

THURSDAY JANUARY 11, 2024
6:00 – 7:30 PM

School Council Meeting Norms

- *Begin and End meetings on time
- *Speak and listen to one another respectfully
- *Recognize and value the diversity of opinions



DONALD COUSENS PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

DCPS Staff: Sean Yao (Principal), Paula Campbell (Vice-Principal), Sheila Ducheck (Teacher), Adam Varma (Teacher)

Parents: Brenda Adebajo, Akalya Balasubramaniam, Charmaine Chung, Cynthia Yan, Lu Chen, Navneet Rehal

EcoCrew - Ms. Ducheck

Students from Eco Crew presented the benefits of Active Transportation. It was agreed that Wednesdays will be promoted as 'Walking Wednesdays' to encourage students and families to walk to school rather than drive.

Welcome - Ms. Campbell

Land Acknowledgement

Minutes Approved from December 7, 2023 meeting

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Yao

Opening Balance: \$2268.19

Revenue: \$0

Expenses: - \$2,000 – to be transferred for Grade 8 Graduation (2023)

Closing Balance: \$268.19

School Council funding goals – DCPS branded Pop Up Tent (\$1500); Indigenous Artist Learning and Mural Subsidy (\$2000); 1 wall-mounted LCD projector package with AirTame (\$3500) =

Total Goal is \$7000

Administrator's Report – Mr. Yao, Ms. Campbell and Staff

1. Winter Wishes Concert January 25
2. Updates on Events and Clubs
 - o Music Program Continues
 - o Mental Health Club, GSA, Eco club, Chess club starting soon, AMC Math Contest Jan 18, Battle of the Books Competition for Gr. 4 – 6, Robotics, Reach for the Top (trivia), Snow Shoes will be available for students

Fundraising Initiative – Charmaine

- School Council will sell snacks at Winter Wishes and sell raffle tickets for best seat in the house. Snacks and drinks will include popcorn, cookies, hot chocolate and juice boxes.
- Direct Donation to be discussed in next meeting.

Family Night – Charmaine and All

- Wellness Night on Thursday February 22, 2024.
- Will include different activities and rotation of activities for families.

Pro-Grant – Brenda

- Speaker will be arranged to present on February 22 at the Wellness night.

Fun Fair – Mr. Yao

1. Thursday June 13, 2024 confirmed for fun fair.
2. M & M meat shops confirmed for BBQ.
3. Planning items and Learnings to be discussed by committee:
 - a. Layout of fun fair. Ticket sales and DJ should be nearby. Raffle prizes to be outside near DJ.
 - b. QR code with a map of layout could be made available.

Proposed Placeholder Dates for Events:

Feb 22 Family Night (Wellness)	March 21	April 18	May 16	June 13 Fun Fair
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Next Meeting: Thursday February 1, 2024

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