# **Devonshire Community Public School**

#### **School Council**

# Tuesday, February 27, 2018

# Item 2 | Principal's Update

- Enrollment projections are at 346
- New staff update New Educational Assistant, Laura Cowling Mitchell
- Parkdale Food Centre
- MacSkimming
- Mindfulness-School Wide Assembly
- Toonie Tuesday
- LCAP Productions
- School Learning Plan
- Wellbeing Plan

<u>Action:</u> Lead. There are new regulations stating the quantity of lead acceptable in drinking water. As Devonshire has lead pipes, and is unable to flush all of the pipes for the required time in the morning to remediate the issue, signs have been placed around sinks and water fountains clearly indicating which are safe for drinking, and which are for hand-wash only. If there are any questions about the new water regulations, ask Julie.

<u>Action:</u> Coffee Mornings. Volunteers are needed to organize the spring Coffee Mornings to take place on Fridays in June. There could be one volunteer to organize the entire event, or the weeks can be split up between volunteers. Cody sets up the tables outside, so the volunteer would be required to pick up the coffee and stay for the event. — Annie will take the lead, and will coordinate dates with Julie.

<u>Action:</u> Yard renewal. A new leader is required to oversee the task of brainstorming and fundraising for the front yard renewal initiative. This should be student-driven – potentially by the grade 3s and 4s as they will be able to see the project to fruition. Things to consider include: Seating/boulders in the front for learning and playing; Naturalized v.s. formal; a design that can be used all year, etc.

<u>Action:</u> Julie will send out an email to gauge interest in volunteers for the yard renewal initiative; however, someone will be required to write the email. Co-Chair Marc Banzet can take on the role of co-coordinating, but another volunteer(s) is required.

## **Teachers update**

<u>Action:</u> Knitting club. Volunteers needed to help with the knitting club. Currently the knitting club is for Grade 5s and 6s, and it would be great to expand to other grades with the help of volunteers. The knitting club takes place on Thursdays between 1.25 and 2pm.

Action: Donated knitting supplies are required (needles, and yarn).

### Item 3 | Treasurer's Report

# **Financial Update**

• Current Account Balances

General Account: \$26,241.10Playground Fund: \$2,433.02

## **Summary of Activities**

Expenses paid since last meeting

Council meeting pizza (last 4 meetings): \$215.38
 Pita Pit balance Oct-Feb schedule: \$3,124.00

Fold a goal: \$222.99Go Wheelie: \$128.77

o Popcorn for events: \$158.20

Revenue since last meeting

Coupon commission: \$90.00
 OCDSB Grant: \$500.00
 Pizza: ~\$1,092.25

o Pita: ~\$692.50

Outstanding expenses not yet billed

Weekly Pizza/Pita Orders: Est. ~ \$1,556.00

Mindfulness Training: Est. ~ \$1,000Nets and pinneys: Est. ~\$1,500

Tech fund: \$2,000Electric piano: ~\$800.00

Accompanist: ??

o Bus for gr. 4-6 Have a Heart Day on Parliament Hill: \$175.00

o Bus for gr. 4-6 NAC: \$175.00

Rear projection screen for gym: ~\$4,000.00

Spending room

Estimated \$5,000.00

# Item 4 Upcoming Events: Grade 6 Grad Celebration

Action: A Grade 6 Parent Committee is required. All decisions must go through Council.

# Notes:

- Council can provide \$500 to go towards the graduation dance. Normally this goes towards DJ/decorations, etc.
- Council also provides \$10 per student for a gift such as a shirt, yearbook, year-end trip, etc.
- The Graduation ceremony is scheduled for June 26. A celebration normally follows.
  In some years there was a potluck luncheon as part of the celebration, in other year's just treats (the school provides a cake).

- Fundraising can be organized to bring down the cost of the year-end trip. Previous years have had candy grams, bake sales, Freezie Fridays, Popcorn sale, etc.
- The end of year dance is scheduled for Friday, June 22. In previous years, Grade 6 parents decorated the gym. Refreshments could be provided or they can be purchased (such as popcorn, drinks). Sometimes there was a charge for the dance, and in other years, the dance was free.
- Normally a Grade 6 parent volunteers to create a montage of pictures/videos to music of the Grade 6ers through the years from babies to present. This can be copied onto a CD for each child.
- The Grade 6s should come up with a theme for the dance, with the help of parent volunteers.
- Grade 6s may decide that they would not like to have a dance this year. A Doodle Survey can be sent to students (written by a parent, sent by Julie), to gauge interest in various options.

<u>Action:</u> Parent Volunteers. In summary of the above bullets, Parent Volunteers are required for organizing:

- The post graduation luncheon/snack.
- Family Dance (or alternative).
- Fundraising for year-end trip.
- \$10 gift.
- Pictures/video.

#### Item 6 Other business

<u>Action:</u> **Movie Night.** Next movie night will take place on April 20. The movie selection will be made at the next Council meeting.

Action: Quiz night. Quiz night will also be discussed at the next Council meeting