareness and lift up aboriginal voices helps commemorate reconciliation, and is to support the health and wellness of our aboriginal community.
 - The orange Shirt campaign is also to educate and raise awareness in the schools in our community, and the campaign is being guided by aboriginal voices as to what the teachings should be.
 - In addition to resources for teaching age appropriate stories about residential schools and the 60s scoop, shirts would be made available through Old's Cool General Store for around \$25 dollars.
 - Carol: Need to be careful to include Aboriginal Education Centre in the TDSB – they need to approve first. Stacey to forward initiative to school.
- PRO Grant – parenting workshop Pt. 2. David Jurasek will be returning, who runs Young Warriors at Integra Centre. ABCs of Parenting Aikido – how to manage power struggle with child. Need to look into childcare options.
- PRO Grant in general – one of the Trustees posted that PRO Grant has been approved but that likely it will be half the funds as previous years. SAC will be working on an application, although there is no current deadline.
- Bev and Daniela met with owner of XMovement program, similar to when Junglesport was brought in, SAC would fund this programme. They have 3 components to the program, dancing/exercising, mindfulness, mate-ship. Would run for a week, with an open night for the community. Each class would get 3 sessions. Considering using the next PRO Grant to help pay for this program.
- Last SAC meeting is June 13th.
- Q: Can graduate students do student placements in classrooms to help? A: We have student teachers. CYWs, social work students from George Brown have been guest teachers throughout the years for blocks of time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by SAC Secretary M. Akins