School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2024

Attendees: Ryan Pittman, Michel Jackson-Stewart, Anushka Walgama, Jennifer Thompson, Aliya Philip, Avinash Singh, Alisha Noormohamed, Sanaz Sadozai, Adrienne Coughlin, Sorelle Stinson, Vanessa Morgan, Hanri Nel. Trishna Raclhakrishnan, Hanya Agaswal and Nivetha Navaneethan

Online Attendees: Allison Carty, Stephanie Randolph, Najla Merheb, Intisar Adnan, Michelle Brown, and Lisa Marie Wishropp

Regrets: Nicole L, Michelle G, Kiana H and Brintha C

Meeting Chair: Anushka Walgama

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Land Acknowledgement (2 min)	• Read by Michel Jackson-Stewart
2. Welcome, Meeting Norms & Attendance (5 min)	• Anushka reviewed the format and expectations of those in attendance • Attendance was taken using manual attendance for those attending in-person and virtually
3. Review/Passing of Minutes (4 min)	• Anushka reviewed the February SCC meeting minutes. The minutes were adopted. First motioned by Alisha Noormohamed and second motioned by Sanaz Sadozai.
4. Treasurer's Report (15 min)	• Current status of funds $ 10, 500 approx • Flipgive has $115.26 • Spending of 2 canopies $_____ - To arrive march 6, 2024
5. Sewing program (20 min)	• Guest speaker Roland Acheampong from the Denise Wild Sewing Studio came out to speak to the SCC about the program and give more information. The program was started due to home economics being removed from the school curriculum – Denise Wild thought of creating an in-school sewing studio program, as a school-wide initiative (everyone participates) by bringing 15 to 30 sewing machines and an all-star team to the school. They would set up a space in the library, gym, or an available classroom. Students (from kindergarten all the way up!) learn how to sew using a sewing machine, and each student completes a fun, personalized project from start to finish. Their team of stereotype-busting mentors guides each student through success, working on a 1:5 ratio, providing a dynamic, engaging, hands-on experience for the entire school. Students gain confidence, develop their growth mindset, and complete their very own customized project, all while being motivated, uplifted, and inspired! • At the end of the program, if the school chooses to move forward, The Sewing Studio program donates sewing machines for the school to keep in hopes of opening up a sewing club for the school. • The principal has asked the SCC to support this initiative for the school by subsidising the cost for the students to participate. If the motion does not pass the school will not proceed with the program. The total cost for the

	sewing studio program over 4 days would be $2500 plus hst per day x 4 days = $11, 300. Currently the school has secured $1, 500 from a third party fundraiser supporter and approx. $3000 from the school.
6. Fundraising, Community Engagements & Allocations (30 min)	• Ideas were discussed for a Community Fun fair as an inclusive engagement idea for the end of the year. Some ideas were minute to win it games, face painting, henna tattoo, cotton candy machine, carnival style games. Starr Burger was a proposed meal option to for purchase that day. They provide halal meal options as well. Possible date could be June 20 – after school • Teachers will organize spirit day at the end of year with student council. They are looking to have frozen desserts (freezes) donated for this play day for the school approx. $200 • Kindergarten department is in need of science resources. $100 for each kindergarten class $800 in total for 8 room to purchase science supplies • Ajax library is willing to come in to do story time with the Kindergartners for free – hoping to make it science themed (ie - Ada Twist, Scientist book) • Grade 8 are looking for an allocation of funds towards their Graduation. Some possible ideas for their grad trip were shared: outdoor activity like tree-top trekking, a day at Wonderland and a day in Niagara Falls. Teachers are looking into bus pricing for each event. Grade 8 students to fundraise for this initiative as well. • Dance fundraiser: dance for the entire school. SCC to raise funds by having students pre-order dance goodie bag (snacks, glow sticks, glasses…) using school cash online. SCC member Vanessa Morgan volunteered her husband's DJ services to this fundraiser. This dance will occur after the Holy month of Ramadan. SCC to vote at how much to allocate to grad after the dance a thon.
7. Community Questions (20 min)	• Kiss and Ride solutions: Currently the process that has been implemented is working. SCC members discussed the possibilities of school volunteers assisting with getting kids out of the cars in the morning to make the flow smoother for those using the loop. The school cannot provide anymore educators in the morning as the maximum staff supervision minutes are being accessed. Mr. Pittman will submit a request for the DDSB parking lot group to visit the school to provide possible feedback. • Daycare supervisor offered to organize and assist with the kiss ride if the school initiates a proper process for drop off and pick up • Kids not playing on field was a concern to parents. Principal Pittman discussed that during poor weather conditions the school has a pavement only policy (this is activated when the field is muddy, iced over, or otherwise unsafe) to ensure safety to students. When the pavement only policy is activated students are not permitted to use sport balls at recess. Sport balls will be allowed at lunch time only as only half the amount of students are out at lunch versus recess 1 & 2.
8. PROGrant (2 min)	• Communication blasts - Curriculum survey to community. Principal Pittman had sent out a google doc wanting to collect information the community to see what sort of discussions they would like to have on Wellness night
9. Admin Report (15 min)	• The DDSB multi year strategic plan was shared. The new plan will last 4 years; when finalized, more information will be shared with the SCC.

	• SCC School Characteristics Form – SCC chair will re-send email again to members as Principal Pittman would like to collect our thoughts to share with the Board. • Movie night was a success that was put on by the Student Council • Report cards were sent out February 21, 2024 • Reminder P.A. Day is scheduled for April 8
10. Educator updates by Ms. Coughlin and Ms. Stinson (15 min)	• Kindergarten department is looking for science material (coding mice robots, mosaic tiles, outdoor play items) • Primary department is looking to start some clubs and are requesting materials that may be needed (ie – board games, Lego, future technology items, chrome books, head phones, daily physical activities (soft balls, freebie) • Junior department is looking for daily physical activities materials (soft balls, freebie), future technology items, chrome books and head phones • Intermediate department is looking for subscriptions to online coding sites, positive play bins and in school speakers • Fundraising ideas from the students: BBQ, family science or math night, Krispy cream donut sales • School community engagement ideas from the students: Jungle sports, pizza nights, flying squirrel nights
11. Motions	• 6 motions were voted on tonight. Of the 15 voting members 11 were present for the vote. 1. SCC to pay for Scientist in the School for Grades 1-6 (approx. $5478). All 11 voted YAY in favor of this motion. 2. Kindergarten allocation of $800 to purchase science resources. All 11 voted YAY in favor of this motion. 3. Grade 8 Graduation allocation of $800. All 11 voted YAY in favor of this motion. 4. Dance fundraiser (end of April). All 11 voted YAY in favor of this motion. 5. Frozen desserts allocation of $200 for Spirit day organized by teachers. All 11 voted YAY in favor of this motion. 6. SCC to host a community fun fair at the end of the school year. All 11 voted YAY in favor of this motion.
12. Meeting adjourned & Next Meeting	• Next meeting April 2, 2024 at 6:30pm
New Action Items	• None