



DOVERCOURT PUBLIC SCHOOL SAC MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Attendees

- Elaine Hua
- Caitland Ellis
- Ben Peto
- Nuno Silva
- Kitty Choi
- Stephanie Nause
- **Regrets**
 - Melissa Kozak
 - Melanie Kramer
 - Geoff Moreira
 - Deborah Walsh
 - Sarah Liss
 - Alex Kollo
 - Roxanne Wright

Approval of agenda and January minutes

- No quorum, deferred to offline approval

Principal/Vice-Principal Report

- **Student update**
 - The 10K Grant for tech art related project for 3D printers is moving ahead
 - Grade 8s doing a virtual workshop with Bruce Blackburn (Juno-award nominated artist) Black History Month, oriented around music
 - Grade 7s are currently doing scientists in the school, building projects, and took the school's first trip by doing outdoors learning, studying environmental interactions



- Badminton training happening (with nets)
- Hope that inter-school sports will resume shortly
- **Principles update**
 - COVID status update
 - 4 active cases
 - Maximum amount of cases at one time has been 7 cases
 - School is responding to lots of questions from parent community
 - Impacted class is informed every time there is a case
 - New rapid antigen tests and KN95s are being sent out
 - School is working through the SAC provided masks; no further masks required
 - Automated door installed and up next is a ramp to ensure accessibility for entry into school
 - **Music and dance**
 - Dance program in spring – reaching out to get info about a professional dancer to come in spring and offer classes
 - Music program – opportunity to bring back DJ Adam but will discuss in April/May
 - Bring forward at future SAC with quorum
 - **Urgent ask:** Get Real workshop
 - **Workshop is cohort-based and delivered by an LGBTQ+ organization** that focuses on racism, discrimination, and bullying, goal is to break down prejudice, promote unity, and foster compassion/empathy
 - Program is like essentially a virtually counselling program, with post-workshop follow-up with smaller groups
 - Ask to the SAC would be \$1250 for every grade from grade 2-8 would participate in the workshop
 - Request is urgent as they book up quickly
 - Principal Ellis will move ahead and ask in future for SAC support (e.g. 50/50 cost coverage)
 - Also looking at a parent workshop

Treasurer's Report

- **Itemized review**



- **Mask funding:** Received \$1,525 for the mask program. About \$395 from what was fundraised is left over.
- **Spirit wear:** Spirit wear money, from last year, has been deposited
- **Arts/enrichment:** There is still money in that 4000 for the arts allocation (about \$2,050)
- **Scientists in school:** We are treating as spent money as we've moved ahead with it
- **Ask for Get Real workshop** – SAC can pull from leftovers from other programs and miscellaneous budget (but need SAC to support)
 - Ben to put \$650 in yellow as to be approved
 - Bottom line – our enrichment budget is over but overall budget is underspent
- **Previously discussed spirit wear campaign:** table it to the fall/new school year given last campaign was so recent and expect not as much interest for gear at this time
- **Motion to approve extra \$250+HST to cover shortfall for PProGrant Anti-Racism Workshop**
 - Alexis Dawson runs an anti-racism workshop for broader community (parents/guardians) and a smaller group with Principal Ellis, group of teachers, and select SAC members to help inform the School Statement of Need document
 - Dates would be for May 4th for the wider group and May 31st for small group
 - *Motion was carried by executive as all were in attendance.*
- **Events Update (and discussion)**
- Principal Ellis noted there is a need for an event, ideally pre-March break, to increase morale, potentially outdoors (e.g. a snow dance)
- Kitty noted that previously discussion had started down the path of a hot chocolate outside event
- SAC discussed a tie-in to Olympics (e.g. stations)
- Principal Ellis will reach out to staff to assess support, note SAC support for covering hot chocolate. Parents could support as well and participate.

Enrichment Update

- Received \$1200 for flip-grid which will enable reading challenge going from Feb-May
- Each division will get \$100 with teachers deciding on how to use the prize money, all JK/SK kids will get prize
- Going to reach out to division reps to see if teachers will tie into Google classroom as parents likely check classroom more than SAC website

Other Business & Adjournment

Teacher/staff appreciation

- Chair noted that pre-covid there was a potluck, but there could be some other appreciation for the teachers as cannot host pot-luck due to covid
- **Ideas raised included:**



- Coffee and donuts for a couple of Fridays, prebagged for each teacher – small, sustainable, easy to meet dietary restrictions, easier to manage than a potluck. Caitlin could coordinate and survey teachers
- Fancy fruit selection
- Flowers or succulents for each
- **Costs for coffee/donuts in past:** previously, for a staff of about 45, buying 2 jugs of coffee/tea and pastries would total about \$150-\$200, so for 4 months could be in the \$600 range
- We can sort out finding non-SAC funding offline in a way that conforms with SAC board rules

2 motions via email

Chair notes for posterity two motions previously approved by SAC by email:

- \$1000 for N95 masks
- \$250 gift card for a meal train for family in need

Other business

- Principal Ellis described need to help support community member in need; parent starts work early and needs another community member to help escorting her child to school
- Will put a call out via email and can consider a future Friday file request as well