School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes

Date: June 4, 2024

Attendees: Ryan Pittman, Samantha Joseph, Anushka Walgama, Jennifer Thompson, Aliya Philip, Lisa Marie, Stephanie Randolph, Nivetha Navaneethan, Sorelle Stinson and Avinash Singh

Online Attendees: Intisar, Alisha Noormohamed, Vanessa Morgan, Adrienne Coughlin, Najla Merheb, Sanaz Sadozai, Michelle Brown

Regrets: Nicole L, Michelle G, Kiana H and Brintha C, Allison Carty, Hanri Nel, Trishna Radhakrishnan, Hansa Agaswal

Meeting Chair: Anushka Walgama

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Land Acknowledgement (2 min)	• Read by Samantha Joseph
2. Welcome, Meeting Norms & Attendance (5 min)	• Anushka reviewed the format and expectations of those in attendance • Attendance was taken using manual attendance for those attending in-person and virtually
3. Review/Passing of Minutes (4 min)	• Anushka informed the members that no meeting minutes were taken during the April SCC meeting due to low attendance. General discussions about upcoming events were discussed.
4. Treasurer's Report (15 min)	• Current status of funds $8988 • Scientist in the School for May was paid using SCC funds • Once all outstanding motions are paid off, SCC funds will have a balance of $3800 • Dance-a-thon – SCC raised approx. $700 • Flipgive has $115.26 that needs to be withdrawn by Administration
5. Events past and future (45 mins)	• Wellness Night debrief • Dance-a-thon debrief • Lack of promotion and fundraising within the events was discussed and possible improvements to be made for future years. Staff and students are unaware of events that are being planned in the school. Parents are not reading the emails due to the format and font size. Information needs to be big, bold and catchy. There was a lot of confusion regarding buying items at the event versus prior. Board wants the school to use school cash online due to accountability and because students may lose cash when brought into the school. • End of school year Fun Fair (June 20 5pm – 8pm) – flyers have started circulating the neighbourhood to initiate buzz around the school. SCC is asking Administration to post outdoor posters for front and back of school as well stake posters into the ground around the school, announce the fair on the PA system every other day to keep buzz up, post to social media and the digital sign outside the school. • $3500 out of SCC funds were motioned to be used for this event (as a maximum amount).

	• Initiative for 24/25 school year to sign up students for SchoolCash Online on welcome night Sept 2024 • Ryan agreed to have a Pie in the face event at the end of the school year and the funds raised would be donated to the Ignite foundation
6. Community Questions (20 min)	• Is it possible to get SCC more involved with SCC initiatives next year? • Parents and teachers to connect more – cross collaboration with school and community – lack of community engagement – parents are questioning why events are not occurring why they cannot be involved • Is it possible to send out communications to community re SCC events via the SCC email? • Admin communication is hard to read can this be changed. Ryan informed us that he has limitations on what the school messenger system can do when sending mass email – he will look into font size and trying to send one event at a time vs all the information in one email • Where did SCC-purchased items from previous years go? SCC members will come in to do an inventory to see where previous purchases are stored • 2024/2025 – SCC what will it look like for the next school year? SCC Chair will email members to see what events they would like to plan for the upcoming school year.
7. Admin Report (15 min)	• Welcome Mrs. Joseph our new vice-principal • The school is sad to say goodbye to 6 Desmond teachers at the end of this school year. Viola Desmond will also be welcoming 3 new staff for the 2024/2025 school year. • Acadience – DDSB has adopted this new system to be implemented in September 2024 which is an assessment for students in kindergarten to grade 2. • Grade 8 graduation is set for June 19, 6pm-8pm • Popcorn day – last one for the month is upcoming – information to be sent on school cash online • End of year school trips are underway • Reminder P.A. Day's are scheduled for June 7 for report card writing and June 28
8. Educator updates by Ms. Coughlin and Ms. Stinson (15 min)	• Intermediate June 19 – grad • Grade 8 trips are set for Tree Top Trekking and Wonderland • Jump rope for heart will occur June 14, 2024 – don't forget to donate • Multicultural night is set for June 20 inside the school gym.
9. Motions	• Motion to go through email – Pie in the face for charity. • April 7, 2024 members voted via email regarding the $400 allocation to the grade 7 department - funds will go to the teachers to purchase science related items for in-class learning since they will not be participating in the Scientist in the School workshops. Quorum met 11 out of 16 • May 27, 2024 members voted vial email regarding the $100 allocation for the PLP classrooms ($200 total). Quorum met 11 out of 16

10. Meeting adjourned & Next Meeting	• September 2024
New Action Items	• HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!! • Find out how many teachers have Scientist in the School booked for June • Ryan to connect with staff to find out how educators would like to spend the $ that was allocated for them • SCC to give information to school to announce – teacher designate, flyers in mailbox • Instagram account