



**MINUTES** of the 2018/19 Parents' Association (PA) meeting held on Monday October 1st, 2018 commencing at 7:00 pm at De La Salle College "Oaklands", Heritage House, Main Hall.

**Present:**

**Officers:**

Ian Campbell

Mike Bailey

Laurence Gutcher

Pradeep Puri

Diane Wysocki

**Grade Representatives:**

Eva-Marie Moffat

Christy Lockington

Kathy Rispoli

Christine Maloney

Hiyam Jibry

Christine Taschin

Melita De Francesca

Michelle Connolly

Maricela Lozano

Fatima Gerretsen

Andrea Kiss

Natalie Rizzardi Capone

Nelle Vermeulen

Tamara Grierson

Tracey Fagan-Robillard

Kelly Roberts

**Committee Chairs:**

Lucianna Ciccocioppo

Sue Dellelce

Breda Loganadhan

**Regrets:**

Ana Berger

Jenny Vieira

Livia Silvestri

**Ian Campbell** (President) acted as Chair and **Diane Wysocki** (Secretary) acted as Secretary of the meeting. The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

Brother Domenic led the committee in prayer.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS (Executive)**

**3. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE (Brother Domenic)**

- The final sale of the parcel of land at the south-west end of the property occurred on September 6, 2018 and construction is now underway for the new housing development.
- Plans for the new athletic centre have been submitted by DEL to the City of Toronto.
- The Board of Directors met the previous week and set the tuition for 2019/20 at \$14,975 (which represents just under a 3% increase). The tuition will be made public at the upcoming Open House.
- The school is continuing to ask families for a voluntary contribution of \$1,000 per year to assist with financial aid for the 112 students who utilize it.

**4. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE (Robert Lundy, Principal)**

- The enrolment for 2018/19 is 684 students which represents the largest ever at DEL: 24 students in Grade 5; 45 students in Grade 6; 89 students in Grade 7; 69 students in Grade 8; 118 students in Grade 9; 127 students in Grade 10; 107 students in Grade 11; and 105 students in Grade 12.
- Additional grade 7 class: Due to a significantly higher acceptance rate this year (90% vs traditionally 75-77%), an additional Grade 7 class has been added which required a slightly revamped timetable.
- Good start to the school year: new student orientation, Prize Night well-attended and September 14 opening mass.
- Very good feedback from the Grade 9 trip to Camp Muskoka. A deposit has been made to secure it for next year.
- The lockdown drill went quite well with excellent learning. A follow-up drill will occur again. Additionally, fire drills are upcoming. The various drills will culminate in a final analysis drill.
- Mr. Mason has reported very good participation in both intramurals and teams.
- Terry Fox Day was a huge success with outstanding student, staff and parent involvement.

**5. CAFETERIA UPDATE (Gilda Aloia, Cafeteria Lead)**

- "Eating clean" is the approach being adopted including homemade versions of student favourites and pushing kids to expand their palettes with new tastes (e.g. curries).

- A menu will be posted once the cafeteria staff has a better sense for the students' preferences and tastes.

#### **6. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS (John Voutsinos, Vice Principal)**

- Very helpful feedback gleaned from the survey, especially open-ended responses to topics such as air conditioning, uniforms, academic expectations, mental health, safe environment and implementation of school policies. The staff are making ongoing efforts to process, analyze and take action on aspects of the survey results to enhance the learning environment at DEL and ensure key elements (such as mental health) are optimized for student well-being.
- A decision will be made if the survey will be conducted annually.

#### **7. TREASURER'S UPDATE (Laurence Gutcher, Treasurer)**

- PA revenue for 2018/19 is \$69,053. Fixed expenses for this year are projected to be approximately \$22,000 vs actuals for 2017/18 of \$19,438. The difference of \$2,526 year over year is a result of the increased student body.
- For now, a placeholder has been included for a new senior school event (\$1,000) similar to the junior school event as well as \$500 for Terry Fox Day.
- The variable budget of approximately \$47,053 will be proposed, evaluated and decided upon at the next PA meeting.

#### **8. TERRY FOX UPDATE (Breda Loganadhan, Chair)**

- \$25,822 was raised from this year's Terry Fox Run plus more donations are still being received...the best year ever!
- Over 100 volunteers assisted in all of the facets of coordinating the event and the EcoTeam was instrumental in cleaning up.
- A suggestion was made to include a 5km run next year which will be considered.

#### **9. BUDGET COMMITTEE – FUNDING REQUEST SUMMARY (Pradeep Puri, Budget Committee Chair & Vice President 2)**

- Requests for variable funding have been solicited and are required to be submitted by September 30, 2018.
- A request was submitted by Mr. Iacobazzi for student retreats this fall that required early approval. Last year, \$1,600 was given but this year \$2,000 was requested which approximately translates to \$12/student. A motion to approve the request was made by Eva-Marie Moffat and seconded by Michael Bailey, then the PA Executive resolved to approve the request.

#### **10. OTHER VOTES TO APPROVE (Ian Campbell, President)**

- The minutes from the June 18, 2018 PA Roundtable Meeting were slightly amended. A motion to approve them was made by Laurence Gutcher and seconded by Eva-Marie Moffat, then the PA Executive resolved to approve the minutes.
- A motion to approve the 2018-19 PA Financial Plan was made by Pradeep Puri and seconded by Michel Bailey, then the PA Executive resolved to approve the plan.

#### **11. COMMITTEE BUSINESS (Ian Campbell, President)**

- In the absence of an Events/Social Chair, Ian Campbell has been stepping in to spearhead the parent socials. They have been very well attended and excellent feedback has been received.
- Eva-Marie Moffat gave an update on Interguild. The welcome meeting took place at Pickering College on September 18, 2018. The focus was on health and wellness.
- As is now tradition, a slide show concluded the meeting.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no further business to be brought before the Parents' Association, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm EST.

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President – Ian Campbell

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Secretary – Diane Wysocki

