

DEVONSHIRE COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

6:00-8:00

Devonshire Community Room - Room 311

Devonshire School Council is a group of volunteers who work to complement and enrich the educational experience of Devonshire students. Every parent/guardian is a voting member of council. You simply have to be present at the meeting in order to vote. Volunteering and attending School Council meetings are great ways to be informed and to shape the direction of the school for your children.

Item	Agenda Topics	Presenter	Time/Duration
1	Welcome & Approval of Agenda	Sonja Woods Marc Banzet	6:00-6:10
2	Principal's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information updates• Staffing and budget updates• Requests for support• Website Teachers Update	Julie Derbyshire Robin Golding	6:10-7:00 (50 minutes)
3.	Treasurer's Report	Ian Rae	7:00-7:10 (10 minutes)
4	Events to date & Upcoming events:	Sonja Woods Marc Banzet	7:10- 7:25 (20 minutes)
5.	Fundraising to date: pizza, pita, dance-a-thon, Movie Night, Gingerbread House event	Joan, Lois, Sona	7:25- 7:45 (10 minutes)
6.	Next Steps and Questions	All members	As needed

Principal Notes

Information Update

- Term 2 begins on February 2, 2018
- Report cards to come home on February 14th, 2018
- There has been some difficulties with the boiler (heating) as well as some issues with the bells. Both have now been fixed.
- Playground boundaries are being redrawn. Students continue to be able to choose whichever yard they'd prefer to play in.
- Please encourage parents of eligible kindergarten students to register ASAP as teacher allotments are based on number of registrations.

- Julie is going to receive training to be able to train parent council about how to post items to the parent council section of the website.

Staffing and Behaviour Management

- After much advocacy, Devonshire has been allotted one full time Educational Assistant (EA) (Laura, 1B, Mme Joan's class). Other supports include other EA (Mary Lee; rotates between four students as needed); a social emotional learning teacher (3 weeks), and 1 itinerant EA.
- When Julie is out of the office, there is an "admin designate" who assumes her responsibilities.

Behaviour Management

- Staff are moving from whole class evacuation to student evacuation.
- Students will continue using "Zones of Regulation" to process emotions and manage behaviour. There are designated "yellow" and "red" zones in the school, and staff are on hand to assist students in transitioning back to "green" zone.
- In order to return to the classroom environment, a student must have 1) a calm body; 2) be able to sit properly and say "I'm calm"; 3) Talk about it (staff will often use Collaborative Problem Solving or CPS); 4) Rebuild; and 5) Go back into routine.

Requests for Support

- Electronic Keyboard = Approximately \$300.00
Approved
- Piano Accompanist for Mme Joan's Choir = Approximately \$50 an hour
Approved
- Busing for Grades 4, 4/5 and 5 to attend "Have a Heart Day" in support of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Youth = \$175
Approved
- Busing for Grades 4, 5 and 6 to attend the National Arts Centre to hear Vivaldi = \$175
Approved

Teacher Notes for January School Council Meeting

Kinder News

- **Scientists in the School:** All the kinders thoroughly enjoyed learning about how animals adapt to winter and about different winter weather patterns. They got to make bird feeders and look at snowflake formations under a microscope. Thank you so much to our parent volunteers who made this learning possible.

- Both Kinder teams will be taking a Field Trip in February to the National Gallery

Grade 1 News

- On Wednesday Mrs Daley did **CODING** with all the Grade 1's during their Math classes.
- **Scientists in the School** - Structures et matériaux - January 30 and 31 for all Grade 1's

Grade 4 and 4/5

- Experienced skating on Parliament Hill

Grade 6 News:

- **Scientists in the School** - La conquete de l'espace
- Mme Radi and the Grade 6's are planning a **Carnival** on March 7th (weather permitting) - more info to come re Carnival details
- M. Bruin will be supervising a **basketball club** which is being run as a fundraiser for the Grade 6 end-of-year trip. Two Grade 6 students (Jacob and Louis) are running it. It will be held on Fridays at second recess in the gym, for students in Grades 3 to 5, starting this week. The plan is for it to run for the next 4 months (February through May). Participants are asked to donate at least \$2/month towards the Grade 6 trip. Students can choose to participate month by month.

Knitting Club

- Thursdays 1:10 - 2 pm
- Grades 5s and 6s currently. Plan is for the older students to get comfortable, and then have younger children attend that they can teach/assist

Weather Station/Tech Club

- Continues and is going well

Mindfulness Training

- Four weeks in each class
- All students to be offered
- Teachers are starting to offer mindfulness in their classrooms; i.e. five finger breathing technique

Volleyball

- Grade 5 and 6, girls and boys

Choir

- Currently looking for a piano accompanist

Parkdale Food Cupboard

- Students continue to enjoy participating in activities/opportunities offered through the PFC.

Devonshire Student Snowshoes

- Loaned to Brownies and Beavers as needed

Devonshire School Council Treasurer's Report – Dec-Jan 2017/18

Financial Update

- Current Account Balances:
 - General Account - \$24,474.81
 - Playground Fund - \$1,008.44

Summary of Activities

- Gingerbread Making
 - Revenue: \$2,283.00
 - Expenses: \$737.00
 - Net: \$1,545.80
- Movie Night
 - Revenue: \$562.00
- Expenses paid since last meeting
 - Tradansa balance: \$2,428.20
 - Playground expenses (sand tools, balls): \$883.18
- Outstanding expenses not yet billed
 - Weekly Pizza/Pita Orders: Est. ~ \$10,000
 - Mindfulness Training: Est. ~ \$1,000
 - Popcorn for events: \$158.20
 - Nets and pinneys: Est. ~\$1,500
 - Tech fund: \$2,000
- Spending room
 - Estimated \$4,500

Events to Date and Upcoming Events

Movie Night

- Great success! 150-200 people attended; revenue = \$562.00
- Huge thanks to Corie and husband Chris for their invaluable technical expertise!
- Thank you to our many bakers!
- Next movie night planned for Friday April 20th, 2018.

End of Year BBQ/Family Dance/Grade 6 Dance

- Friday June 22nd, 2018
- Julie to send an email to Grade 6 parents asking for a committee representative to attend next school council meeting to discuss further: parents to reply to Sonia
- \$500 from school council to support

May 1st-5th, 2018 = Education Week

Teacher Appreciation Day - Friday February 2nd, 2018

Hip Hood - Date TBD

Ideas for Upcoming Events

- Trivia Night for Parents/Staff
- Open Mike - Devonshire's Got Talent

Next School Council Meeting - Tuesday February 27th, 2018; 6-8 pm