

School Council Minutes - 11/18/24

Student Council - Debbie Morgan

- Talked about all of the fantastic things going on by Student Council
 - Parent teacher night
 - Grade 8 day
 - House meeting
 - House events
 - Food drive
 - Tricycle race
 - Holiday Concert

Support Staff Report - Lesley Smith

Fresh From the Farm update from the Intensive Class:

- Sold 51 bundles, which was \$1164 in sales
- Earned \$465 towards Special Education program initiatives

Staff Report - Nicole Wallace for Rebecca Baker

- DECA - Competitions and placements
 - 2 Staff members
 - 45 members
- Newcomer Family Night
 - December 5, 2024
 - Community Partners and Denison School and Community participants
 - Will have food and beverages
 - Grant money being used to support the night
- Pathways Presentation from Denison Guidance
 - Options after high school - College, University, Apprenticeship and Workplace
 - Costs, Grants, Scholarships, Grants
 - Learn and Stay Grant
 - College and University Application Deadlines
 - University (OUAC) January 15, 2025
 - College (OCAS) February 1, 2025

Administrative Items - Seiji Ishiguro

- Collect all emails of members at large
- December 5th - Community Engagement Night 6:30 - 8:30 PM - to connect newcomer families with different organizations - in the library - can we set up a welcome booth?
- November 21st - grade 8 information night - any volunteers to come out? Zalema and Lena will be running a table. 6:30 - 8:30 PM (Quick discussion of selling points of Denison and of joining School Council)
- Athletic bulletin sent out to help build community and awareness -

- School Council blurb - please work through chairs to send to Laurie.crockford@yrdsb.ca before Fridays for parent bulletin (once a month) - include School Council email

Fundraising Discussion - Seiji

- Fundraising - poinsettias, Terra Cotta Cookie, Athletic Council (Zalema will share here as well)
- Denison Cares
- Seiji to share staff feedback on need of school - form
- Other ideas to use money:
 - Best Buddies Prom
 - Table Tennis and Foosball
 - Field Trip support with payment

Discussion with Mayor Taylor and Councillor Morrison - Councillor Morrison present and Mayor Taylor sent regrets

How can we further connect our school with the Newmarket community?

- Discussion about how Denison's Outdoor Field/Tuff and school facility can be utilized more through the Town and bring community onto/into Denison
- Tuff is unique, expensive and special in the Newmarket area
- Denison proposal of potentially putting a Dome over the Field/Tuff so that it can be used year round - Seiji started the conversation with the Town of Newmarket already
- Denison's building facility could be used by the town for meetings etc. - rent or permit out
- Thursday night permitted out by Denison used for school events and basketball
 - Town could use Denison on Thursday nights

PRO Grant Approved - \$800

Criteria - <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/school-councils/parents-reaching-out-pro-grants-school-councils>

- Engaging parent and community voices, in particular those voices of historically marginalized groups
- Idea, do we want to have our parent engagement night during the semester 2 parent/family teacher interview night?
- Use \$500 - purchase banner and tablecloth
- \$80 for food - \$720 for Denison swag to give away during PTI -school council event night (talk to tech teacher, if they want to design anything for giveaways)

School Principal Profile - Led by Lena

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cxC1X2BeiQNx-Bq57f7h3znXCITUtTid/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112934071916237620384&rtpof=true&sd=true>

- Looked at previous document prepared by School Council
- Updated based on School Council input and attendees
- Focus on a new Principal being able to build and promote existing and new programs to

increase enrollment

- Someone with strong social ability

Next School Council meeting is January 13th at 6:30 pm