

School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes



Date: February 6, 2024

Attendees: Ryan Pittman, Michel Jackson-Stewart, Anushka Walgama, Jennifer Thompson, Aliya Philip, Alisha Noormohamed, Sanaz Sadozai, Najla Merheb, Adrienne Coughlin, Sorelle Stinson, Brintha Chanthirakumar, Avinash Singh, Nasir Razzaq, Nivetha, Lisa Wishropp, Intisar Adnan, Gina Cockfield

Online Attendees: Vanessa Morgan, Michelle Duncan, Stephanie Randolph

Regrets:

Meeting Chair: Anushka Walgama

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Land Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read by Michel Jackson-Stewart.
2. Meeting Norms & Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anushka reviewed the format and expectations of those in attendance. Attendance was taken using QR code and manual attendance for those attending virtually.
3. Review/Passing of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anushka reviewed the December SCC meeting minutes. The minutes were adopted. First motioned by Jennifer T and second motioned by Gina C.
4. House Keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roles and Responsibilities of the SCC was reviewed Process of how the SCC funds were raised in the previous school year and how it was spent was discussed. Carryover of funds was also noted. SCC should carry over some funds from one school year to another to accommodate for any events the start of the new school year. This year extra funds were carried over due to the end of year event not occurring June 2023. Those funds were then allocated to the 2023-2024 school year to have the Scientist in the school program, as the outgoing SCC had an in-person vote and met quorum at end of the 2023 school year. A re-vote will have to be done for the 2024 school year. All fundraising events need to have an initiative attached to it. For future events the SCC can present their ideas to the administration. Funds need to be motioned prior to spending by voting members.
5. PROGrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going progress is occurring for Wellness night which is scheduled for May 23 2024. Grant is in the amount of \$2000. Stem and robotics sessions by will be lead by VDPS teachers Art workshop anti-black/Asian sessions will be \$300 excluding the supplies. Pilates instructor sessions will be \$180. Curriculum café session by an Educational facilitator that is knowledgeable in topics relating from kindergarten through to grade 8. A communication blast will go out to parents of students to ask them what topics they are interested in discussing so it is pre-planned. It was noted that if a lot of parents are indicating similar topics, more information can be sent out via school email after the event based on the family's response. Anushka confirmed that Ms. Cardi will contact vendors from last year's wellness night
6. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current status of funds \$ 10,267.28 (\$100 will be kept as float in the school office) 2023-2024 Funds raised by SCC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Raffle Baskets: \$ 2282.40

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	2. Valentine's Grams: \$1416.20
3. Admin Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell lets talk day – displays are in the hallways • School yard safety program – VDPS was chosen for this program. More discussions to occur next month. • PA Day moved from April 19 to 8th as per DDSB due to the solar eclipse • Student council has 3 spirit days planned in the month of February. Feb 9 SQUAD COLOUR DAY, Feb 14 is VALENTINES DAY wear red, purple or pink and Feb 29 is PINK SHIRT DAY. • Feb 14 SO Davis visits the school • Feb 20 Graduation photo day for Grade 8 • Feb 21 Report cards go out
4. Educator updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Coughlin and Ms. Stinson will share teachers wish list next month regarding their top 3 needs for teaching resources, top 3 wishes for their classroom and community engagements they have done in the past with other schools.
5. Fundraising & Community Engagement Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas were discussed regarding fundraising and community engagements – SCC would like to do more with the school community. Admin has stressed the importance on inclusivity for making events free for all to attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Yard beautification day o Community Clean up day – can be done on Earth Day Apr 22 2024 o Silent auction o Art contest o Multicultural night – present talents of students and introductions into the cultures at the school o End of school event o Movie night o Yoga night o Dance a thon – free entry and provide things for purchase or have students raise pledges if an initiative is attached to this event • Thursday nights are good nights for school community events as the school has permits for the gym that night. • SCC would like on-going feedback from parents, students and teachers after each event to hear their thought on what went well and what areas could require improvements.
6. Community Questions & Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancellation of January's SCC Meeting occurred due to weather. Current by-law states that the SCC need to have 4 meeting per school year. • Lack of SCC training that was offered by the Parent Involvement Committee or DDSB – SCC chair will look into connecting with PIC. • Bike lanes and Kiss and Ride - What can the school do? Administration conveyed the issue is a concern for the Town of Ajax and not the school, as the school administration needs to remain neutral to the issue. The community will need to rally together to ensure our community is what we need it to be. People from the Town of Ajax came out in in the beginning of February to witness the kindergarten loop and surrounding areas during after school pick up.
7. Motions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met quorum and Ryan to order 2 tents. • Black Friday Speaker – information will be circulated to voting members to provide their feedback and votes for a potential speaker via email. • Scientist in the school – will need to motion for this as the school size has increased
8. Meeting adjourned & Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting March 5, 2024 at 6:30pm

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New Action Items

- Ryan to order 2 tents based on motion to purchase them
- Ryan to check with DDSB regarding inspiration republic