

École Discovery Trails Parent Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

For January 9th 2025 at Ecole Discovery Trails at 7:00pm

Executive Attendance: Mike Lawson, Beth Lovell, Nadine Lam, Amy Odusola, Cassie Brillinger,

Staff: Samuel Jerema, Jennifer Kroetsch

Guests: Jazmyn Strydom, Christian James, Ana Laura Peters; Artem Zadorozhniy

Regrets: Theresa Gall, Jen Bates Lagae; Mandy Cantelon

	Agenda Item What is to be accomplished	Discussion/Decision	Actions/follow-up required and by whom/when
1.	Welcome and call to order	The meeting was called to order at [7:03pm] by Mike Lawson	
2.	Adopt agenda Additions or deletions	Additions None Deletions None	
3.	Minutes of last meeting		
4.	Teacher/ Principle's Report Samuel Jerema	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Appears to have a "start-up" fund from the division o Will have a confirmation by next week o Accounts can be opened at any bank for PAC o Considered non-profit o Would a credit card be something beneficial for our PAC? - Teaching staff meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o I Love to Read Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students will be placed into 6 different houses ▪ Grade 3-6 will be earning points for dino ups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on Dino deeds and gain "points" ▪ Every hour of reading will be awarded a brick and they will use the bricks to build a design for their house ▪ Prize for the most brick, staff asking for hot lunch from parent council ▪ Prize for the most aesthetically pleasing will be slushie cards ▪ o Intermural will begin and points will be awarded based on participation and team spirit as well as which team won 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent council has agreed to support the prize but due to waiting for funds, school may have to front the money until PAC obtains cash from the division.

		<p>Events Coming up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cuddle up and read – February 4th, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Morden Library will come and assist families to sign up for library cards o Kids wear their PJ's, get popcorn and read together - Bilingual Bop – January 30th, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Held by CPF - Garfield Presentation – January 27th, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Parent presentation o Subject: Nurturing your child's curiosity o Maple Leaf – 7-8pm o Childcare will be offered o Snacks will be offered o Talk about how to bring about curiosity in your children - Dino discovery time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Students dig in and discover and grow o Friday, Jan 24th, 2025 during school hours (9-10:05am) o 8-9 events happening that are led by teachers o Students choose what activity they would like to do <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disney karaoke ▪ Extended recess ▪ Board games ▪ Crafting ▪ STEM learning o Will be cross grades and encouraging the older students to be leaders and role models for the younger students - Hot Lunch ran by Dino Student Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ran a pizza lunch o Christine Andrews would be a good contact for information on how to make this work o Pizza was delivered to each room o Ran smoother the second day o Almost every student purchased - Would be nice for PAC to start doing more hot lunches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o PAC can hire staff if they can raise the amount required to pay someone to run a "cafeteria style" o EDT does not have the staffing to assist with managing this cafeteria - DSL run the canteen with the help the teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Kids can learn how to order food o Learn good life skills o Healthy options are given to kids for free 	
5.	Treasurer's report	Not Applicable	

6.	Fundraiser Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter for Parents regarding fundraising purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jen completed the letter o School division has already put in \$80,000 away for smaller play structure and frames o PAC would like letter sent out to all PAC members for review o PAC has requested that Birthday Fundraisers be removed from the list of contributions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samuel to review the letter from admin side - Samuel to provide more concrete numbers - Nadine to create google shared folder and send out invites to provide input on fundraising letter
7.	Hot Lunch Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pizza Lunches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jess met with Natalie Friesen and Jaylin Dueck (runs pizza lunch at Maple Leaf) o 1, 2 or 3 piece pizza lunch from Dominos o Separately purchase chips and another snack and treat o Orders only Cheese (meets most dietary requirements) o If you can't afford but want to be included, Domino will cover 1st piece and PAC will cover the rest o They do 180/250 kids o 20 are subsidized meals o Raises around \$400.00 per pizza lunch o They do 1 per month o Jess can do the behind the scenes work but can't do the official serving on the day of o Would guidance counselor and DSL kids be able to assist with serving? o Total expense to run each pizza lunch - \$600.00 o Little Caesar's would provide same price as Dominos and with delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jess to discuss with Mandy about how to get this started
8.	Required Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting up bank accounts - WSD Board of Trustee working with ROAR Leadership Consultants to begin recruitment process for the next Superintendent - PAC representative requested (2 spots) for focus groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike to chat with a few banks to determine which would be the best place to open PAC's bank account ● Mike and Beth to attend Tuesday, January 14th at 7pm at Division Office

10.	Adjournment	Mike Lawson adjourned meeting at [8:20pm]	
Next Meeting: Thursday, February 6 th , 2025 at 7:00pm in person at Ecole Discovery Trails			