

Dufferin Parent Council

October 12, 2016

Present: Corrie Way, Jen O'Brien, Jocelyn Jay, Kathryn Romphf, Kelly Klema, Trisha Simon, Becky Vandevenne, Rahno Simpson, Arden Redfern, Jill Berridge, Gord McCreary, Sarah Jorgensen, Thoreyn Jorgensen, Sean Gibbon, Chasity Schweitzer, Mary Forcier, Stephanie Farrow, Daniel Pickersgill, Rachel Zabel, Ashley Vicano, Amy Henderson, Christina Gilman

Regrets: Thomas Stratford, Cathy Costa-Morris, Larry Brock, Temple Swift

1. Principal's Report:

- Staffing:
 - M Lien Lien has been hired as LTO for grade 6/7
 - Mme Melanie Verret has been hired as LTO for Mme Desjardins
- School pictures are October 17
- The bulletin board with pictures of the teachers is in the works
- The Learning Commons now has books! We are still waiting on carpeting for the reading/teaching corner, some bench seating and installation of the smarboard and projector
- work orders have been submitted for painting of the tunnel, front hall and lines on the playground; further painting will take place in stages as monies allow; Pride of Place \$\$ in the spring may be allocated for this
- progress reports go home Nov 15; interviews will take place the evening of Thursday Nov 17 and morning of Friday Nov 18; teachers are always available to meet outside of these scheduled times to discuss student concerns
- **ACTION:** If you have not yet submitted your police check or volunteer form to Lynn Peters, DO IT! You need to do this to be on DPC or volunteer in any capacity at Dufferin.
- **ACTION:** Corrie will ensure that areas in the school where there is known asbestos will be assessed for exposure.

2. Financials:

- There is currently \$10 626.49 in the general account and \$55.78 in the lottery account.
- Kindergarten playground revitalization and school play supplies are on the wishlist horizon.
- Arden suggested science textbooks for Grade 8s as the class only has 3 of them to share! Corrie reported that the school is moving towards e-textbooks, but there have been issues with limited access codes when logging on at home. Rahno pointed out that DPC is not allowed to buy textbooks.

3. Teachers' Report:

- cross country is this Friday under the direction of Mme Gorecki and Mme Rochette
- Soccer tournaments for Junior and Intermediate are next week
- Mme Soule's grade *s are going to a bilingual success conference in Hamilton held by Canadian Parents for French where they will discuss future careers as bilingual citizens
- volleyball begins at the end of October, beginning of November
- our 3 baseball teams attracted new students to the sport, and enjoyed the weather and good times (I think that means they didn't do very well -- but they had fun playing!)
- ukulele will start next week
- primary students have been buying wooden fish to decorate and later place on the fences around the school; so far \$235 has been raised and these monies will be used to apply to be an Eco School; thank you to Mme Rochette for leading this initiative
- Lego Club will be starting soon, now that the library is again functional:)
- "Le Petit Cour"
 - a suggestion of donating items (small slides, play houses) for the kindergarten pen was made – and accepted; the items must be in very good condition with no safety risks
 - a suggestion of making a "music wall" is being explored, at very low cost; DPC seemed generally willing to support this
 - Rahno asked about "le petit cour" being moved to the front of the school to increase playground space; there would be cost and supervision concerns
 - Jen feels "le cour" space is adequate, but there aren't enough activities for the kids to do
 - Gord cautioned us not to worry too much about vandalism, and focus on the needs of the kids
 - half-buried tires and stumps were suggested

4. Student Report:

- there will be a Hallowe'en dance for Grades 6-8, and encouragement to wear costumes on October 31st
- there will be a Hallowe'en activity week leading up to the 31st

5. DPC Insurance

MOTION: Our school council insurance is due at a cost of \$140+ HST. Sarah. Seconded by Daniel. Carried.

6. Communication:

ACTION: Please sign up at www.freelists.org/list/DPC in order to be on the DPC mailing list. Henceforth, email dpc@freelists.org if you want to send everyone an email. And remember that when you reply, it goes to EVERYONE!

7. Fundraising:

ACTION: Collect prizes to put on the fundraising calendar and give to Kelly by the end of this month.

ACTION: Kelly will give us an update of prizes collected to date.

8. Policy and Procedures:

- Check out the Board website granderie.ca regularly to see what they're looking for feedback on.
- There is a draft policy on School Initiated Facility Upgrades.

9. Hot Lunch: Pizza Day and Pita orders are now done strictly through Cash On-line. This will significantly decrease volunteer and staff time, potential for lost monies and orders, etc. Call the 1-800 number if you are having problems registering your child. If parents are unable to purchase on-line, they can purchase it independently, and send it in with their child.

10. Students on the Junior soccer team can have their picture taken on re-take day. The class pictures affecting those classes will be taken on re-take day also.

11. **ACTION:** Corrie will ask Facilities about the required depth of wood chips under climbing structures as there is concern it is getting too thin.

Next meeting: November 9, 2016
6:30 in the Library