

Dr. Denison School Council

Sept 16th, 2024

In attendance

Parent Members	Administration/staff	Regrets
Katie Bosse Alex Stepanenko Kayathry Kathakaran Alice Souvannakhily Zalema Mavor Kris Maye Nasil Ali Chris Duggan Niruban Nakeehthiran	Seiji Ishiguro Deborah Austring Jemva Morgan Rebecca Baker Debby Morgan Nishad Ramjit	Chris Duggan Lina Sing

Agenda Item	Discussion and Action Item
Introductions and Welcome (Hybrid)	
Land Acknowledgement	
Nominations	<p>No nominations submitted prior to this meeting. Goal to build School Council and engage more parents/guardians</p> <p>Open Positions: School Council Chair School Council Secretary School Council Treasurer</p> <p>Chris Duggan and Lina Sing offered to Principal Ishiguro that they are willing to remain in the roles of Chair and X? If no nominations are brought forward. Attendees agreed to this arrangement</p> <p>Treasurer - Parent Zalema Mavor offered to be treasurer. Carried and approved. Principal Ishiguro explained general information of PRO Grant and how was spent in the past.</p> <p>Secretary - Principal Ishiguro explained the role and transparency of Council notes. Parent Katie Bosse offered to be secretary. Carried and approved. Ms. Bosse is also a YRDSB employee.</p>

	Other attendees to be members at large.
Student Report	<p>Debby Morgan and Nishad Ramjit introduced themselves and their roles.</p> <p>Club Fair next week (September 26) to introduce clubs, meeting dates, times to students. All clubs will have a space at the fair with interactive displays. Students will participate in a scavenger hunt to explore the displays and learn about the clubs.</p> <p>Truth and Reconciliation event October 30 to recognize Indigenous people of Canada. A poster with students' handprints will be displayed to demonstrate students' care for Indigenous peoples of Canada.</p> <p>Spirit Days - First Spirit Day is Twin Day on September 18.</p> <p>Student Council Elections will occur this month - Executive positions and committees (Relay for Life, Semi-Formal, Internal Affairs). Being a Grade Representative is a great way to share a student's voice without taking on a leadership role. More information to be shared at the Student Council meeting on September 17th, after school. Grade Representatives share the voice of their grade peers as to what events they would like to see at school. Committee leaders will work as part of a team to organise and run events. Communication to and amongst Student Council will be verbal, social media platforms.</p> <p>Promotions - House Events and House Meetings - Students organized into House colours for competitive activities to win points for their House colors. Internal Affairs and Grade Reps will promote and plan these events. Exploring new ways to promote events and engage students through social media reels. The members of the promotion committee will generate ideas of how to promote events and engage students.</p> <p>Student Council leadership is exploring ways to train leaders (skill building, leadership training). Financial barriers exist due to the cost of transportation. There is no source of funding at this time.</p> <p>With grade specific lunches, grade representatives will promote and host events during their lunch periods.</p> <p>Parent involvement is welcome. Zalema Mavor volunteered to support with promotion.</p> <p>Zalema Mavor inquired as to the promotion of events, clubs on social media. Debby Morgan shared information about social media accounts. Nishad shared that a news channel</p>

