

Executive Council Meeting

Wed Dec 4, 2013

Minutes

Members Present: Beth Mills, Robin Holmes-Smith, Shannon Salisbury, Hannun Lyn,
Domenica Dileo

Regrets: Ryan Rogerson, Cheryl Hooper, Elizabeth Palermo

Welcome and Introductions.

Reading of previous minutes.

Business arising from minutes.

- Website for People for Education is <http://www.peopleforeducation.ca>
- Statement of Needs form will be resent to Parents. Some did not receive it.
- Request for volunteers to be on a Committee to come up with a five year plan to fine tune develop and define DaVinci with the help of our Waldorf Mentor, Marg Beard. Who are we? What are we doing right now? Why are we here? Where do we want to go? 2 faculty members and 2 parents needed to be on the committee with all members being able to look at and vision for the school with an objective, open mind - no preconceived ideas.
- The meetings would take place via Skype conferencing and be approximately 1 hour in length. Marg would send out some questions for people to explore prior to each conference in order to be able to use efficiently the discussion time they have together. Marg would then follow up with an email that outlines the follow-up actions that were agreed upon.
- One conference call meeting per month (with the exception of December) with the hopes of having a clear picture by Mar/April.
- Marg is available most Wednesdays and Thursdays during the day and some Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the evening.
- Please email your class rep if you are interested in being on this Committee.

Perhaps we can ask Marg to assist us with the integration of technology in our older grades. When? How? What?

Old business.

- Awaiting book lists from teachers so request to purchase can be sent out to Parents.
- Box for winter clothes is in DaVinci Office. Parents can donate winter boots, coats, mitts that their children have outgrown. DaVinci labels will be put on them. Request for donations was included in newsletter going out tomorrow.

Principal's report.

- Reminder to Parents to bring issues to School Council. Bring issues involving the philosophy of the school etc. up at a Council Meeting.
- No Speaker Series this year.

Committee Reports

- Report from Nov 12th PART meeting.
Space issue at Lord Lansdowne is being discussed. There is not enough room to accommodate projected future enrolment at Lord Lansdowne. DaVinci is a part of Lord Lansdowne. Issue affects other schools in the area also.

All Parents invited to the Space Committee meeting on Monday, December 16 at 6:30pm, Central Technical School, Room 208.

Palma Vitti from the TDSB Education Planning Department will be at the meeting.

Pizza will be served and if you require childcare please let Hannah know.

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New Business

- Nov 29th Hold and Secure
A hold and secure is the procedure we use when there is some problem outside the building. School Administration locks the doors, keeps everyone inside and does not let anyone leave the building until the school is released by the police. It's not a lockdown, but business as usual within the building. Lockdown is a different procedure.
Process to be evaluated.
- Suggested donation per child fundraiser.
Cheryl is working on it.

- What does it mean to be inspired by Waldorf?
Need to do that through Marg.
- Jan 30th DaVinci Information Night Call for volunteers.
Teachers speak.
Demos from some of the children.
Request for Parents to speak for 5 mins on what they love about DaVinci .
Request for some small baked goods.
No childcare.
Please email your Class Rep if you would like to speak or if you can donate some baked goods for that evening.
- Applying for Indigo Adopt a school program
Robin to email info she has for Executive Council discussion.

Items deferred for next meeting:

- Committee/plan for "A da Vinci Night of Improv" fundraiser.
- Screening of the film Project Wild Thing to gather school and wider community and to raise funds. (Elizabeth) (10 mins)
- Possible fundraising opportunity with Chocosol Traders. Gillian Whortley may have more info.

ChocoSol is a learning community/social enterprise that uses artisanal dark chocolate as a symbolic product that incarnates the values that we make part of our art of living and dying with dignity.

Our artisan chocolate is made right here in Toronto using organic, forest garden, shade-grown cacao, sourced directly from indigenous communities in the Lacondon Jungle of Chiapas and the Oaxacan mountains of Southern Mexico. Our horizontal trade relationships go beyond the exchange of commodities and bring symbolic products, whose story is as important as the product itself. Our relationships are based on reciprocity, friendship, respect and mutual learning.

Our chocolates are made without dairy, gluten, soy and nuts, and are also vegan. We specialize in both eating chocolate and drinking chocolate (xocolatl), and offer a number of other sustainably grown ingredients that are sourced directly from farmers (such as coffee, cacao nibs, agave, hemp seeds and vanilla pods, among others).

<http://chocosoltraders.com>

Next scheduled meetings: Feb 5th 7pm, April 2nd 7pm.