



SAC VOLUNTEER FORM

DOVERCOURT PUBLIC SCHOOL SAC MEETING

January 18, 2023

Present: Deborah Walsh, Caitland Ellis (Principal), John Iorio (Vice Principal), Ben Peto, Elaine Hua, Hilary Hall, Stephanie Nause (over phone), Melanie Kramer, Deborah Aarts, Deborah Walsh, Nuno Silva, Steve

Regrets: Alejandra González Jiménez (Jana)

AGENDA ITEM & DISCUSSION	ACTION
WELCOME, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, & APPROVALS: AGENDA, PRIOR MINUTES	• SAC to review minutes for December, make comments or revisions within 5 days • Read in any approvals: Approval for \$140 for skate sharpening, approved via email offline (receipt ended up being \$120)
PRINCIPAL REPORT Pink day coming up in February • Last year, all teachers wore a pink shirt with Dovercourt Dragon • Principal Ellis is keen on extending the campaign to parents and students this year – a small portion will be tacked on, the proceeds of which will go into a campaign (e.g. anti-bullying initiative)	Action: Elaine to share pizza blurb with Caitland, including link to form



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- Short turnaround – order has to be in by January 30th

Pizza

- Additional communication going out in Friday file given some awareness issues

Chess to Dovercourt (ask)

- Previously, there was a chess program at Dovercourt. Multiple parents have inquired about this as well. This will be looked into and an ask brought forward once an estimate is identified.

Dance Ask

- There will be a request coming from the junior division [from Amanda Nitty (sp)] for an Afro-Cuban dance program
- Cost likely to be ~500-600/hour; likely breakdown will be to share costs between SAC and school

Dogs in the park

- There is a TDSB policy about dogs not allowed on school property, but school is dealing with increase in incidents with dog owners not cleaning up after their pets on school property. There are several ways school is trying to deal with this:
 - o School has ordered more signs (no dogs allowed, please scoop)
 - o Daycare will look into additional signage as well (they have different regulations)
 - o School has attempted to do a bylaw blitz but they won't come
 - o Another strategy could be doing a communications blitz directed at other dog owners

Day trip

- Grade 8s looking at a day trip; looking at ways to make it affordable, equitable given increased costs

BUILDING NEW TRADITIONS

Tradition of grade 7s organizing graduation



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• School would like council to put an ask for grade 7 parents to start a tradition, in conjunction with student council, to plan and support graduation (and will be on the • Desired is for this year to have graduation outside again – received lots of positive feedback; to deal with the heat and sun, consider a tent of some sort • Last year: pizza, pop, dance; teachers organized an art show, also gave walkaway treats Mural tradition • Getting an artist to help Grade 8s leave a mural Introduction VP Iorio • VP Iorio has been with the school board 20+ years, has taught every grade but kindergarten, teacher librarian, POR, etc • VP will be half allocated to support office/admin, half as special ed position teaching 7/8s	
FLIP GRID CERTIFICATES SAC has multiple cares totalling about \$1300 Options for how to spend it • Fund book club: this was done in previous years, broken down by primary, junior, intermediate divs • Grad gift: This could be part of graduation gift • Provide to Laura Lamarca: for books or other supplies (recommended option)	Motion: Allocate the Flip Grid to librarian; motion carries
TREASURER'S REPORT • Treasurer to set up some time with Principal Ellis to conduct a quick review • Part of the discussion will be a follow-up conversation re: changing to a per-student allocation model • Will also discuss logistics of donating a trip or a pizza	Action: Treasurer to meet with Principal Ellis to do a review



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● Need/challenge: the desire is to give a report of the Danceathon fundraising, but there are some issues with reconciling donations to what we are seeing with the accounts ● Plan will be: ● Budget meeting on Friday with Deb ● TDSB finance person will participate in a review and help ● Treasurer to meeting with Principal Ellis	
EVENTS UPDATE Blood Drive ● Campaign name is Neighborhood School Blood Drive ● Met with parents with Regal Road and Pauline to coordinate ● Have booked 3 dates with Canadian Blood Services to encourage - o Wednesday night and Thursday night (5 o'clock appointment) - o Saturday morning ● Campaign is targeted at parents ● School based questions - o Assembly? There can be one catered to older grades (juniors, seniors) - o Can we have a bulletin board with hearts? Yes, great engagement ● Canadian Blood Services will print all of the materials ● How to promote: get it in the next newsletter, promote via email, encourage people to take photos (and include in Friday file), ask people to send in photos Spring into summer	Get details re:Neighborhood School Drive into the newsletter/ Friday File



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- Historically has been a huge effort but last year, we ran a pared down event – just a talent show. Last year, only 2 people ran what has been before a 20 person effort - This year, reimagining the event and will be putting a callout for volunteers – it is early enough that we can drum up support - Date needs to be selected; earlier proposal was June 9th or 16th; preference is the 16th given report cards are due earlier that week Talent show or concert night - The plan is to have something in May, organized by division Shoe swap - Parents will be given 3 days to bring in shoes, they will be sorted out by size and be made available - Need to be clear that there is no obligation to bring thing in - Consider spirit wear swap as well in planning the swap	
Enrichment request - There is an enrichment survey on the website - Plan is to put it on the next newsletter (week of the 23rd) - Get it into the next couple of Friday files, close the survey out on January 29th - Mr Dioto's request: four classes (juniors), \$1300 for Blank Canvas program. The program will be booked, SAC will revisit how much it can fund once the budget is sorted out	
Technology policy This item was deferred due to lack of time	Chairs – to add to next meeting agenda
Skate Swap This could be opportunity to engage other parents	Offline discussion



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• Key questions is whether there is space for this • There is space in the gym in the back that needs organizing (along with the equipment room) • There are logistics that we can borrow from other schools	
Spirit Wear alternative service provide There are print on demand services out there meant for fundraising, where the school wouldn't carry any costs or financial burden; Would take the work out of setting up the store as well.	Action item: Report back next meeting with multiple options