

School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes



Date: March 1st, 2022

Attendees: Huma Choudhary, Amanda Clay, Kennedy Grace-McNeil, Andrea Hadjigeorgiou, Anny Ho, Srini Ijjada, Sumera Jamal, Kim Moss-Collins, Kathryn Park, Debbie Penny, Ryan Pittman, Mushgan Saidy, Stephanie Sany Edwards, Tamika Simon, Emilete Steward

Regrets: Christine Townsend

Meeting Chair: Ryan Pittman & Emilete Steward

Action Items for next meeting:

1. Approve January 4th, and February 1st, SCC Minutes.

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Welcome – Ryan & Emilete	- Reviewed meeting norms and procedure to bring up any issues/concerns, all are welcome to email the SCC at anytime: scc.davincips@scc.ddsb.ca. - Land acknowledgement, Indigenous rights and Human Rights statements were read.
2. Review & Approval of Minutes – Emilete	- January 4th SCC Minutes: Approved First by Kim and Seconded by Andrea. A point noted is that the school timings are not listed correctly on the website. It was double checked during the meeting and a ticket will be sent to the board office for changes to be made. - February 1st SCC Minutes – Approved First by Kim and Seconded by Debbie.
3. Administrators' Update – Ryan	- <i>Vaccination clinics:</i> Two clinics are coming up for children ages 5-11 and the first one will take place in our school on March 8th. An information form with waiver sent home with students and only those with a completed waiver will participate. The second clinic will take place during March Break, on the 15th. Both clinics are run by Durham Region Public Health. - <i>February is Black History and Kindness Month:</i> Ryan gave those present at the meeting a virtual tour of what has been happening this month within the school. - <i>Pink Shirt Day:</i> Many wore pink shirts to school and conversations took place throughout the classes. - <i>Grade 8 Graduation Photos:</i> completed - <i>X Movement:</i> The school has purchased a few packages for staff and families. On March 25th students will participate in this school experience during class time. - <i>Elementary Report Cards:</i> All reports have been sent home via email and can be accessed through School Messenger. - <i>Leonardo Leaders:</i> The students are spearheading a lots of spirit days in the coming month. - <i>School Improvement Team:</i> A survey was sent to students to understand the various ways in which they identify themselves and to address this in school. - <i>Masks:</i> Please continue to send multiple masks to school with students. - <i>School Communication:</i> All are encouraged to continue to follow the school's social media accounts as information is posted on a regular basis. - <i>Inclement weather (indoor recess):</i> The school has inclement weather guidelines it follows sent from DDSB, in regard to when the weather is too hot or cold and when students are to stay inside. Currently the field has become a sheet of ice, and from a safety perspective students can not be on the field as that could lead to serious injuries. The pavement space is not sufficient for the number of students in the school as cohorts cannot be maintained. - <i>Friday Cookie Days:</i> The school will also be selling popcorn to the students on the same day. The popcorn will arrive in pre-sealed packages from "Healthy Selections."

School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes

	- <i>Intermural and Extra-curriculars:</i> Activities are starting up again; there will be Intermediate boys and girls' basketball teams. Options will be available for the junior students, but information is yet to come from the Phys ed department. - <i>March Break:</i> will take place March 14-18th, 2022. - <i>EQAO:</i> Testing will occur this year and it will be all digital. Primary EQAO takes place May 30th – June 2nd, June 3rd will be the make up day. Junior EQAO takes place June 6th-June 9th and June 10th will be the make up day. - <i>Disconnecting from work:</i> A new policy introduced by the Ministry that is being filtered down into the school boards. Direction has been given providing guidelines as to when staff is required to answer communication received via email, phone, etc. We have been advised that responses can halt between on weekdays from 6:00 PM-7:00 AM, and all day on weekends and statutory holidays.
4. Current Financials – Srini	- No change from the previous SCC meeting.
5. Learning Commons - Kathryn	- Kathryn shared photos with those present describing the various activities taking place in the Learning Commons. - A TV was installed outside of the Learning Commons and is being used to share students' work. - In February students shared kindness messages with each other. - Forest of Reading continues, and students are using Osmos as a means to access the books. - STEM continues to take place within the library. Students have been coding using robotic mice.
6. SCC Constitution - Emilete	- The committee has yet to meet. Will provide an update at the next SCC meeting.
7. PRO Grant - Emilete	- The application form was completed and sent in, it has been approved and meetings will be ongoing to organize the event. - Next meeting on March 8th, 2022.
8. SCC Fundraiser - Emilete	- Ideas / suggestions are needed. At the moment the fundraiser must be virtual for the time being. - Suggestions: Little Caesar's Pizza kits; a good idea but may have to wait to try this due to DDSB Covid guidelines. Plantables: Suggested by Kim; the school would register with a company and receive 10% back from the sales. Parents/guardians and families can purchase pre-grown plants which will be delivered to our homes. Kathryn supported the idea and has participated in a similar campaign with her children's school. - Those present voiced full support for this fundraiser, please share the word with fellow parents/guardians once it is put into place. - Emilete will set it up this fundraiser by the SCC meeting in April.
9. Questions & Answer – Ryan & Emilete	- Grade 8 Graduation and trip: At this time the school is planning a virtual graduation. A memo was sent from DDSB regarding field trips, and it is clear there will be no trips for this purpose. - da Vinci 10th Anniversary: The school is hoping to do something and there has been discussion within the staff. DDSB does not recognize 10th anniversaries so this will be a school-led initiative.

School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes

	- Lice Update: Extensive conversations have taken place since the last SCC meeting. Ryan has spoken to many people who have reached out to the school and DDSB and there is no news to share. Emilete did speak to the Health and Safety Inspector at the board office and received the same information that has been shared with all those concerned. - Pizza Day: There has been a pause on pizza days and the administration will revisit the fundraiser later in the school year. - Lunchroom supervisors: All positions have been filled and the school has a supply list. - Student awards: Question - Will there be monthly awards like we had in the past? Answer - At the moment there are no plans to do so. The Phys Ed team does recognize students on a monthly basis. The Learning Commons is in the final stage of creating awards with leadership from the students. - Mask mandate: At this time, we do not know what direction the DDSB will take in regard to masking in school.
Next Meeting	- Motion to adjourn the meeting: First by Kim and Second by Anny. - Next meeting: April 5th, 2022