



Davisville School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM – approx. 7:55 PM

Format: Virtual Meeting

Chair: School Council Co-Chairs

Principal: David Finkelstein

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and the virtual session began with recording and transcription enabled.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Council members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: Approve previous meeting minutes.

Outcome: Minutes approved.

3. School Musical – *Finding Nemo Jr.*

Update provided by: Principal David Finkelstein and staff

The school musical *Finding Nemo Jr.* is currently in full production.

Key updates:

- Approximately **60 students are participating** in the musical.
- Rehearsals are taking place **twice per week** with multiple staff supporting different rehearsal groups.
- Students are actively learning lines, songs, choreography, and preparing sets and props.
- The production has generated strong excitement across the junior grades.

Council Funding Commitment

Council previously committed to supporting the musical if there is a **shortfall between production costs and funds raised through ticket sales and fundraising initiatives**.

The school plans to:

- Sell **performance tickets**
- Potentially run **additional fundraising activities** (e.g., movie afternoon).

Council support would be used only if necessary to cover any remaining gap.

4. Performing Arts Equipment Request

In addition to the production support, the school requested consideration for **audio equipment that would benefit multiple school events**.

Proposed equipment includes:

- **Soundboard / audio mixer**
- Additional **wireless microphones**
- Supporting audio equipment for performances and assemblies

This equipment would support:

- School musical productions
- Diversity Night
- Assemblies
- Talent shows and other school events

Spectrum School Council has already purchased **two wireless microphones**, which Davisville will also be able to use.

Council discussed the possibility of collaborating with Spectrum on **future fundraising for shared equipment**.

5. Diversity Night Planning

Council discussed planning for the upcoming **Diversity / Multicultural Night**.

A parent volunteer offered to take on a **lead coordination role**, with support from council members and staff.

Initial planning considerations include:

- Coordinating cultural performances
- Food or cultural displays
- Volunteer coordination
- Event promotion

Council will continue planning and identify additional volunteers.

6. Community Communications – WhatsApp Connector Network

An update was provided on the **WhatsApp communication structure** designed to improve coordination between council and families.

Key points:

- A **WhatsApp group for class connectors** has been established.
- The group is intended to help distribute council information to classroom parent groups.
- Privacy considerations are being reviewed, particularly related to **phone number visibility**.
- Expansion of the network to additional classrooms will happen gradually.

Council discussed adding **additional council members as group administrators** to help manage communications.

7. Upcoming Events and Volunteer Needs

Council discussed several upcoming initiatives requiring volunteers and communication with families, including:

- Diversity / Multicultural Night
- Fundraising activities
- Ongoing food programs (pizza, Booster Juice, etc.)
- Future community events

Improved communication through the connector network is expected to support volunteer coordination.

8. Principal's Update

Principal David Finkelstein provided several school updates.

Arts and Enrichment Programs

Recent arts programming involving all grades has been successful and well received by students.

Council support over recent years has helped enable school-wide enrichment programming.

Student Work Displays

The school has obtained funding to install **additional hallway cork boards**.

These boards will:

- Provide more space to display student work
- Improve organization and visibility
- Support compliance with fire safety requirements.

Traffic and Safety Update

To improve student safety during drop-off:

- The **Millwood driveway** will be temporarily blocked with pylons during peak drop-off times.
- The change is intended to reduce unsafe vehicle movement and allow students to cross safely.
- Daycare deliveries will be scheduled outside of peak drop-off times.

Families will receive communication about the change.

9. School Leadership Update

The school community was introduced to the **incoming principal**, who shared their background and expressed enthusiasm about joining the Davisville community.

10. Community Traffic Concerns

Parents discussed ongoing concerns about traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up times.

Council noted that the opening of the nearby **community centre** may further impact traffic patterns in the area.

Families were encouraged to report safety concerns to **City of Toronto 311** when necessary.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.