



VIOLA DESMOND SCC MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 4, 2025

Attendees: Ryan Pittman, Paul Oberoi, Aliya Philip, Teison Sammy, Theskar Kathiravelu, Soumia Theskar, Ayzha MacLean, Sorelle Stinson, Intisar Adnan, Trishna Radhakrishnan

Regrets: none

Meeting Chair: Aliya Philip

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Land Acknowledgement & Human Rights Statements	Land Acknowledgement & Human Rights Statements read by Mr. Pittman.
2. Welcome and Meeting Norms	- Mr. Pittman and Mr. Oberoi shared a welcome and meeting norms with everyone Review/Passing of Previous Minutes - Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed and passed. <i>First motion:</i> Intisar <i>Second motion:</i> Trishna
3. Administrators' Report	- New custodian – welcome to Mrs. Abel - Gifted Testing for students self-nominated in grade 3 (and other grades) - Parent/Guardian-Educator Interviews on November 13 (PM) and 14 (AM) - Popcorn day this Friday - SO Visit happened! It was a great visit. - School Achievement Plan Share - we'll do this next meeting - Building upgrade: the DDSB enclosed our front pillars - it looks great! - New DDSB document: Guide to Support Muslim Students - Immunizations done for intermediates - thank you to our volunteers! - VOD recipient: Congratulations to Soumia Theskar! - Kindergarten entry message to families is coming soon to remind families to make their Kiss and Ride drop offs quick

	Additional information: • Support continues for SCC partnership on events (Talent Show raffle, Fun Fair planning, volunteer coordination). • Mrs. Stinson will assist with securing student volunteers for upcoming SCC events, including the Fun Fair and athletic events.
4. Current Financials (Treasurer's Report)	The SCC account is currently sitting at \$2741.66, rolled over from the end of last year Approved Spending: • <i>Kindergarten Holiday Event</i>: \$200 approved (13 votes YES done via email after the SCC meeting) • Updated balance will be reflected at the next meeting after expenses are processed.
5. Fundraising and community engagement ideas	General updates included: • Fun Fair early planning began to set the date and initiate donation outreach. ◦ Proposed Fun Fair Date: June 11 • Celebration calendar was discussed, including dates of significance from DDSB. Winter Raffle Baskets • A vote was held regarding running Winter Raffle Baskets for the school talent show. Result: 9 members voted YES. • The baskets will be raffled during the Talent Show. • Volunteers needed for a sub-committee to assemble baskets. • Action Required: Flyer and communication to the school community must be developed and sent quickly. Athletic Event Snack Sales • Ryan agreed to supply snacks for sporting events hosted at VDPS. • SCC will need two adult volunteers at each event to support sales.

	• Where the proceeds from snack sales will go?: monies raised will go into the SCC account • Whether SCC should cover the cost of snacks if proceeds do not return to SCC: The SCC would purchase the snacks to be resold. The SCC would retain any monies raised. • Ryan will provide event dates. Booster Juice: <i>Follow-up required at the next SCC meeting.</i> PRO Grant • Discussion on theme options for Arts & Movement Night. • Members are encouraged to submit suggestions for agencies/organizations for programming. • Once final direction is chosen, SCC will vote. • VP Oberoi offered to help complete the application once the plan is finalized. Anything for 2026: No specific 2026 initiatives were raised. <i>The item remains open for future planning.</i>
6. VDPS Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan (BPIP) sharing	• The VDPS BPIP was shared and discussed. No concerns were raised regarding the BPIP. Members were encouraged to share the messaging with the parent community when appropriate. • It is also posted on the VDPS website.
7. Educator updates	• Mrs. Stinson shared updates for the group - the year is off to a great start! • Student volunteers will be coordinated by Mrs. Stinson. • Grade 8 graduation confirmed for June 18. • Grade 8 Skills Fair will be held at no cost to students.
8. Meeting adjourned & Next Meeting	• Next meeting December 2, 2025

9. New Action Items	• Booster Juice • PRO Grant • Anything for 2026?
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