

**Dr. J.M. Denison
School Council**

Minutes for
Monday February 26, 2018
6:45-8:15 p.m.

1. Presentation on Adolescent Anxiety by Heather Carter and Robyn McFarlane to twenty-five attendees. Excellent information for all.
2. Student Council Report
 - Students were able to celebrate Valentine's Day by purchasing roses for friends
 - Plans are happening for Denison Day in May
 - Spirit week is being planned for March
3. Teacher Report
 - Black History Month: Today we had an amazing Guest Speaker, Dwayne Morgan, a slam poet. Students and staff were very impressed and inspired by his message.
 - Literacy- test is on April 10, 2018. The students are in the system and we continue to prep for this test. Our board is exploring having the school day be like an exam day, with only those students who are writing attend on the day. This enables more flexibility and support for all students who need more time to write.
 - Rugby Team will be going to Scotland at the beginning of April for 10 days. There are 30 students going: 20 boys and 10 girls.
4. Principal Report
 - Interim Reports go home on March 19th, the first day back after March Break
 - Edsby – a one-stop sharing platform adopted by the board is being slowly rolled out. It will enable staff, students, and parents to have a communication hub. As parents you will be able to see your child's timetable, attendance, teachers, and an up-to-date calendar on the latest and greatest things happening at school. The school website will still exist, and it will share longer term types of information to the public. Denison is diving into the use of Edsby for Parent Interview Night on Wednesday, March 28th.
 - Staffing/timetabling for the fall has begun with students having submitted their course requests for 2018-2019.
 - We anticipate our enrolment will be similar to this year (around 840 bodies).
 - The new field is progressing with the field portion completed and the track portion to be finished in May/June.
 - This summer will see our parking lots being repaved.
5. Open Forum

Next Meeting Monday May 14, 2018
The focus will be on modern learning at Denison.