

Dovercourt SAC

September 17, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Hilary Hall, Peggy Gibbons, Ben Peto, Deborah Aarts, Paul Tichonczuk, Deborah Walsh, Katrina Bale, Katie Quach, Chris Antonik

Regrets: Sarah Weaver, Caitland Ellis (Principal)

Introductions

Principal's Report

- Emailed, read in by Peggy Gibbons

Basement gym construction was delayed but is set to be completed by next week.

Lunch will be moved back inside (WASPS were really bad outside this year)

Very smooth start to the year. Had quite a few new registrations, new condos etc.

- As a result, they will be re-organizing a couple of our classrooms. The school has been allocated one more Junior teacher. Principal will email the community on Friday.
- Won't be a huge disruption and groups of students will be moving together.
- New classes start on Sept. 30th.

Fresh paint in the office and staffroom, school looks great!!

This year there will be a teacher and a student attending all SAC meetings.

Teams and clubs are already up and running!!

Curriculum Night is Monday October 7th from 5:30-6:30 and there is a request for a winter clothing swap from families.

This year staff will be working together to plan for the year ahead on Sept. 27th which is a PA Day. Plan is to outline our fundraising initiatives to present to SAC ahead of time, these are the asks from students and teachers. Included in that will be planned workshops, presentations, and trips from each division. This should help streamline SAC's hard work with the goals of the school. Principal to present this at our October meeting....please let her know if you have any suggestions.

SCHOOL HAS 2 STARTUP ASKS:

- RECESS equipment. We need 3 Rubbermaid recess bins for the North, West and South yards. Inside we need:
 - Soccer balls, skipping ropes, basketballs, big four-square red balls, footballs, volleyballs.
 - New SAND TOYS for JK/SK
- Snack program needs a donation of small Rubbermaid snack bins and large new bins.
 - Please contact Holly with any questions or estimate of cost.

- Plywood pieces...one per class for a whole school art project. (For the fence, looking at an Indigenous theme)

The school is short on Lunchroom supervisors this year.

Treasurer's Report

- Ben reporting for Sarah W
- In Alterna Account, \$23,000 is just SAC; school side account not visible
- If it needs a purchase order, paid for by the SAC but arranged by the school – use school side account. Also, things in our minutes can be allocated from the school side account (vs. from the Alterna) if they are clearly documented as approved expenditures.

Motions between meetings

- Deb A: Motion from August to spend up to \$500 for Welcome Back breakfast. Approved by email/Slack in August. Receipts still being submitted. Exact figures to be reported at October meeting.

SAC Elections & Positions

- Positions Reviewed
- Co-Chairs: Deb Aarts & Peggy Gibbons
- Treasurer: Sarah W & Ben available to consult; **OPEN**
- Secretary: Hilary Hall + Deborah Walsh alternate
- Communications: Paul Tichonczuk + Deb Aarts alternate
- Community Outreach & Ward Rep: **OPEN**
- Events: Chris Antonik + **OPEN**
- Enrichment: Katie Quach
- Eco-Team: Deborah Walsh & Paul Tichonczuk
- Community Representative: Deb W to ask Oasis about a rep
- Pride SubCommittee: TBD
- Stop School Cuts SubCommittee: TBD

All positions acclaimed

Future Meeting Dates

- First Thursday of the month (per principal schedule); in person; r/a as goes
- October 3rd
- November 7
- December 5
- January 9th
- February 6th
- March 6th
- April 3rd
- May 1st
- June 5th, R/a based on Spring Fling Date

Previous Communications Update

- Retire monthly newsletter? Stay with Friday file only.
- TBD with new Comms rep

Events

- Curriculum night event request for clothing swap from school
- Hallowe'en Costume, Winter Gear Swap, Book Swap
- Peggy may have a hanger, otherwise collect in bins in vestibule, store on stage
- Peggy to be lead on clothing swap; Deb W to help, Katie to lead book swap, others on council to assist

Fundraising Update

- Defer Fresh from the Farm to next year
- Spirit Wear: still using Entropy, not yet paid? Deb A liaising with them on the reimbursement. Discuss at October meeting re: vendor

School Requests

- Request for **\$500** for recess equipment: rubber maid bins, jump rope, sports ball, sand toys, etc.
 - Peggy put forward motion: 9 Yes, 0 No. 0 Abstain. To be paid for from School SAC account.
- Request **\$1200** for plywood for school wide art project. To be mounted on fence, Indigenous theme.
 - Peggy put forward motion: 9 Yes, 0 No. 0 Abstain. To be paid for from School SAC account.
- Request for School Snack bins; no \$ value provided.
 - Peggy put forward motion to approve **up to \$300** for snack bins (~\$20/bin, 1 for each class). 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

AOB

- Division of school yard saw the younger kids on the other side of the sandpit and therefore without access. Request to r/a which side kids are placed on

Action Items

- Date for Spring Fling;
 - **Peggy** to ask Caitland to think about it in advance
- **Deb A** to update website with meeting dates
- Need to pay for domain for website; **Paul and Deb A** to liaise
- **Deb A** to introduce Katie to Melanie re: background on enrichment
- **All:** F/u on Spirit Wear Vendor at next meeting
- **Peggy & Deb A** – to share feedback on sandpit with Caitland

