

In Attendance

<p>Parent Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lena Singh (Chair) • Nedar Jabkassi • Fereshteh Farzanfard • Hedyeh Hosseinzadeh • Alice Surrannakhily • Carolyn Rowe • Kris Maye • Masoumeh Tandkar • Hamidreza Mohammoadtaheri • Vahid Mouahed • Majid Zibaei 	<p>Administration/Staff Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Haliburton (acting principal) • Deborah Astring (VP) • Elissa D’Souza (VP) • Nicole Wallace (teacher) • Jemva Morgan <p>Student Member(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie Morgan 	<p>Regrets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Holleley • Chris Duggan (Chair) <p>Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
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Call to Order & Welcome	Meeting was called to order and started at 7 pm.
Land Acknowledgement	Elissa D’Souza read the Land Acknowledgement.
Approval of Agenda	The topics for the evening were shared.
Information Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Report • Staff Report • Administration Report 	<p style="text-align: center;">A. Student Report-shared by Debbie Morgan</p> <p>Valentine’s Day: Student Council sold chocolate roses. It was a good way to celebrate friendship. We made just over \$100</p> <p>Black History Month: February is Black History Month. We held a Country Culture Spotlight where we shared food from the Caribbean and learned about culture. Each week there is a theme (which gives information about the Caribbean culture). There is a museum coming to learn about Black global icons.</p> <p>Semi-Formal: The semi-formal is being held on March 7th and the theme is Enchanted. This event helps build community. The tickets are \$55 and can be paid through school cash online.</p>

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	<p>Question from Parent:</p> <p>Q: Will students pick tables at semi-formal?</p> <p>A: Tables will be assigned. Students can put table requests forward however students who have not requested seats will be placed at a table.</p> <p>Dennison Day:</p> <p>We are starting to plan for this special day in June. We are trying to work around dates of Relay for Life.</p> <p>B. Staff Report-shared by Nicole Wallace</p> <p>Denison Music Repertoire The music repertoire band students participated in the Ontario Band Association Festival in Scarborough. The grade 10-12 Wind Ensemble and the grade 9 Concert Band both played their best performances of the year and earned Silver ratings. In addition to these awards, both bands were selected by the adjudicators to receive the Spirit of the Festival award for their engagement and attentiveness in the clinic portion of the festival. Finally, Denison's Head of Music, Marianne Hamilton, was presented with a conductor's award for Excellence in Band Development.</p> <p>Senior Yearbook There is a meeting on February 21st at lunch in room 227. There needs to be enough student interest in order to have a yearbook.</p> <p>C. Administration Report: -read by Deborah Austring</p> <p>Congratulations to Nishad Ramjit - Student Trustee Candidate. Voting closes February 22, 2024.</p> <p>Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test - April 11 and 18. Eligible students and their parents/guardians will be notified via email as to their assigned date to write the OSSLT.</p> <p>After School Literacy/Credit Success Programs - Currently running after school. Students registered via the link shared with parents via email and the Community Bulletin.</p> <p>Grad Photo Retake Day - Feb. 27. Newly registered students will also have their photos taken.</p> <p>Immunization Clinic - Feb. 28. Administered by York Region Public Health</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day- Feb. 28. Students and staff wear pink shirts to demonstrate their opposition to bullying and for kind, respectful behavior toward others.</p>

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	<p>Semi Formal - March 7. All students are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Prom - June 5. Grade 12 students and their guests attend.</p> <p>Early dismissal due to Solar Eclipse - April 8. Schedule will be shared with families.</p> <p>The Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC)- They will be hosting a Regional Symposium held in person at the Sheraton Parkway North on Thursday, April 18th, 2024 from 5 PM to 9 PM. We can invite up to three parents to this event. If any school council member is interested in attending, please email seiji.ishiguro@yrdsb.ca</p> <p>Renewed Computer Technology - Eligible families can purchase renewed computers. Additional Information and application: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NJQmvQ2WXT9j-w8MNPTD4HFhvRN6LQIRm0WuQckWamw/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>Additional Information and QR code: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s3VdhDVp94v4HNLtkeIBiK3FPBMGx4UM/view?usp=sharing</p>
Market Update	<p>Spring Community Extravaganza (Relay Fundraiser): shared by Jemva Morgan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This event will be held on April 22, 2024 (5:30 pm - 8:30 pm) • This event will include speaker from 7-8 pm • Please note that parents will have to bring cash only for purchases. • Potential 40 vendors (from surrounding communities) • \$50 vendor fee per table (cash payment - receipt provided) • Time stamp applicants if there is too much interest • Google form to be sent through the school to see for interest in event • Event to be paired with a guest speaker (TBD by Parent Council) • Sponsors to purchase space in brochure to be handed out at Relay table at event (this will be sold on the night of the event) • Students to advertise event in local newspapers, flyers in the community (elementary schools, grocery stores, etc.) • Local community services to have booths at event to promote community engagement • Forms have been created: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Form • Form • Vendor List • Brochure/Flyer • Community partners • Decisions to be made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will we need security for this event? Can we have a community booth with the police? Elissa will ask SO. It seems like principal of safe schools needs to be asked too.
Speaker Topics	

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	<p>Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guest Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The speaker will speak for one hour from 7-8 pm. • Carolyn Rowe wanted ideas for the guest speaker on the topic of AI • The guest speaker is not charging however an honorarium will be given to her. • The Pro Grant money of \$900 is also to be used partly for the speaker. Question is can water/beverages be purchased as part of pro grant? • Parents were broken down into small groups and brainstormed topics • Here are a list of topics generated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intro to where we are now with AI • children's data privacy • the dangers referring to past and current instances of violations and charges, • legislation in the US (federal and state), and the EU and what Canadians could do, federal / provincial, and what parents might do. • Generative AI is a topic of concern • How to better understand benefits and challenges of AI as a tool • How to increase student understanding of how to use AI responsibly, ethically, efficiently and how to be critical consumers of AI • Children’s data privacy; children’s safety • How to use AI safely and to ensure the integrity of information • The ethics of using AI - ie. fake videos and fake drawings • How to use AI to report students • The structure of AI - precision and accuracy of facial recognition, etc. • The applications and implications of AI in different industries (ie. distracted driving, etc.) • Weighing the benefits and risks of AI • Carolyn will share topics with speaker and they will decide from the list
Future Meeting Dates	<p>The future meeting dates were shared and are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 19th • May 21st • June 18th
Other Business	There was no other business.
Meeting Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm