

School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes



Date: Feb 4, 2025

Attendees: Ryan P, Aileen D, Ranjit , Stephanie, Avinash, Mrs. Hindle & Mrs Stinson

Online Attendees: Aliya, Intisar, Trishna, Michelle B, Soumia, Anushka, Alisha, Rajbeer

Regrets:

Meeting Chair: Ranjit S

Agenda Item	Discussion														
1. Land Acknowledgement & Human Rights Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read by Ranjit. 														
2. Meeting Norms & Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranjit reviewed the format and expectations of those in attendance. Attendance was taken using QR code and manual attendance for those attending virtually. (https://bit.ly/24sccattend) 														
3. Review/Passing of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranjit reviewed the January 2025 SCC meeting minutes. The minutes were adopted. First motioned by Stephanie and second motioned by Avinash. 														
4. Principal Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback form was circulated and needs to be submitted in 2 weeks. This is an annual process of collecting feedback and assessing the systemic needs and allows the community to have a voice when placing staff (ex potential principles, full time staff, ...) please check your emails and fill out form online that was sent. Results were sent to Mr. Plttman and submitted to the DDSB 														
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>Starting Balance Starting Balance: \$2843.01</p> <p>Funds In</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Source</th> <th>Amount (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Raffle Basket Sales</td> <td>\$270.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winter Wonderland Hot Chocolate and Cookie Sales</td> <td>\$2804.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Valentine Grams (School Cash)</td> <td>\$11.25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total Funds In: \$3085.90</p> <p>Funds Out</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Expense Description</th> <th>Amount (\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PLP funds from 2024 commitment</td> <td>\$600.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winter Wonderland Event Expenses</td> <td>\$845.45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total Funds Out: \$1445.45</p> <p>Final Balance Final Balance: \$4483.46</p> <p>Notes: We are awaiting donations made through School Cash for the Winter Wonderland Event. Expenses are coming up for Valentines Grams: Chupa Chups lollipops Further commitments to be discussed regarding Fun Fair Music program and PE (previously had discussed proceeds from winter event to go towards these asks)</p>	Source	Amount (\$)	Raffle Basket Sales	\$270.05	Winter Wonderland Hot Chocolate and Cookie Sales	\$2804.60	Valentine Grams (School Cash)	\$11.25	Expense Description	Amount (\$)	PLP funds from 2024 commitment	\$600.00	Winter Wonderland Event Expenses	\$845.45
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<p>6. SCC Constitution review: Sub-committee created</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC sub committee has started creating draft by-laws for the SCC and will share with the larger group in the coming weeks.
<p>7. Community Concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School yard conditions are slippery and becoming a concern. Ryan informed the group that a 3rd party contractor funded by DDSB come out for snow removal after snowfalls. School custodian will get to areas that the plows cannot reach. The school uses ice melt and not salt after clearing the snow.
<p>8. Engagement & fundraising Ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valentine's Grams are on sale. Current 2 day in person total has raised \$385.20 and online class package is currently at 38 packages sold. • Fun fair: Date has been set to June 12, 2025. Sub-committee to be created for the planning process.
<p>9. Administrators' Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of things happening with athletics at the school • School will be celebrating Black History Month and Black history over the next few weeks. Viola Desmond's legacy will be celebrated at the school assembly • Author visit for students in Kindergarten to grade 3 will happen this month. Author Kiana will read the book My Beautiful Curly Hair! Kiana wrote the book with her daughter when she was in kindergarten. • Dan Hogan: Substance abuse discussion to occur • Superintendent Lauren Bliss will be visiting the school this week to check-in • School has a new LARGER lost and found box located outside the main office • VDPS is happy and honoured to be able to host an Iftar dinner for our Viola Desmond Community. Staff at our school are currently putting plans together for Tuesday March 4. Tickets to Iftar dinner can be purchased on SchoolCash Online. The cost will be \$15 for a meal and a dessert. <p>Upcoming dates: February 17: Family Day February 18: Grade 8 grad photo day February 19: Report cards go home electronically. You will require your student's OEN number found on previous report cards or an IEP. February 26: Pink Shirt day</p>
<p>10. Educator Updates</p>	<p>Ms. Stinson: The Student Council at Viola Desmond is excited to host a Love and Kindness dance on Friday, February 14, for students in Grades 1-8. The Love and Kindness dance is organized and run by our student leadership team, who have taken the lead in planning and coordinating the event. For families or students who prefer not to participate in the dance, an alternate activity room will be available. This space will offer activities for those who choose not to attend the dance. Please note that this event will be taking place during school hours, and is free of charge.</p>
<p>11. Motions</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Meeting adjourned & Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting April 1, 2025 at 6:30pm</p>
<p>New Action Items</p>	