DOVERCOURT PUBLIC SCHOOL SAC MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY

Tuesday, May 24th, 2022, at 11:30am to 12:30pm

Attendees

- Elaine Hua
- Ben Peto
- Stephanie Nause
- Nuno Silva
- Alejandra Gonzalez Jimenez
- Alex Kollo
- **Regrets**
    - Geoff Moreira
    - Sarah Liss
    - Melissa Kozak
    - Deborah Walsh
    - Melanie Kramer
    - Hilary Hall
    - Kitty Choi
    - Roxanne Wright
    - Vivian Fleet

Approval of agenda and minutes

- Quorum not achieved so decision was for more informal discussion
- Minutes or approval

Informal conversation re: next year's SAC

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    - Elaine will continue next year but a co-chair is required particularly as this will be Elaine's final year at the school
- **TDSB asking about updating by-laws for new templates**
    - There is time to review and enact in place by November
    - Start work as part of a subcommittee
    - Easiest path seems to be alignment with the TSDB guidelines
    - Goal is to start the work and get it done fall

Principal/Vice-Principal Report

Staffing

- **Class placements and assignments discussed**
    - This is a weeklong process that requires a lot input
    - There have been quite a few support staff cuts but school was are able to keep special needs assistance (this was championed)

- **Rotary:** Intermediary classes will be switched to full rotary (school numbers are high in 7/8 but rotary helps)
- **There will be no VP next year**
- **Kindergarten fence will be built**
- **Asks for graduation:** There is an budget set aside for graduation but call for help from SAC
- **Welcome to kindergarten is happening Thursday night**
- **Fundraising challenges this year:** Fundraising is a priority but there were challenges

Treasurer's Report

- **New fundraising opportunities:** Challenges with changing demographics

Danceathon

- Taken in 7000 this year, but $1500 went to the masks
- At the beginning of the year, we agreed to
- We did not anticipate field-trip and excursion requests. The executive voted to
- There is this bigger question of what we want to do with
- **Challenge to SAC and other parents:** Coming up with different ideas for fundraising
- Consider other models (e.g. sustainer model) for regular donations

Silent auction

- Discussion about auction and when to coordinate - at year end event vs at movie night
- Decision needed when to do an auction to maximize the auction correctly
- We might want to consider an online silent auction and have access at the graduation, the talent show – for offline discussion
- Nuno to set up the auction and work with Steph/Melissa to activate site

General discussion about future of SAC

- Discussion about challenges of SAC and covid
- Discussed some communications and coordination challenges: email fatigue, lack of bandwidth, burnout, lack of physical meetings preventing outreach, lack of knowledge about how the system works, etc
- How to broaden reach of SAC, how we might do more in Fall (changing the tools for how we communicate, doing more in paper, being more visible)