



DOVERCOURT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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DOVERCOURT PUBLIC SCHOOL SAC MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 12th at 11:30 am

Attendees

1. Elaine Hua
2. Caitland Ellis
3. Ben Peto
4. Melissa Kozak
5. Stephanie Nause
6. Melissa Roxanne
7. Nuno Silva
8. Kitty Choi
9. Sarah Liss
10. Laura Krick
11. Alex Kollo

Regrets

- VP Geoff Moreira
- Deborah Walsh
- Vivian Fleet
- Melanie Kramer
- Lindsay Windhager
- Roxanne Wright

Welcome & review of zoom ground rules

Review of ground rules

- No video recording
- Chat is inscribed, used for minutes
- Private chat is also transcribed
- Use raised hands to discuss

Approval of agenda and minutes

Draft minutes for September not quite ready – November meeting will include drafts of both September and October minutes

Principal/Vice-Principal Report

COVID update

- Received 'out of outbreak' status



- All grade 8 students are back to school
- Small issue with regards to screening as small group of students forgetting

Curriculum night – First curriculum night starting on October 14th

Terry fox fundraiser – a success, raised \$750!

Orange shirt day – great participation level, a start of a conversation

Photo day – one by one but no group shots, in the gym

Halloween – parade will be outside, information to be shared with schedules so parents can see kids

Allocation updates – additional grade 8 and kindergarten teacher as part of allocation

Dog poop – this is an issue, with 14 incidents with kids having to be sent home thus far. Have tried talking to dog owners, but need some additional ideas

Two asks from teachers

1. Continue ‘scientists in the school’ program
2. Teachers all created goals for year and agreement was to focus on arts and equity. Several ideas to be brought forth next SAC. Examples being considered include beautification to entrances, replacement of old mural). Sarah to connect Caitland with local parent who could be a good fit

Teacher’s Report

NA

Treasurer’s Report

- Treasurer provided a walkthrough of the projections for this year, provided budget allocations based on last year’s allocations—starting point for SAC to work from, can be re-adjusted as need be at future SAC meetings
- SAC discussed perhaps adding some additional definition, for instance:
 - Regular operation cost = routine expense
 - Events/community engagement – small things that lead to revenue generation
- It is tough for teachers/principle to manage/reconcile how the art allocation is spent
 1. **Majority moved the motion** – Pivoting to budgeting/tracking arts allocation from a ‘per class’ to a ‘by division’ basis to facilitate accountability and reconciliation
 2. **Majority moved the motion** – keep the reserve at 13K
 3. **Motion** – agreed to go forward with current allocations as proposed by treasurer, including separate line item for donations/community support under Misc category
- Form for soliciting details re new ideas for SAC consideration
 - Form for ideas and crowdsourcing was created last year, received only 1 submission
 - Caitland will be championing this with teachers and broader school community
 - SAC will draft an intro blurb about the form for Caitland to include in Friday updates



Website revamp

- Melissa discussed a reorg of the information onto a new platform (e.g. weebly or wix) to make look and feel more modern, more responsive to needs. Both platforms would be at no cost
- Proposal is for Melissa to update site, conduct content reorg, and show what it could look like, then get feedback from SAC (with Nuno as a tester)
- Feedback considered – new domain name (\$10-\$20) or a paid platform
- **Motion carried to approve purchase of new domain name up to \$30**
- **Motion carried to move to weebly**

Fundraising: Spirit Wear

- Last year, print to order sales were done via Portage Promo. Made about \$700
- This year, we will need to consider more sizes, sweatpants and water bottles
- There is some lead-in time to consider
- **Motion carried to pursue Spirit Wear campaign and to seek new design**

Event planning: Dance-a-Thon, Halloween Decorating, Outdoor movie night

- **Motion carried for dance-a-thon event for November 5th , with \$300 honorarium to Adam Silver to DJ**
- Discussions re hosting movie night in 2022 within grade cohorts (to maintain safety) tabled to future SAC meeting.
- Caitland advised teacher's found decorating mini pumpkins overwhelming to manage with the kids and weren't fond of doing that again. Principal Ellis may have teacher's run a door decoration contest and pizza lunch could be a prize—would ask SAC for funding of pizza prize.

Filling open SAC Positions

Quorum was not maintained by the time this Agenda item was discussed, so no nominations or vote could take place. Discussed including description of open positions in Caitland's Friday File.

Other Business & Adjournment