

School Council Meeting

Wed Mar 5th 7–9pm

Minutes (action items in red)

Present: Anita Carr, Malcolm Carr, Ryan Rogerson, Gabriela Baldor, Anne Wu, Gillian Whortley, Beth Mills, Joanne Blanchette, Cheryl Hooper.

Welcome and Introductions.

Reading of previous minutes.

Business arising from minutes.

Jan 30 info night – big success thanks to all the teaching staff. About 70 families present.

Teacher book list – **Request Letter plus list to go out to all families both in hard copy and electronically on Thurs Mar 6th**. Parents could be invited to read the book with the class and possibly have a dedication put in front of each book (to be decided by teachers).

Winter clothing drive – **remember to donate Winter Clothing items that no longer fit your family**. Will be labeled DaVinci.

Principal's Report

There is a possibility of creating a defined Kindergarten area. Possibilities include a fenced in spot in front of school where things are grown, trees planted at south end of playground, creating a shade structure. Path?

We are losing 7 ash trees as they are diseased.

Next year rough estimate of numbers: JK – 15, SK - ?, 1&2 – 20-24, 3&4 – 20-24 (full), 5&6 – ?

No clear picture of staffing as yet.

Sun May 4th – Lord Lansdowne 100 years old. Party.

PART next meeting Mar 6th – Joanne cannot attend. **Ryan or Cheryl to try and attend and report back.**

Beth to email Marg re: 5 year plan. Cheryl, Elizabeth, and either Victoria Ponce or Nicole Winston.

Committee Reports

Treasurers Report: Beginning of year we had \$1850. We are now down to \$288.

Letter to be sent out to families requesting a donation of \$50 per child, return envelope provided and tax receipts issued for amounts over \$25. Cheques to be made out to DaVinci Alternative Public School. Envelopes returned to Kim.

New business.

Planned development on the site of the Waverly Hotel. Developers attending Parent Meeting at Lord Lansdowne on Mar 18th DaVinci parents invited and invitation sent out.

Committee/plan for "A DaVinci Night of Improv" fundraiser. Ryan is working on something, possibly deferred to Fall.

Ian Hooper is responsible for keeping our website up to date. If parents or teachers have pictures or artwork etc. suitable for updating the website please send it to joanneblanchette@sympatico.ca and it will be forwarded to Ian.

DaVinci Picnic – May 31st. Trinity Bellwoods Park. South of the tennis courts. Ryan and Blair will provide music. Need to get a permit.

Reminder to all parents that we aspire to uphold a respectful and civil communication style when speaking to and emailing all of our teachers and administration. Community principles to accompany minutes.

Items Deferred:

Wholesaling for Chocosol as a fundraiser for the school. (15 mins) Martha Farquhar

Next scheduled meeting: , April 2nd 7pm.