William Dunbar Public School
School Community Council (SCC)

October 2026 Meeting

Date: Tuesday Oct. 6, 2026
Place: WDPS library
Time: 6:30 pm

Principal: Ryan Pittman
Vice-Principal: Terry Lawrence
Chair: Terra Snape
Vice Chair: Alana Burns
Treasurer: Christine Chellingworth
Secretary: Shannon Belmore

Agenda Items	Notes
Reading of Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Introductions	Meeting called to order at 6:32 Ryan Pittman read the land acknowledgement
Introductions & Meeting Norms	Administration introduced themselves and role of SCC was discussed. Confirmed that meetings will now be on Tuesdays moving forward. **June minutes were not passed. Both June and Oct minutes should be added to next meeting's agenda*
Elections	All roles were acclaimed. Terra Snape ***Chair*** Alana Burns ***Vice Chair*** Christine Chellingworth ***Treasurer*** Shannon Belmore ***Secretary*** **Voting members: (18 total)** Tuyen Le Jenn Danaher Lucy Zhang Shiksha Singh Suchita Embrandiri Rachel St. Louis Minal Patel Ivana Habib Jamie O'Connor Devatanu Banerjee Kathy Theberge Seema Banerjee Linda Vachon Nella Cozza
Administrators' Report	-Ryan Pittman advised of changes to Ontario Regulation 521/01 (Collection of Personal Information) that were released October 6, 2026. The changes are related to police record checks. Moving forward, all active SCC members are required to have a valid vulnerable sector check on file with the school. It notes that even if they

	do not work directly with students, they hold positions of responsibility within the education system and have access to sensitive information or may contribute to decisions that affect students. If you have one already on file, please notify Mr. Pittman directly. -We discussed upcoming meeting (see below for details of dates). Moving forward, the SCC minutes and agenda will be available on the school website in the parent engagement section. -Various repairs took place over the summer. The staff room is complete, the gym has been repainted and the vinyl wrap in the main front hall is also done. The elevator is still in progress as is the boys' washroom upstairs. -A dedicated prayer space with Dunbar supervision is now in place for PM recess (except if indoor recess) -Staffing remains almost the same with one additional grade 5 gifted class. There are 30 home rooms with approx. 700 students. -Terra Snape and Sam Snyders have initiated the Snack Program which will begin soon. It has received funding from both a snack program and a grant. It is intended for students who need it only as there is not enough for all students to participate in it. -New posters have gone up around the school and staff have met with the students to go over them. They deal with the expectations around lunch time, washrooms, conflict vs bullying and belonging.
Treasurer Report	-Parents reviewed the fundraising and expenses of last year. Our Net profit was 9019.60 however most of that has been allocated to various initiatives voted on last year.
Fundraising and Community Engagement Ideas	As fundraising ideas have to be submitted the Board by end of October, a fundraising link was set up to allow parents to post ideas. Ideas can be posted until Oct. 16th. Parents also asked for a teacher wish list to include in determining priorities. A follow up **meeting for October 20, 6pm will take place to vote on fundraising priorities.**
Educator Updates	Miss Bowyer is the staff representative for the SCC. She discussed changes to the library this. They include: New work space set up; books sorted by genres; teacher resources room, learning commons crew (student volunteers); a soon to be added 3d printer

	-She asked for any book donations of like new or new books to support the library -She noted the upcoming book fair will be Nov. 3-13th.
Community Questions	-Shannon Belmore raised a request to have additional details in the weekly newsletter. Particularly around future dates of significance. Ryan agreed to include those in a look ahead section of the newsletters. -Some concerns were raised by various parents around protocols for the intermediate students who many leave at lunch and how that is tracked. A request was proposed to have sign in and out sheets for those leaving for lunch. No resolution was reached.
8pm Meeting adjourn	

Attendance

Minal Patel	Tuyen Le	Seema Banerjee	Heather Mason
Ivana Habib	Patrice Bigwood	Shannon Belmore	Christine Chellingworth
Jamie O'Connor	Yasmin Towheed-Whittle	Linda Vachon	Tricia Longo
Lisa Tsobanos	Abdullah Al Mamun	Nella Cozza	Suchita Embrandiri
Amanda St Louis	Terra Snape	Ahila Srikandarajah	Rachel St. Louis
Devatanu Banerjee	Jenn Danaher		
Kathy Theberge	Lucy Zhang		
Alana Burns	Shiksha Singh		
Sahaba Mufallal	Taniqua		

Upcoming SCC Meeting dates:

October 20, 2026 - 6pm (Fundraising activities and goals voting only meeting)

Regular meetings at 6:30pm:

November 3, 2026
January 5, 2027
March 2, 2027
May 4, 2027
Possible June meeting if required