

School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes



Date: February 7, 2023

Attendees: Ryan Pittman, Amanda Clay, Kathryn Park, Emilete Steward, Shahin Shaikh, Samira Ali, Mushghan Saidy, Rayan Faris (student), Zahra Khan (student), Snehal Paleja, Kim Moss-Collins, Christine Townsend

Regrets:

Meeting Chair: R. Pittman (in absence of an SCC Chair)

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Land Acknowledgement	Read by Ryan Pittman
2. Meeting Norms and Attendance	- Ryan reviewed the format for each meeting and expectations of those in attendance (e.g. mics muted) - Attendance was taken
3. Public Health Nurse visit	- Thank you to Yemi for joining us - Spoke to pillars (Yemi showed a slideshow) - Educators are key to spreading healthy eating information to students - Spoke to healthy cookies, the dVPS Health Action Team - Immunizations have returned - Oral health professionals - Public health inspections - Parent group can apply for grants - We hope parents/guardians will partner with Public Health
4. Elections and voting	- Kim Moss-Collins was elected as SCC Chair - Congratulations!
5. Passing of minutes	Passing of minutes is postponed in the absence of a Chair and quorum this evening
6. School Climate Survey	- Conducted as per Ministry guidelines every two school years - All students in grades 4-8 are provided time to participate - Results are shared with administration once completed - We will share some of the results summary from two years ago - Students, staff, and parents/guardians are surveyed - The school will send it out to our families in our next SchoolMessenger message - Results will be shared next year once provided to the school by the DDSB Assessment and Accountability Department
7. Administrators' Report	- We're back at school; we hope you had a wonderful break! (January meeting was canceled) - Food drive and clothing drive were a huge success! - Last week of school before the holidays (in December): - Sing along - Spirit Week - Divisional activities

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	• Parent Information Night: Parenting in the Age of Social Media (w/ Holly Richard, DDSB facilitator) • Learning preference selection for 2023-2024 was open from January 16 to January 27, 2023 • CCPI update: staff are engaged in work with Dr. Nicole West-Burns around Anti-Black Racism; staff have determined their goal for this project which we will share next meeting • Ambitious 7's at board office on January 27 and February 3 with Mrs. Park: Mrs. Park will share photos and information in her slideshow • Traffic conversation with the Town of Ajax and Councillors: more information to come; Mr. Pittman met with the Town of Ajax around the traffic concerns • Mrs. Horsley returns to grade 1/2 class (goodbye to Ms. Craig) • Music instruments will be going home soon... mouthpieces were ordered and are students are purchasing and picking up now – SO EXCITING! • Lots of STEM opportunities coming up with Ontario Tech and with the DDSB • Pink Shirt day is coming... February 22 • February is Black History/African Heritage Month • Upcoming dates: • February 10: Cookie day (\$2 cash each) • February 15: Report Cards go home digitally • February 22: Pink Shirt day - please wear pink if you can • March 10 to 19: March Break for students • April 7: Good Friday, no school for students • April 10: Easter Monday, no school for students • April 20: Spring photo day for students
8. Current financials	• No change. The SCC currently has a balance of \$2465.97.
9. Fundraising and Community Engagement Ideas	• Bottle drive idea; Christine will find out more information at her school • WeGrowFood (Park): possible fundraiser, selling soup • Little Caesars fundraiser? (Kim will look up information) • Movie Night, popcorn was sold (Christine and Mr. Pittman will investigate)
10. Library update	• Officially opened with lots of new books coming in (658 books added) • Furniture was rearranged and student voice was used to better the learning commons and experience for the school • Grades 3-8 students from each class can come 2 at a time at any time, they may come in to work on different assignments, find a new book, etc. • Many projects from all divisions are done in the library, with various resources to help students have fun and opportunities to learn different things
11. Meeting adjourned.. next Meeting	• Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 6:30pm

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New Action Items	• Mr. Pittman will post the tentative minutes to the daVinci website
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