



Davisville Parents

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 6:00–8:15 PM (approx.)

Location: Virtual (Teams)

Chair: Jamie Harnish

Recorder: David Finkelstein

Attendees

Jamie Harnish, David Finkelstein, Montu Gupta, Jackie Comor, Tanya, Debra Cooper, Heather Olah, Gillian Harnick, Chandni Desai, Viviane Marques, Mahvash, Amoli Vohra, Kunal, Emily, and other council members.

1. Opening

- Jamie Harnish opened the meeting and read the Parent Council Mission Statement.
 - David Finkelstein delivered the Land Acknowledgement, recognizing the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Wendat, and all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.
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2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- December meeting minutes were reviewed.
 - No questions or concerns were raised.
 - Minutes approved by consensus.
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3. Finding Nemo Jr. Musical – Funding & Support Proposal

Presentation: Jackie Comor, with introduction by David Finkelstein

Overview

- Junior musical production (Finding Nemo, 30-minute adaptation) for Grades 4–6.
- Approximately:
 - 65 students performing on stage
 - 25+ students involved backstage
 - 12+ staff volunteers
- Opportunity to collaborate with the Eco Club to integrate environmental themes and sustainable set design.

Costs

- Show rights and kit (purchased): \$850.50
- Estimated total production costs (sets, costumes, props, tech rentals): ~\$2,250
- Target budget (rounded): \$2,500

Funding Plan

- Ticket sales:
 - Two evening performances
 - Approx. 200 tickets per night @ \$5
 - Estimated revenue: \$2,000
- Additional fundraising options:
 - Movie night (Finding Nemo)
 - Possible interactive elements (cast participation, previews)

Equipment Proposal

- Recommendation to begin purchasing shared tech equipment:
 - Soundboard
 - Handheld wireless microphone
- Discussion of joint fundraising/purchasing with Spectrum School Council.
- Equipment to benefit:
 - Musical productions
 - Concerts, assemblies, diversity night, and future events

Council Discussion & Decisions

- Council expressed strong support for the initiative.

- Council agreed to:
 - Provide financial backstop if fundraising falls short.
 - Help organize and support fundraising efforts.
 - Manage funds centrally through School Council.
- Any surplus funds to be considered for:
 - Future musicals
 - Additional reusable equipment purchases.

Volunteers / Next Steps

- Tanya volunteered to participate in a small working group on tech planning.
 - David to initiate an email with Jackie, Tanya, Jason (Spectrum), and others to schedule a planning meeting.
 - Motion to support the musical carried by consensus.
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4. Upcoming Events – Community Skate (February 1)

Planning Update

- Volunteers confirmed for setup, snacks, and logistics.
- Hot chocolate confirmed; cider will not be offered this year.
- Coffee suggested and supported.
- Need for:
 - Ice monitors (skating volunteers, preferably adults or teens needing volunteer hours)
 - Reflective vests to identify marshals (school to provide)

Additional Notes

- Music playlist to be provided by students.
 - City-imposed constraints limited date/time options.
 - Some parent concerns raised regarding religious conflicts; rationale explained.
 - Council acknowledged limited flexibility due to city scheduling.
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5. Dance Program Update

- Council-funded dance program has begun for all classes K–6.
 - Program started earlier in the week and is running successfully.
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6. Parent Communication Discussion

Issue Identified

- Missed pizza sign-ups over the holiday period.
- Council reopened School Cash Online to accommodate late requests.

Key Points

- Reopening resulted in minimal additional sign-ups (approx. 20 students).
- Monthly pizza sign-ups deemed unworkable due to scale and logistics.
- Pizza fundraising remains critical to council finances.

Suggestions & Actions

- Improve deadline visibility:
 - Highlight deadlines at the top of communications
 - Send reminder-only messages for time-sensitive items
 - Strengthen WhatsApp Class Connector communications:
 - Create a single announcement-only WhatsApp group including all classes
 - Class connectors to relay council announcements more consistently
 - Josh and Viviane to explore setting up centralized WhatsApp announcement structure.
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7. Teacher Updates

- Kindergarten (Room 114):
 - Visit to Meehan Retirement Residence in December.
 - Students sang holiday songs and created cards.
 - Appreciation expressed for parent volunteers.
 - Speed Cubing Club:
 - Strong participation (19 of 20 cubes distributed).
 - Receipts to be submitted for reimbursement.
 - Additional cubes may be purchased due to high interest.
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8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15