

Don Valley Middle School Council Meeting

November 25, 2025 – 7pm EST, Google Meet

Motion approved for previous meeting minutes for October 28, 2025.

School Updates

- DVMS Spirit Wear (Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, t-shirts, etc.), order has been placed and should be arriving soon
- Tree planting on the school grounds is completed. Trees planted for future shade on the school property
- 'Late Fall' season progresses well
 - Basketball, Volleyball
 - Students have had the opportunity to represent the school at tournaments
- Dwayne Morgan Presentation
 - Great overall
 - Feedback / Reflections to host presentation in a more interactive workspace/collaborative environment with smaller groups
- Music nights of sharing planned to be in the spring period – Tentative planning 2 nights of music sharing. Date – TBD
- Updates on Friday Flash, DV Dragons HQ and Virtual Announcements

Fundraising

School Council Budget Carry – Over

- \$4886.86 (2024 – 2025) from Pizza Lunch, Library Learning Commons, Student Nutrition Program Funds

Fundraising to date (year to date)

Pizza Lunch (Thursday) at approximately \$4462 (6 sessions)

Subway Lunch (Tuesday) at approximately \$237

Nutrition Program Grant update

- Program launched on October 14, 2025, coordinated by Raja Kenche (SNP Co-ordinator)
- Positive reception; distribution, menu, and composting processes functioning well
- Weekly deliveries scheduled for Wednesdays or Thursdays
- Long-term sustainability planning needed:
 - Current year fully sponsored
 - Annual cost: \$90,000
 - Future years require fundraising or grants
 - School eligible for some grants and have started application process

- Support needed for additional sustainability ideas for 2026 – 2027 school year and beyond

School Improvement Plan

- Reviewed five strategic directions within the MYSP (Multi-Year Strategic Plan) that will guide DV's school improvement plan

High School Transition

- Specialized Programs (Arts, International Baccalaureate – IB, Leadership, Math/Science/Tech – MST)
- Grade 8's: Specialized Program Application process is open between Monday, November 24 – December 12 at noon. Assessments: December 15 / 16
- Grade 6's & 7's preparation: Grade 7 report cards marks are reviewed for acceptance to High School specialized programs and demonstration of knowledge / portfolios

Upcoming Dates

- Nov 17 – 28: Holiday Food Drive (Shop with a cop)
- Nov 26: Mental Health Ambassadors Assembly
- Dec 18: Character Education (Empathy/Kindness & Caring) Virtual Assembly
- Dec 19: Last Day of School before the break
- Jan 5: Return to School
- Jan 16: P.A Day (No classes)

Confirmed Parent Council Meeting dates for 2025 – 2026

Virtual Meetings will be from 7pm – 8pm the last Tuesday of the month, with the exception of Days of Significance.

- No meeting in December
- January 27, 2026
- February 25, 2026
- No meeting in March
- April 28, 2026
- May 26, 2026
- June will be a meeting with the Admin Team and Co-Chairs to finalize the School Report.