	<p>is in development.</p> <p>Principal Ishiguro shared that there is a new club proposal this year via a Google Form. Club information will be posted on the school website. School tv's will display club/sport information.</p>
Staff Report	<p>Jemva Morgan - Spring Market April 24, 2025. Will apply for a grant. Will invite the Town of Newmarket, community partners and guest speakers to participate and promote the event. The School Council is invited to help plan and have a booth at the Spring Market to promote Council and engage parents. Grade 8 Night is coming up. The School Council is invited to have a booth at Grade 8 Night and Meet the Teacher Night to invite parent involvement. The School Council is invited to share feedback with the Student Council.</p> <p>Rebecca Baker - Terry Fox Run on September 25. Night School registration is open. Athletic tryouts are ongoing. Athletic events will commence in October.</p>
Admin Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Council Fall Forum Registration - Wednesday Oct 30th - Newmarket HS - 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Thoughtful Thursdays - games, student- wellness initiatives, Thursday evening activities. Start date Thursday, September 18. - Picture Day today, September 16. - International Certificate Program (ICP) - A certificate program focussed on international experiences and studies. More information to be shared at a later date. - Re-building Denison as a destination high school - through safety, learning and engagement. Ongoing efforts to engage community partners. School administration and staff have implemented cell phone policy. Students have complied well. Grade 9 enrollment has decreased (below 200). School goal to raise the profile of school and attract students. - Parent shared that other schools such as Huron Heights SS have other programs that attract students (ie. trades programs). Suggested

	<p>developing programs that make Denison stand out and/or offers similar programs as other schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent question regarding safety related to bathrooms. Principal Ishiguro and Baker, Morgan explained safety measures in place - increased supervision, administrator and staff presence in halls and monitoring washrooms, students only allowed out of class one at a time, Report It tool. Attendees shared strategies such as speaking to a trusted adult, informing administrators of concerns, recognizing that with a larger student such as that in a high school, students will be exposed to a greater variety of identities. - Student Engagement Fee - This money supports clubs, school events such as Denison Day. - Social Media - Instagram drdenisonss - School Improvement Plan - All staff working toward a common goal of equitable assessment that is responsive to the needs of all students. - School Council Start Up video played for attendees; link in slide deck. Principal Ishiguro identified the goal of increasing participation in the School Council. The School Council handbook is a great resource. - School Council meeting dates discussed. Minimum of four meetings is required. Low participation/attendance in December and March. - Meeting Dates: October 8, November 18, January 13, February 10, April 14, May 12 <p>Meeting ended 8:31</p>
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March 19th, 2024

In attendance

Parent Members	Administration/staff	Regrets
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Alice S Lena Singh Kris Maye Chris Duggan Carolyn Rowe Zohreh Ghazanfari	Seiji Ishiguro Jemva Morgan Nicole Wallace	Peter Holleley
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Agenda Item	Discussion and Action Item
Student Report	Running more events to include more students Relay for life Impact in the Community - Easter Food Drive Spring Market to raise more funds for Relay for life
Staff Report	Link Crew - Jays Trip on May 1 - for Grade 9 will open to other grades if the bus is not full Peer tutoring - volunteers are Grade 11 or 12 students who are good at a particular subject Spring sports are starting soon Newcomers Club - Grant for \$4000 applied for and received for Multi language students 1st event - Bowling at Stellar Lanes Europe trip to France and Spain - March 30-April 9 Grade 12 Leadership to Mackenzie Place to visit seniors SHSM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raptors 905 trip - Beanstalk Organization - CPR certification - Wonderland in May
Admin Report	Interim Report Cards March 25-26 Family Teacher Interviews April 4 - 6:30-8:30 Early dismissal April 8 - either 11:30 or 12 Cost Share Program - applied for funding for additional chromebooks Approximately 1000 students for 2024 - 2025 school year Prom June 5
Spring Extravaganza	April 22 5:30-8:30pm Funds will be used to run Relay for Life 34 vendors so far Vintage car would like to pay \$60 and display cars and provide summer opportunities for students 2 Food trucks Will include community partners including Police, Fire , EMT

<p>PR Grant Siobhan O’Flynn Speaker Update</p>	<p>Speaker Siobhan O’Flynn from 7-8 - separate notices regarding the speaker Student volunteers are required</p> <p>The new legislation regarding online safety- online harms bill Children, not profits: Big Tech accountability and what we can do about it Parents need to be educated on what is within their control \$400 Honorarium for Speaker \$400 for resources related to the topic covered</p> <p>Advertising: Vendors advertising Announcements Flyers Parent and Staff Bulletins School Sign</p>
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